

TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

President Ochs called the meeting of the Tremont Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Tremont Borough Building.

ATTENDANCE:

Council: President William Ochs, Vice-President Brian Eisenacher, Council Members: James Scheibley, Melody Strickler and Roger Adams.

Also attending: Mayor Gerald Fasnacht, Solicitor Shane Hobbs and Secretary-Treasurer Shea Lucas

** See attached sheet for a list of Citizens who were in attendance.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion made by Adams, second by Strickler, approving the August 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes. All in favor, Minutes approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Shane Hobbs

- Zito Media Franchise Agreement - Motion made by Adams, second by Strickler to table this until further notice. All in favor.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gerald Fasnacht:

- He is getting more and more calls about speeding.
- Electric bike riders must follow the PA driving laws.

PUBLIC UTILITY AND STREETS:

- Halloween Parade is October 20th at 7 pm.
- They inspected the Borough truck but it will need new tires before Winter.
- The Streets Department are going to help hang the new sign at the Borough Building. TCO paid for the sign.
- Scheibley asked Kathy Krammes to participate and find others on Spring Street to participate in the BRIC-DTA Story Telling for the Grant. There will be more information in the near future.

PROPERTY:

- The walls and floors are done being repaired and painted at the Borough Building. Scheibley is putting the tiles back up tomorrow. George Hoverocker will have all of the cleaning done in time for the Class Reunion Event.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY:

- **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**
 - Chief Eisenacher reported that the Fire Company responded to 24 calls in August and 198 calls y-t-d.
 - They got a Federal Grant for thermal imaging cameras.
 - The work is still in progress at the Fire House for the tower that the County is putting in for this end of the County.
- **TREMONT AMBULANCE REPORT**
 - Scheibley reported that the Ambulance responded to 53 volunteer and 75 paid calls in July and 51 volunteer and 92 paid calls in August. 391 volunteer and 610 paid calls y-t-d.
- **ENGINEER REPORT (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE)**
 - No Report submitted

RECREATION & EDUCATION:

Report submitted by John Poff for September 2024:

• **FEMA BRIC –DTA GRANT**

We attended a virtual meeting between the Borough and the FEMA DTA Group on September 9, 2024. The next scheduled meeting between the Borough and FEMA DTA will occur virtually on September 23rd at 3:00 PM.

• **DCED Grant from Commonwealth Financing Agency**

On December 19, 2023, Tremont Borough has received a \$ 300,000.00 grant from the Commonwealth Financing Agency through the Department of Community and Economic Development. Please note, the grant application was for \$ 375,000.00. Therefore, the Borough will have to provide a 15 % match (\$ 56,250.00) plus the funding shortfall of \$ 18,750.00. This grant will provide funding to do the stormwater collection and conveyance projects as outlined in the Army Corp Study as well as replacing the storm pipe under Route 25.

DCED has sent the executed grant agreement electronically. I have forwarded the agreement to the Borough Secretary along with the forms to be submitted for reimbursement of costs. LHAI still needs the survey information from the Army Corp to prepare the design drawings and construction documents for the project. Please note, all funds must be spent by September 30, 2026.

• **Borough Playground**

Keith Heigel is coordinating the next step in the process with DCNR. The grant will have to be managed through the new Grants Customer Service Portal. Grantees are encouraged to submit a Partial Payment Request for 50% of the grant award through the Grants Portal Payment Link. All partial payments must be deposited in a separate interest-bearing account. The design/construction plans have been submitted to DCNR for approval. We cannot proceed with the project until DCNR approves the construction plans. DCNR is still reviewing the project.

We anticipate putting the project out to bid this December; with construction occurring in the spring of 2025. Please note, all funds must be spent by December 30, 2025.

- Amanda Eisenacher is looking into possibly using a room in the Borough Building for the Boy Scouts to use. They might be able to use the TCO Room until PennDOT is done.

TREASURER REPORT:

- Treasurer Report for August 2024 :

Account	Type	Name	Memo/Description	Income	Expense
MID PENN GENERAL ACCOUNT	Expense	MID PENN BANK	Payment # 11 to Note A Obligation Loan 500240593		2,367.64
	Expense	MID PENN BANK	Interest Payment # 2 on Note B Obligation Loan 500240585		14,963.50
	Check	EHRlich	Pest Control Service		494.48
	Expense	ADOBE	Computer Program Subscription		42.38
	Check	PSAB U/C PLAN	U/C Taxes		2,300.96
	Check	POTTS & MONGER SANITATION	Garbage Service		170.00
	Deposit	COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL	Road & School Taxes	3,391.14	
	Check	GEORGE HOVEROCKER	Reimbursement for Supplies		42.66
	Deposit	MID PENN BANK	Bank Posting Error Correction Credit - CHECK POSTED TWICE	30.00	
	Check	LAW OFFICE of SHANE HOBBS	Solicitor Services		1,075.00
	Expense	ZITO MEDIA	Garage Internet		77.00
	Expense	AMAZON	Office and Building Supplies		147.51
	Check	LIGHT-HEIGEL & ASSOCIATES, INC	Property Maintenance Services		351.00
	Check	BERKHEIMER	ACCT # 54600016 EIT/LST Commissions		97.03
	Check	EHRlich	Pest Control Service		123.62
	Expense	INTUIT QUICKBOOKS	Computer Program Subscription		298.92
	Expense	GEISINGER QUALITY OPTIONS, INC	Employee Medical Insurance		1,951.86
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	18.48	
	TOTAL - MID PENN GENERAL ACCOUNT				\$ 3,439.62

TOTAL - PAYROLL COST		\$ 20,262.53
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NEW EQUIPT FUND ACCT	Expense	USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT	Payment # 59 USDA RD DCFO PAYMENT 0000		648.00
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	0.03	
TOTAL - NEW EQUIPT FUND ACCT				\$ 0.03	\$ 648.00
HIGHWAY AID FUND (LIQUID FUELS)	Check	MORGAN'S SERVICE INC	Truck Inspection		54.72
	Check	GROSSER EXCAVATING INC	Inlet Replacement Project		12,600.00
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	77.81	
TOTAL - HIGHWAY AID FUND (LIQUID FUELS ACCT)				\$ 77.81	\$ 12,654.72
SWIMMING POOL ACCT	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	0.08	
TOTAL - SWIMMING POOL ACCT				\$ 0.08	
FIRE DEPT FUND	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	217.43	
TOTAL - FIRE DEPT. FUND ACCT				\$ 217.43	
PLGIT GENERAL ACCT	Deposit	BERKHEIMER	EIT/LST Disbursements	34,237.40	
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	982.52	
TOTAL -PLGIT GENERAL ACCT				\$ 35,219.92	
DCNR PLAYGROUND PROJECT ACCT	Check	LIGHT-HEIGEL	Engineer Services for Playground Project		13,162.25
	Check	LIGHT-HEIGEL	Engineer Services for Playground Project		2,789.00
	Check	LIGHT-HEIGEL	Engineer Services for Playground Project		506.25
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	1.31	
TOTAL -DCNR PLAYGROUND PROJECT ACCT				\$ 1.31	\$ 16,457.50

ACCOUNT BALANCES

MID PENN GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$385,806.82	Main Account
PLGIT GENERAL ACCOUNT	\$203,896.03	Secondary Account
SWIMMING POOL ACCOUNT	\$4,645.09	POOL Expenses
NEW EQUIPMENT FUND ACCT	\$1,327.91	USDA Loan
ARPA FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS ACCT	\$19,672.31	COVID Money
ESCROW OF REAL PROPERTY ACCT	\$4,150.00	ESCROW Acct
DCNR PLAYGROUND PROJECT ACCT	\$53,128.53	Playground Grant Project
PLGIT FIRE DEPT FUND ACCT	\$50,656.37	Fire Dept Only
PLGIT HIGHWAY AID ACCOUNT	\$53,295.67	Liquid Fuels Only

ENDING BALANCE OF ALL ACCOUNTS AS OF AUGUST 2024 \$776,578.73

- Motion made by Adams, second by Strickler, approving the September 2024 Treasurer Report. All in favor, Minutes approved.

FINANCE:

- Nothing to Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Motion made by Adams, second by Eisenacher, to sell the roller for \$275.00 at scrap price. All in favor, Motion passed.
 - Scheibley wants to get "No trucks signs" for Oak, Miner and West Streets. GPS had a truck come up through Middlecreek.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Motion made by Scheibley, second by Adams to recognize September 18th as Loved Ones Lost to Drug Homicide Remembrance Day. All in favor, Motion passed.
- Kline Bros estimate for flushing the line on Spring Street: \$484.31/hour, 25.00 environmental fee and 15.50 for fuel.
- Mayor Fasnacht brought up the following topics:
 - Who is responsible for line on North Street property and why doesn't it back up through the street?
 - Shenandoah's Code Officer (Mark Pronio) quit, the Mayor would like to see if he would be willing to do our Code Enforcement so we would only have Light-Heigel for property maintenance.
 - Trucks are parking on Popular Street on top of old tunnel and other places throughout the Borough. We can not have them towed because we don't have a police ID number.
 - Backlog of Q-O-L Complaints
 - Can people put No parking signs up for a vacant lot? Hobbs said that they can't stop people from parking on public streets.
 - The Mayor would like to look into a speed trap. Hobbs feels it is too risky to have him start issuing speeding tickets.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion made by Adams, second by Strickler, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.; All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT:

Alea D. Lucas

William DeLo

**TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET**

SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

1. <i>Gerald Fasnacht</i>	19.
2. <i>Kelley Adams</i>	20.
3. <i>Kathleen Grammes</i>	21.
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