

FEBRUARY 15, 2016

Tremont Borough Council held their Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Clay Street's Municipal Building.

Council members attending: James G. Scheibley, Paulette M. Yuschock, Philip Kintzel, Roger Adams and Daniel Noll. Also attending: Mayor Roger D. Adams, Secretary-Treasurer Shea Lucas, Police Chief Michael Conway. Police Officer John Borchick. Citizens: Kathy Adams, Paula Winn, Doris Hubler, John Hubler, Sherry Huntzinger, Joseph Ganly and Bonnie Ganly, Linda Renninger, Mike Renninger, Shirley Fisher, Kathleen Krammes, Katelyn Stokes, Robert Donmoyer, Gerald Fasnacht, Jayne Kintzel, Cassandra Klinger, Ed Klinger, Cathy Brown, Greg Seiger, Carisa Seiger, Michael Mattern, Christy Ney and Mr. Ochs. Absent: Fire Chief Brian Eisenacher, Reporter Joan Schwer

Council president Scheibley called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

President Scheibley explained that due to the weather they are going to switch the order of the Agenda around so that the most important items can be addressed first.

Motion made by Adams, second by Noll to accept the 2016 Budget. Roll call vote; Noll-Yes, Yuschock -Abstaining because she prepared the budget, Kintzel-Yes, Adams-Yes, President Scheibley -Yes.

Council members Kintzel and Adams then motioned to accept minutes of the January 12, 2016 Regular Council Meeting. Roll call vote; Noll-Yes, Yuschock -Yes, Kintzel-Yes, Adams-Yes, President Scheibley -Yes.

Council members Yuschock and Adams then motioned to accept minutes of the January 25, 2016 Special Meeting. Roll call vote; Noll-Yes, Yuschock -Yes, Kintzel-Yes, Adams-Yes, President Scheibley -Yes.

PUBLIC UTILITY & STREETS: Two new truck tires were purchased for the Ford, both tires were unrepairable. Summer road work bids were tabled until the March meeting. GMC truck is on its way. Motion made by Kintzel, second by Adams to finance the new GMC truck for a year with no prepayment penalty, and pay it off at the end of the year if funds are available to do so. Roll call vote; Noll-No, Yuschock -No, Kintzel-Yes, Adams-Yes, President Scheibley -Abstain. 2-2 Vote, Mayor Adams – Yes. Motion passed. The loader service is scheduled. New cutting edges for the loader are ordered. The bridge that had the hole in it was repaired by the State.

PROPERTY: We received two bids so far for the damage to the fence at the Sharpshooters property, a third bid is pending. As soon as the secretary receives the third bid she can forward the bids to the insurance company.

The EMT Class discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

Cleaning bids: Carisa's Cleaning Services \$800/month, Eco Clean Property Services \$603.00/month, Individual from Tremont going through Avenues-hourly rate, Rogers Removal, LLC \$700.00/month. Carisa Seiger told Council that she would be willing to match the lowest bid. Yuschock explained that these are bids and bids are firm. Motion made by Noll, second by Yuschock to accept the bid submitted by Eco Clean Property Services. Roll call vote; Noll-Yes, Yuschock -Yes, Kintzel-No, Adams-Yes, President Scheibley -No. Motion passed 3-2. Council told Carisa Seiger that her last day will be February 29, 2016.

Two emergency lights are bad, one in the Magistrate's hall and one at the entrance to the Senior Center.

Yuschock explained that people have been calling our secretary for the hours to Kitty's Closet and for other information about Kitty's Closet and the secretary does not have any of that information to give out. Yuschock asked if anyone could get that information and provide the secretary with it. Cathy Brown offered to provide that information.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Adams thanked the residents for moving their cars during the last snow emergency. The Mayor informed Council: Chief Conway attended the UCR report training in Hershey on January 27th and Girardville is requesting fire police for March 19th. Mayor Adams will get with Chief Conway in the next couple of days to start working on the letters for the firemen's convention which will be held September 11th-September 17th. The Memorial service will be held on September 11th at 5:00 p.m. at the Catholic Church. The Mayor is also asking that all complaints be put in writing.

Robert Donmoyer asked the Mayor for more police surveillance at 34 North Crescent Street. President Scheibley asked the Mayor if they are working on the UCR reports. Mayor Adams said they are working on them.

LAW & ORDER: Frailey Township would like an increase in police coverage hours. They are asking for 50 hours per month at a rate of \$90.00

Police Chief Conway's Report for the month of January:

293 Full time hours, 20-part time hours.

Incidents: 7 assists other police departments, 1 bad check case, 1 disorderly conduct incident, 5 disturbance calls, 3 domestics, 9 EMS assists, 1 firearms violation, 5 harassment calls, 1 harassment by communication call, 8 miscellaneous incidents, 1 mva call unfounded, 1 suspicious person call, 1 suspicious vehicle call, 1 theft (felony), 2 traffic control assignments.

Hearing and Court: 2 Hearings – DJ Rossi

Arrests: 2 Criminal Complaints filed, 2 non-traffic citations filed, 1 traffic citation issued

Yuschock questioned if Frailey was going to help out with the cost of the Informant Software, President Scheibley answered by saying yes, with the extra hours of coverage at the higher rate. Motion made by Adams, second by Yuschock to purchase Informant Technology Software. Roll call vote; Noll-Yes, Yuschock -Yes, Kintzel-No, Adams-Yes, President Scheibley -Yes.

Motion made by Adams, second by Noll to hardwire the radio in the old police car. Roll call vote; Noll-Yes, Yuschock -No, Kintzel-Yes, Adams-Yes, President Scheibley -Yes.

At the January 12th meeting, Council approved the purchase of the assault rifle for the Police Department, Motion made by Adams, second by Kintzel to amend that previous motion for the assault rifle with the prices listed as the Assault Rifle is \$650.00, magazines \$220.00 each, 1,000 rounds of ammo is \$330.00 single point sling \$75.00, for a total of \$1,275.00. Roll call vote; Noll-Yes, Yuschock -No, Kintzel-Yes, Adams-Yes, President Scheibley -Yes.

A letter was received from the Reading & Northern Railroad Police Department. This will be tabled until next meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY: Fire Chief, Brian Eisenacher was absent, Vice President Adams read his report:

There were 4 calls for the month of January –4 Motor Vehicle Accidents

Fire Chief Eisenacher reported the following breakdown of hours for January: Incident Man-hour total = 72, Administration Man-hour total = 102, Maintenance Man-hour total = 108, Training Man-hour total = 65 and Fundraiser Man-hour total = 210. Total hours for 2016 = 557

Upcoming events at the Firehouse:

Fish Fries start February 12th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Eat in or take out

The Engine truck will be due for State Inspection in March.

Tremont Fire Company is asking any resident that lives in the area of a hydrant to keep the hydrant accessible by clearing a path and 3 foot around the hydrant to make it easier to access and hook up.

Motion made by Adams, second by Kintzel to have Engine truck sent out for inspection. Roll call vote; Noll-Yes, Yuschock -Yes, Kintzel-Yes, Adams-Yes, President Scheibley -Yes.

Motion made by Adams, second by Yuschock to contact SCMA to have the Hydrant on Washington Street replaced. Roll call vote; Noll-Yes, Yuschock -Yes, Kintzel-Yes, Adams-Yes, President Scheibley -Yes. The cost will be around \$7,000.00 to replace the hydrant. The person that hit the hydrant does not have insurance.

Lewis Moyer – Nothing to report.

RECREATION & EDUCATION: Motion made by Kintzel, second by Yuschock to approve Tremont Baseball Inc. to use the field this season and also to approve their annual Opening Day Parade on May 1, 2016. Roll call vote; Noll-Yes, Yuschock -Yes, Kintzel-Yes, Adams-Yes, President Scheibley -Abstain.

Motion made by Adams, second by Yuschock to advertise for Lifeguards. Roll call vote; Noll-Yes, Yuschock -Yes, Kintzel-Yes, Adams-Yes, President Scheibley -Yes.

President Scheibley announced that we are in need of an operator at the Pool this year. Kintzel has resigned from operating the Pool due to some issues and conflicts. Kintzel submitted and read his letter:

I did some research (Even though Council Person Yuschock claims I do nothing but spend taxpayer money), The last time the phone at the pool was disconnected was August of 2011. The reconnect date was June 1st 2012. This was a year before I was involved with the pool. The borough secretary at the time was Linda Gately. Linda was the secretary until the end of October 2014. I took over the pool the spring of 2013.

There seems to be a lot of criticism toward this council (excluding Yuschock & Noll) for actions or inactions of previous council members and/or secretary. I for one have had enough of the harassment by certain members of the public, and also a certain council member. Therefore, I will not be involved with the pool this year. Mr. Huntzinger proclaimed at a council meeting that, "This council is not working for the betterment of the community". Council Person Yushock commented, "You don't do anything but spend taxpayer's money". These comments have made my decision an easy and an apparent one.

Since I have been on Council, the Council has been tasked with (among other day to day procedures and problems):

- Replacing a Secretary*
- Passwords not being given to replacement*
- Replacing a Road Supervisor*
- Snow removal during Supervisor search*
- Intermittent power problems at the police station*
- Hiring part-time Police Officers*
- Hiring full-time Police Officer*
- A failing computer in the office*

In my opinion, council has been busy with other items that required more time than whether or not a telephone line was disconnected at the end of the swim season. If this is such an important item to save tax payers the burden of paying a phone bill, why was it not questioned in 2012, 2013, 2014 or 2015? Philip M. Kintzel

Kintzel said he puts almost 1000 hours into that pool every season, he has offered to personally pay for the test if a Council Person wants to take over as operator at the Pool.

President Scheibley thanked him for all of his time and effort. Yuschock and Kintzel had a heated discussion, President Scheibley moved on to the Treasurer's Report.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion made by Adams, second by Yuschock to accept Treasurer Report. Roll call vote; Kintzel – Yes, Adams – Yes, Yuschock – Yes, Noll – Yes, Scheibley – Yes.

FINANCE: Budget was approved at the beginning of this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Motion for Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer including enforcement of Quality of Life Ordinance was tabled once again.

Yuschock has the Ordinance that requires all Landlords to report who is living in their properties. Motion made by Adams, second by Noll to permit the Secretary to send a drafted letter out to all Landlords in our Borough. Roll call vote; Noll – Yes, Yuschock – Yes, Adams – Yes, Kintzel – No, Scheibley – Yes.

Adams questioned if anyone has looked into medical insurance employer portion /employee portion. Secretary/Treasurer Lucas explained that the way the borough has the policies set up, she is not able to call and get information for other employees. The medical insurance is provided by Tremont Borough through Capital Blue Cross, but each employee is under an individual policy. Capital Blue Cross won't even send Lewis Kohr's monthly bill to the Borough.

Yuschock doesn't even feel that it is necessary to have a contract. She said the employees will still get the raises, and everything else in the contract, with the exception of the 4-10 hour days, but if we sign that contract and someone wants to change the fact that we pay full medical, we are stuck for 3 years.

Motion made by Kintzel, second by Noll to keep everything the same for our employees as it is stated in the non-uniformed contract that expired in 2009. Roll call vote; Noll – Yes, Yuschock – Yes, Adams – No, Kintzel – Yes, Scheibley – Abstains. No Contract will be signed.

Kintzel explained that negotiations are supposed to be kept confidential until the contract is voted on and approved, even if it's voted on and voted down, it is still to be kept confidential. Kintzel stated a citizen who attended the last workshop meeting knew pretty much everything that was in the proposed contract for the non-union, non-uniformed employees. He said he doesn't understand how that citizen found out what was in the tentative agreement and how negotiations were leaked out to the public. Yuschock said that one of the employees leaked it out about the 4-10 hour days and he did it at Kreiser's Quik Stop. Yuschock questioned Shirley Fisher, who was in attendance, claiming that she was there the day that this employee stated that he was only joking about the 4-10 hour days. Mrs. Fisher said she couldn't remember. Kintzel informed Council that he did contact an attorney and there are some serious ramifications that could be done if the parties involved wanted to push the matter. Whether it be a Council member or an employee, until the contract is signed, it is not public information.

Police Contract was tabled.

Parking meters have been inspected and calibrated. They have been installed up to Tukes on the Legion side of the street. There are probably enough to install up to Tukes on the Randazzo's side of the street. Enforcement will start after all of the meters have been installed.

Abandoned Property Ordinance was tabled due to the limited budget amount under Code Enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS: The Snow Emergency Funding Paperwork is submitted. We used Sunday & Monday as the days to claim all of our snow emergency expenses. Nothing is guaranteed.

Secretary/Treasurer Lucas is asking Council for a recommendation to TCO to take over the process of their vending machines located in the Clay Street Building. Council allowed her to draft a letter to TCO.

Motion to pay for the transcripts from the Pine Street Hearing was tabled until we get an exact amount on the cost of them.

President Scheibley stated that we received a letter from PEMA saying that as a result of the de-obligations, it is necessary for Tremont Borough to send us a check in the amount of \$1,234.86. PEMA claims it was an overpayment from one of the projects. Council recommends getting in touch with Light-Heigel and have them look into this matter.

President Scheibley thanked everyone who helped during the record snowfall blizzard. Tremont Fire Company for going around and announcing, the fire police for all their time, especially Denise Krammes and Mike Scheib, all of the residents who helped us.

Yuschock has been in touch with Judy Graver and she is working with DCED to get the Home Grant paperwork closed out by March 31, 2016. Right now we have a little over \$2300.00 in the Home Grant Account.

Noll asked if all council members have permission to put in for Grants, President Scheibley said yes. The secretary will forward all grant info she gets to all of Council.

Receipts:

GENERAL ACCOUNT	Received from	Description	Amount	Total
	Police Fines	Parking Tickets	15.00	\$15.00
	Library	Rent		\$200.00
	Tilghman Medical Center	Rent		\$750.00
	Election Bureau	Rent		\$80.00
	Frailey Township	Police Coverage - Nov	3494.70	\$3,494.70
	Sch. Co. Clerk of Courts	Code Officer Hearing Attendance		\$10.00
	Cheryl Mack	Real Estate Taxes	8236.38	\$8,527.88
		Per Capita Taxes	291.50	
	Schuylkill County	District Magistrate Rent		\$1895.00
	Recorder of Deeds	Realty Tax Transfer		\$142.34
	Anna Potts	Property Purchased – 39 Crescent Street		\$2500.00
	Worker's Comp Reimb.	Frailey	173.00	\$356.00
		Tremont Twp	113.00	
Porter Twp		70.00		
Miner's Bank Interest	General Acct Interest		\$2.94	
TOTAL			\$17,963.86	

PAYROLL ACCOUNT	Received from	Description	Amount
	Funds Transfer	PLGIT General Account – Wages	\$40,000.00
		Miner's General Account – Wages	\$10,000.00
	MSDB Interest	Payroll Acct Interest	\$1.23
TOTAL			\$50,001.23

POOL ACCT	Received from	Description	Amount
	MSDB Interest	Swimming Pool Acct. Interest	\$0.51
TOTAL			\$0.51

POLICE FUND	Received from	Description	Amount
	MSDB Interest	Police SUV Acct. Interest	\$0.18
TOTAL			\$0.18

PLGIT GENERAL	Received from	Description	Amount
	Berkheimer	EIT - Current	\$6,901.15
		LST – Current (EMS/OPT)	\$950.67
	PLGIT Interest	General Acct Interest	\$15.01
TOTAL			\$7,866.83

FIRE DEPT.	Received from	Description	Amount
	PLGIT Interest	Fire Dept. Acct Interest	\$3.42
TOTAL			\$3.42

HIGHWAY AID ACCT.	Received from	Description	Amount
	PLGIT Interest	Highway Aid Acct Interest	\$2.50
TOTAL			\$2.50

Expenditures:

GENERAL ACCOUNT	Frontier	Borough Office and Mayor's Office	135.44	\$326.65
		Borough Garage	41.25	
		Borough Police	149.96	
	PPL	TACC	180.40	\$4,033.36
		Clay St. Building	1503.98	
		Garage	125.13	
		Gazebo	65.59	
		Playground	52.97	
		Signal	20.50	
		Street Lighting	1655.15	
		Holiday Street Lighting	429.60	
	SCMA	TACC Sewer, Monthly	45.00	\$497.72
		Clay St. Sewer, Monthly	45.00	
		TACC Water	23.55	
		Clay St. Water	106.35	
		Hydrants	277.82	
	Morgan Oil	TACC Building Fuel	549.67	\$549.67
	Wire Teleview	Police Internet	39.95	\$49.95
		Garage Internet	10.00	
	Potts & Monger	Trash Removal	60.00	\$60.00
Yahoo	Website Payment	13.94	\$13.94	
Microsoft	Outlook	116.59	\$116.59	
US Postal	Tax Collector Envelopes	606.60	\$606.60	
Funds Transfer	Payroll	10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
TOTAL			\$16,254.48	

PAYROLL ACCOUNT	01/15/2016			
	EFT	Payroll Direct Deposits	Employee Direct Deposit Total	\$3,864.47
	25406-25407	Payroll Checks	Employee Payroll Check Total	\$,2529.06
	EFT	PA Payroll Outsource	Payroll Tax Liability Transfer	\$2,493.63
	EFT	PA Payroll Outsource	Payroll Processing Fees	\$31.20
	01/19/2016			
	EFT	Payroll Direct Deposits	Employee Direct Deposit Total	\$333.78
	EFT	PA Payroll Outsource	Payroll Tax Liability Transfer	\$125.23
	EFT	PA Payroll Outsource	Payroll Processing Fees	\$8.40
	01/29/2016			
	EFT	Payroll Direct Deposits	Employee Direct Deposit Payroll	\$4,233.77
	25408-25409	Employees	Employee Payroll Checks	\$2,256.72
	EFT	PA Payroll Outsource	Payroll Tax Liability Transfer	\$2,917.38
	EFT	PA Payroll Outsource	Payroll Processing Fees	\$82.70
	25410	Aflac	Monthly employee deducted premiums	\$141.42
	25411	F.O.P.	Monthly employee deducted premiums	\$12.00
	TOTAL			\$19,025.40

POOL ACCT.	1606	Frontier	Phone	\$39.75
	1607	PPL	Electric	\$17.36
	TOTAL			\$57.11

POLICE ACCT.	** NO EXPENSES **		
	TOTAL		

PLUG GENERAL	Funds Transfer	To Payroll Account	January – February Wages	\$40,000.00
	TOTAL			\$40,000.00

FIRE DEPT.	** No Expenses**	\$0.00
	TOTAL	\$0.00

HIGHWAY ACCT.	** No Expenses **	\$0.00
	TOTAL	\$0.00

EXPENDITURES: Motion made by Noll, second by Adams to pay the monthly utility bills and payroll. Roll call vote; Kintzel – Yes, Adams – Yes, Yuschock – Yes, Noll – Yes, Scheibley – Abstain.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Solicitor Melissa Kelso available via phone, not physically present at meeting.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: Christy Ney had a question for Mayor Adams about the problem she discussed with the Mayor previously about Officers not responding to calls while they are on duty/spending the taxpayer’s money. Mayor Adams asked her to stay after the Council Meeting to discuss that.

Gerald Fasnacht spoke on behalf of Junior Harner, claiming Mr. Harner has been waiting a couple months for his police report on the robbery that took place at his business. He needs that for his insurance and is wondering why it is taking so long to get. Yuschock explained that the secretary was told to deposit checks into our account for police reports from the Lexis Nexis company, unfortunately these checks did not belong to us due to these were some incidents that didn’t even happen in our borough. Yuschock has since instructed the secretary to hand the Lexis Nexis envelopes over to the Chief. Officer Borchick stated he has sent out four reports for Junior Harner.

Gerald Fasnacht stated to Mayor Adams that as Mayor he is required to enforce all Borough Ordinances. Fasnacht’s question is are the officers enforcing these Ordnances? The Mayor said that it depends if they get any complaints. Fasnacht said you don’t need complaints in order to enforce QOL. The Mayor wants the compliant in writing so there is a record of the issue. The Mayor then reminded Fasnacht that it was requested earlier in the meeting that ALL complaints are to be put in writing.

Fasnacht then questioned the Mayor about who is allowed to waive parking tickets, the answer being only the Officer that writes the ticket. Fasnacht claims that Councilwoman Yuschock waived a parking ticket and asked Mayor Adams if he knew anything about that. Mayor Adams stated that he had no knowledge of that. President Scheibley told the Mayor that he will discuss it with him because he witnessed it. Yuschock claims she did not waive the ticket, nor tell him not to pay it, she told him to hold on to it until she talked to Chief Conway. She took his phone number and the secretary made a copy of his ticket. She said that gentleman was called and informed to pay the ticket.

Robert Donmoyer thanked the streets department on doing a fantastic job with clearing the streets during the snow storm.

Robert Donmoyer wanted to personally thank Councilman Phil Kintzel on his hard work at the pool and he hopes that whoever takes over does just as good a job so the kids can continue to have a place to go,

Cathy Brown also wanted to express what a great job Councilman Kintzel did at the pool and she feels he shouldn’t quit because it’s for the kids and he should let the other’s remarks just fall on deaf ears.

William Ochs questioned why there is so much interest in his road. Cathy Brown replied that she was just questioning what part of that road does the borough own because her daughter likes to walk down that road rather than Laurel Street. Mr. Ochs stated that he does own and maintain the road, therefore it is a private road. Mr. Ochs claims that on paper, that road technically goes right through Mrs. Brown’s parent’s property.

Motion made by Adams, second by Noll to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST

PRESIDENT