

**TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 11, 2025**

***ALL TO ORDER:***

President Ochs opened the Tremont Borough Council Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 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 Scheibley, second by Eisenacher, approving the February 4, 2025 Workshop Minutes and the February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor; Minutes approved.

***SOLICITOR'S REPORT:***

***Attorney Shane Hobbs***

- Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD). (Broadband Ready)
  - Funding from this program may be awarded to an internet service provider to bring broadband to up to 3,051 currently unserved locations in Schuylkill County.
  - Hobbs doesn't know if the Government is going to let this go thru, but municipalities can adopt the Resolution by March 31<sup>st</sup> in case it does.
  - Competitive rates for Internet service. We currently have Frontier and Zito Media providing internet in our Borough, this will bring more internet companies in, like Comcast and Verizon.
  - Scheibley feels this is a good thing for the Borough.
  - Hobbs said that some work will have to be done by the Borough if this does go thru. A POC will have to be named.
    - Motion made by Scheibley, second by Eisenacher authorizing and Adopting the Broadband Ready Resolution prepared and reviewed by the Solicitor. All in favor; Resolution Adopted.
- Problem Properties
  - Hobbs needed some clarification on some of these properties because it wasn't clear on the Parcel Locator because they were double dwellings.
    - 12 and 14 E. Main Street
      - 12 is owned by Robert and Jodi Reed
      - 14 has a new owner. Previous owners were Gary Baser and Melissa Fitting. Property had dumpster from ABC Dumpster Company in front, but never got a permit.
    - 312 and 314 E. Main Street (Fire Properties)
      - 312 is owned by Stephanie Wagner
      - 314 is owned from someone who lives in New Jersey

***MAYOR'S REPORT:***

***Mayor Gerald Fasnacht:***

- Vehicles that were marked with red stickers will be towed at the owner's expense; it will be costly.
- President Ochs reported that Marty is addressing the pig situation on Union Street.

***PUBLIC UTILITY AND STREETS:***

- 2025 Road Project Bids

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| 1. Meckley's \$104,351.00         | 3. H & K Group \$123,584.28    |
| 2. Schuylkill Paving \$161,017.00 | 4. New Enterprise \$102,508.85 |

- Motion made by Eisenacher, second by Adams awarding the Bid to New Enterprise in the amount of \$102,508.85, with \$72,508.85 being paid from Liquid Fuels and \$30,000.00 being paid from the General Account, pending Secretary approval and Solicitor review. Roll Call Vote: Eisenacher – Yes, Scheibley – Yes, Strickler – Yes, Adams – Yes, President Ochs – Yes; Motion passed.
- Parking Lot Paving – tabled until August
- Scheibley is requesting No parking on Pine St. from the corner of Cherry Alley to the corner of Church St. (Pribilla's side)
  - Motion made by Adams, second by Strickler to Adopt a Resolution issuing No parking on Pine St. from the corner of Cherry Alley to the corner of Church St. (Pribilla's side) pending legal review. All in favor; Motion passed.
- Scheibley is requesting Accounts be opened at Tractor Supply and Harbor Freight.
  - No action taken on this request.

#### ***PROPERTY:***

- Updates on burned properties
  - 312 E. Main Street- Owner listed is deceased, the wife is Stephanie Wagner.
    - There is no insurance coverage on this property.
    - They are behind on taxes.
  - 314 E. Main Street - Owner lives in New Jersey.
    - Marty Sowers posted both properties to be demolished, no work has been started.
- Scheibley reported that the Radon readings at TACC building were good: .9 upstairs and 2.01 downstairs. It is recommended to start ventilating between 2.5-4.
- Motion made by Scheibley, second by Adams to have floors polished at the Borough building at a cost of \$1,815.55. All in favor; Motion passed.

#### ***PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY:***

- **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**
  - Fire Chief Eisenacher reported they had 11 calls in February 2025
  - Corner of Laurel and Miner Street Hydrant repair – Council feels if we rent the hydrants and the damage was due to normal wear and tear then we should not be billed for it.
  - SCMA is reducing the monthly hydrant Fees from \$16.39 to \$10.50 per hydrant.
- **TREMONT AMBULANCE REPORT**
  - Scheibley reported 77 ALS calls and 44 BLS calls for the month of February 2025.
- **ENGINEER REPORT (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE)**
  - No Report submitted from Marty Sowers
  - The owner of the Union Street pigs signed off on the rehoming papers. Beans and Bacon are being adopted.
  - President Ochs reported that Marty is addressing the pig situation on Union Street.

#### ***RECREATION & EDUCATION:***

- John Poff submitted a report listing the Plan holders for the Playground Project.
  - Scheibley said the playground is ready for the work to begin.
  - Scheibley reported on the BRIC DTA Grant
    - Restraining Order is still in effect with FEMA
    - PEMA is taking over the work on this.
    - We need to get set up on the FEMA GO Portal. The Secretary needs to get in touch with Matt Finnegan from ProtoGen to help us with this.
  - Scheibley feels the Borough needs a Grant Writer and a Code Enforcement Officer that is available to come out when we call. He feels we will benefit more with these people than we would with part time police officers.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Treasurer Report for February 2025

| <b>Account</b>                          | <b>Type</b> | <b>Name</b>                    | <b>Memo/Description</b>                | <b>Income</b>       | <b>Expense</b>      |
|---|-------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>MID PENN GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>         | Expense     | MID PENN BANK                  | Payment to Note A Obligation Loan      |                     | 2,446.55            |
|   | Expense     | MID PENN BANK                  | Payment to Note B Obligation Loan      |                     | 2,680.06            |
|   | Check       | LAW OFFICE of SHANE HOBBS      | Solicitor Services                     |                     | 975.00              |
|   | Deposit     | COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL           | Delinquent Road & School Taxes         | 477.10              |                     |
|   | Expense     | ADOBE                          | Computer Program Subscription          |                     | 42.38               |
|   | Expense     | TEVIS ENERGY                   | Heating Oil - TACC Bldg                |                     | 2,096.09            |
|   | Expense     | TEVIS ENERGY                   | Heating Oil - Garage                   |                     | 680.83              |
|   | Expense     | PINE GROVE ON/O TRAVEL PLAZA   | Truck Fuel                             |                     | 425                 |
|   | Expense     | SCMA                           | Water, Sewer & Hydrants                |                     | 1,696.50            |
|   | Expense     | FRONTIER                       | Phone & Internet                       |                     | 434.23              |
|   | Expense     | GEISINGER QUALITY OPTIONS, INC | Employee Medical Premium               |                     | 693.94              |
|   | Expense     | AMAZON                         | Radon Detector                         |                     | 129.46              |
|   | Expense     | AMAZON                         | General Building and Office Supplies   |                     | 74.38               |
|   | Check       | POTTS & MONGER SANITATION      | Garbage Collection                     |                     | 170.00              |
|   | Check       | SCHUYLKILL COUNTY TREASURER    | Per Capita Tax Bills Printed           |                     | 146.56              |
|   | Check       | A&M AUTO PARTS                 | General Garage Supplies                |                     | 12.00               |
|   | Check       | BERKHEIMER                     | BT/LST Commissions                     |                     | 99.46               |
|   | Check       | COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL           | Fall Cleanup & Recycling Event Portion |                     | 214.00              |
|   | Transfer    | FROM ESCROW ACCT               | Fire Escrow Money- 18 E. Main St.      | 44,500.00           |                     |
|   | Transfer    | FROM ESCROW ACCT               | Fire Escrow Money- 22 E. Main St.      | 43,200.00           |                     |
|   | Check       | DEES FLOWERS (ANDREA KNOLL)    | Fire Escrow - 22 E Main St.            |                     | 43,200.00           |
|   | Check       | GEORGE HOVEROCKER              | Reimbursement for Supplies             |                     | 39.96               |
|   | Check       | PEIFER'S FIRE PROTECTION, INC. | Annual Inspection                      |                     | 402.27              |
|   | Check       | ANTZ ENERGY SYSTEMS INC.       | HVAC Services                          |                     | 146.60              |
|   | Deposit     | MONTHLY DEPOSITS               | ATM                                    | 9,042.21            |                     |
|   | Interest    | MID PENN BANK                  | Interest Credit - Interest             | 10.33               |                     |
| <b>TOTAL - MID PENN GENERAL ACCOUNT</b> |             |                                |  | <b>\$ 97,229.64</b> | <b>\$ 56,805.27</b> |

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| <b>PAYROLL</b> | <b>TOTAL - PAYROLL COST</b> |  |  |  | <b>\$ 14,263.63</b> |
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| <b>SWIMMING POOL ACCT</b>         | Interest | INTEREST | Interest Credit - Interest | 0.08           |             |
| <b>TOTAL - SWIMMING POOL ACCT</b> |          |          |                            | <b>\$ 0.08</b> | <b>\$ -</b> |

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| <b>NEW EQUIPT FUND ACCT</b>         | Interest | INTEREST | Interest Credit - Interest | 0.01           |  |
| <b>TOTAL - NEW EQUIPT FUND ACCT</b> |          |          |                            | <b>\$ 0.01</b> |  |

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| <b>DCNR PLAYGROUND ACCT</b>         | Check    | LIGHT-HEIGEL & ASSOCIATES, INC | Engineer Services          |                | 951.50             |
|                                     | Check    | LIGHT-HEIGEL & ASSOCIATES, INC | Engineer Services          |                | 2,437.59           |
|                                     | Interest | INTEREST                       | Interest Credit - Interest | 0.83           |                    |
| <b>TOTAL - DCNR PLAYGROUND ACCT</b> |          |                                |                            | <b>\$ 0.83</b> | <b>\$ 3,389.09</b> |

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| <b>PLGIT GENERAL ACCT</b>         | Deposit  | BERKHEIMER                         | BT/LST Disbursements                     | 35,435.45           |                     |
|                                   | Transfer | TO HIGHWAY AID (LIQUID FUELS) ACCT | Liquid Fuels Allocation (as per auditor) |                     | 46,161.84           |
|                                   | Interest | INTEREST                           | Interest Credit - Interest               | 1,037.06            |                     |
| <b>TOTAL - PLGIT GENERAL ACCT</b> |          |                                    |  | <b>\$ 36,472.51</b> | <b>\$ 46,161.84</b> |

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| <b>FIRE DEPT FUND</b>               | Interest | INTEREST | Interest Credit - Interest | 157.77           |             |
| <b>TOTAL - FIRE DEPT. FUND ACCT</b> |          |          |                            | <b>\$ 157.77</b> | <b>\$ -</b> |

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| <b>HIGHWAY AID FUND (LIQUID FUELS)</b>              | Check    | AMERICAN ROCK SALT      | Road Salt                                |                     | 2,039.21           |
|   | Check    | ARTHUR "PAT" AUNGST INC | Hydraulic Hose for Loader                |                     | 162.59             |
|   | Check    | TREMBONT MINI MART      | Truck Fuel                               |                     | 682.01             |
|   | Transfer | FROM PLGIT GENERAL ACCT | Liquid Fuels Allocation (as per auditor) | 46,161.84           |                    |
|   | Interest | INTEREST                | Interest Credit - Interest               | 63.63               |                    |
| <b>TOTAL - HIGHWAY AID FUND (LIQUID FUELS ACCT)</b> |          |                         |  | <b>\$ 46,225.47</b> | <b>\$ 2,883.81</b> |

- Motion made by Adams, second by Strickler approving the February 2025 Treasurer Report. All in favor, Minutes approved.

**FINANCE:**

- The Secretary reported on the Annual Reports that were completed so far.
- Liquid Fuels Audit is complete
- Pension Audit is in the final stages.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- SCMA meeting will be held March 20th at 3 p.m. at the SCMA bldg.
- The Secretary will get quotes for the document shredding by May 1st
- The Hazard Mitigation Summit will be held this Thursday from 4:30 – 8 pm at the Penn State Schuylkill Campus. Council needs to register to attend. President Ochs, Vice President Eisenacher, James Scheibley, Solicitor Hobbs and Secretary Shea Lucas will be attending for the Borough.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Kathleen Krammes is requesting reimbursement for the 2025 tax envelopes & postage in the amount of \$452.20.
  - Motion made by Strickler, second by Scheibley to reimburse the Tax Collector for the 2025 tax envelopes & postage in the amount of \$452.20. All in favor; Motion passed.
- Motion made by Eisenacher, second by Scheibley approving the application for a Handicap Parking Sign at 132 Spring Street. All in favor; Motion passed.
- Scheibley got permission from Council to purchase curb paint.
- The Boy Scouts are requesting permission to use a room in the Borough building. Amanda Eisenacher is the contact person.
  - Motion made by Scheibley, second by Strickler allowing the Boy Scouts to use a room in the Borough building pending schedule openings. All in favor; Motion passed.
- Adams reported that he will be going to Pottsville to assist with their St. Patty's Day Parade.
- Scheibley reminded residents that the Ambulance Bingo is this Sunday at the Firehouse.
- The Mayor brought up the topic of selling the TACC building. He insists that we are wasting money with that building.
  - The problem is the Magistrate doesn't feel the Borough Building has enough security measures for their office to be moved over here. They will look for a new place and we will lose that rental income if we sell that building.
  - Sherry Huntzinger informed Council that the Historical Society has a lot of their things stored in that building too.

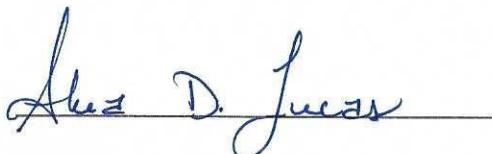
**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**

- Butch Kender
  - 1) His daughter is going to contact the Dog Warden to make sure that the dogs that attacked her dog are licensed and vaccinated, just in case something happens down the road.
    - President Ochs: He feels the owner needs to be cited. He can't just come up here and let his dogs run free. The owner needs to answer for what his dogs did. Council will do anything to help and to keep this from happening again.
    - Scheibley: The dogs he had before attacked a dog too
    - Hobbs: Did she get an incident report?
      - Kender: Yes, the State Police came in and she got an incident report. They knocked on the door of owner whose dogs attacked, but he would not answer the door.
      - Hobbs asked him to keep us posted.
- Sherry Huntzinger
  - 1) There is a huge log in the creek behind Les Donmoyer's house.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Motion made by Adams, second by Eisenacher, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.; All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

**ATTEST:**



**PRESIDENT:**



TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 11, 2025

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| 1. Butch Kowalee     | 19. |
| 2. Gerald Fassbacht  | 20. |
| 3. Roger Adams       | 21. |
| 4. Bob Donmoyer      | 22. |
| 5. Kathy Adams       | 23. |
| 6. Kathleen Krammes  | 24. |
| 7. Denise Krammes    | 25. |
| 8. Tyler Lewis       | 26. |
| 9. Justin Moeller    | 27. |
| 10. Sherry Hutzinger | 28. |
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