

# TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2025

### **LL TO ORDER:**

President Ochs opened the Tremont Borough Council Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. at the Tremont Borough Building.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

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

**Also attending:** Mayor Gerald Fasnacht, Solicitor Shane Hobbs Secretary-Treasurer Shea Lucas and Engineer, John Poff.

**Absent:** Council Member, James Scheibley

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Motion made by Adams, second by Eisenacher, approving the July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor; Minutes approved.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Shane Hobbs**

- Nuisance Fire Alarm Ordinance
  - Hobbs had questions in regards to what should be included in the ordinance, Eisenacher and Strickler gave him the information he needed.
  - Motion made by Strickler, second by Adams to advertise the Nuisance Fire Alarm Ordinance with the new information included. All in favor; Motion passed.
- Sewage Enforcement Resolution
  - Hobbs recommended that the Borough should have a Resolution outlining the sewage enforcement procedure with fee schedule.
  - John Poff : Common procedure would start with an application that the applicant would fill out requesting SEO services, the application would then have to be presented and approved by Council, once approved, the SEO would start the process on their end and issue the permit and submit the design for the work to be done. This includes on lot septic systems.
  - Mayor Fasnacht: Feels that this doesn't pertain to the Borough.
    - John Poff: There are two lots right now that have on lot septic systems, which said he finds it hard to believe that the Mayor did not know about these lots.
  - Motion made by Eisenacher, second by Adams to have the Solicitor prepare the Resolution for Sewage Enforcement Services. All in favor; Motion passed.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Gerald Fasnacht:**

- Changes to QOL tickets
  - Increase the fee to \$100.00
  - Add Parking at yellow curbs as a violation.
    - Vehicles can then be tagged with QOL tickets instead of stickers from the Police Department.
  - He stated again that the problem is enforcement. Any member of Council can give the ticket, but it is up to Sowers and Hobbs to enforce it.

### **PUBLIC UTILITY AND STREETS:**

- Motion made by Strickler, second by Adams permitting the Streets Department to purchase road marker stakes (Lewis Kohr's request). All in favor; Motion passed.
- Council is in agreement to junk the old playground equipment at the recycling event. The Mayor suggested putting it out for free and if it is still there at the end of the event, then get rid of it.
- Richmond Screw asked the Borough to trim trees and fix the pothole by their building.
  - President Ochs says the trees are near/in the creek and there is an Ordinance (2017-07) that says we abandoned that section of road. He wanted to know how the rest of Council feels.
    - Adams: "It's their property, so it's their responsibility."

**PROPERTY:**

NOTHING TO REPORT

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

■ **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Fire Chief Eisenacher reported they had 19 calls in July 2025.

■ **TREMONT AMBULANCE REPORT**

- Amanda Webb informed Council that Tremont is covering most neighboring towns. She gave the following reports:
  - January 2025: 81 ALS Calls, 26 BLS Calls
  - February 2025: 77 ALS, 39 BLS
  - March 2025: 68 ALS, 28 BLS
  - April 2025: 77 ALS, 28 BLS
  - May 2025: 77 ALS, 30 BLS

■ **ENGINEER REPORT (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE)**

- The Secretary read the report submitted by Marty Sowers:
- 17 Union St – NOV issued for electrical issues
- Water Shutoff notices – unfit for human occupancy (New List Received)
  - 50 North Crescent
  - 16 North St
  - 240 North Pine
  - 29 Clay St
  - 134 West Laurel
- 101-103 Spring St – site inspection and Condemnation notice
- 16 East Main St – correspondence with property owner attorney – dispute over who owns foundation wall. Claims that exposed wall at 12 East Main is not his responsibility
  - I spoke with Attorney Hobbs. He can confirm, but my understanding is that the exposed wall would be the responsibility of the owner of the remaining building. Other than that, it would be a civil matter between property owners. As a second note, I'm not sure that there is even really a violation there. It appears to me that this wall was exposed before 16 East Main was constructed.
- 23 Spring St – site visit for high grass – issue QOL ticket
- 15 East Main – issuing additional citations
- 17 east main – issuing additional citations
- 29 Spring St – went to court on equity action. See court order from Judge Goodman. – posting order at property tomorrow
- 313 West Laurel – inspection this week for high grass and weeds
- 50 North Crescent – NOV for farm animals
- 312 east main – citations – sale fell through. Need to motive property owner to repair
- 314 east main – citations – stopped work due to incorrect construction practices. Spoke with owner and property maintenance man

**RECREATION & EDUCATION:**

- John Poff reported

• ***Tremont Park Playground Project (DCNR Grant):***

The playground equipment will be here next week. PPL has still not removed the pole. We put in a work order over a year ago. They want a form filled out for the easement, but they haven't sent us the form yet either.

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

<u>Account</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo/Description</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>
<b><u>MID PENN GENERAL ACCOUNT</u></b>	Expense	MID PENN BANK	Payment to Note A Obligation Loan		2,209.78
	Deposit	TREMONT BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR	Real Estate Taxes Collected June 16 - June 30	8,028.96	
	Deposit	TREMONT BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR	Per Capita Taxes Collected June 16 - June 30	85.00	
	Deposit	COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL	Delinquent Road & School Taxes	1,755.81	
	Expense	GEISINGER QUALITY OPTIONS, INC	Employee Medical Insurance		693.94
	Expense	INTUIT QUICKBOOKS	Computer Program Subscription w ith Payroll		319.06
	Check	TREMONT MINI MART	Law n Mow er Fuel		86.00
	Check	TREMONT MINI MART	Truck Fuel		311.00
	Expense	ADOBE	Computer Program Subscription		42.38
	Check	DAVID BARRY	Push Mow er		100.00
	Check	A&M AUTO PARTS	Misc Garage Items		17.75
	Check	SERVICE TIRE TRUCK CENTERS	Tires for Zero Turn		108.80
	Check	PSAB U/C PLAN	U/C Taxes		259.29
	Check	POTTS & MONGER SANITATION	Garbage Collection		85.00
	Check	EHRLICH	Pest Control		127.70
	Expense	AMAZON	Office Supplies, Battery (Mower), Weed Whacker Spool Head Caps		185.15
	Checks	DUMPSTER RETAINER	Dumpster Permit Retainer		25.00
	Deposit	COMM OF PA -Dept of Conservation & Natural Resource	Partial Grant Funds for Playground Project	207,507.00	
	Deposit	COMM OF PA - Auditor General	2024 Fire Relief (EFT) Allocation	7,366.92	
	Deposit	MONTHLY DEPOSITS	Regular Monthly Deposits	5,248.34	
	Interest	MID PENN BANK	Interest Credit - Interest	17.44	
<b>TOTAL - MID PENN GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>				<b>\$ 230,009.47</b>	<b>\$ 4,570.85</b>

<b>PAYROLL</b>	<b>TOTAL - PAYROLL COST</b>			<b>\$ 13,346.60</b>
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<b>SWIMMING POOL ACCT</b>	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	0.07	
<b>TOTAL - SWIMMING POOL ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 0.07</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

<b>NEW EQUIPT FUND ACCT</b>	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	0.01	
<b>TOTAL - NEW EQUIPT FUND ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 0.01</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

<b>DCNR PLAYGROUND ACCT</b>	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	0.73	
<b>TOTAL - DCNR PLAYGROUND ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 0.73</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

<b>PLGIT GENERAL ACCT</b>	Deposit	BERKHEIMER	BT/LST Disbursements	7,493.02	
	Transfer	to Highway Aid Acct	2025 Liquid Fuels Allocation		45,822.05
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest		1,333.51
<b>TOTAL - PLGIT GENERAL ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 8,826.53</b>	<b>\$ 45,822.05</b>

<b>FIRE DEPT FUND</b>	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	174.56	
<b>TOTAL - FIRE DEPT. FUND ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 174.56</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

<b>HIGHWAY AID FUND (LIQUID FUELS)</b>	Transfer	From PLGIT General	2025 Liquid Fuels Allocation	45822.05	
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	270.13	
<b>TOTAL - HIGHWAY AID FUND (LIQUID FUELS ACCT)</b>				<b>\$ 46,092.18</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

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

**FINANCE:**

- Obligation Note "A" Loan is due in full on August 15, 2025. Payoff Amount is \$500,105.35. Extension can be filed.
  - Motion made by Eisenacher, second by President Ochs to file the extension and put \$250,000 from PLGIT General Account on Note "A" Loan. All in Favor; Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Adams reported that the Auditor General released the Fireman's Relief money, the check is on the way. The Secretary had the check cut for the Fireman's Relief Money because the money was sent to our account via electronic funds. The check was given to Adams at this meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Rave Alert System - tabled
- Applications for a part-time, as needed Public Works Laborer, must be submitted by tomorrow, August 13<sup>th</sup>
- Adams notified Council that as former mayor he is officiating weddings, one last Saturday and he has a wedding coming up this Saturday.
- President Ochs reminded everyone of the upcoming events in the Borough.
  - RECYCLING EVENT – Friday Sept 12th & Saturday Sept. 13th – 8 am - Noon at Borough Garage – No Electronics
  - HALLOWEEN PARADE – Sunday, October 19th at 7:00 pm
  - TRICK – OR – TREAT - Friday, October 31st 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**

- **Scott Fisher ( Dale Marks)**
  - 1) Addressed Council about the reckless driving of the ATVs on Clay St., School St., Vaux Ave. and Pine St. Something bad is going to happen, someone is going to get hurt. He has no problem with them riding past the house as long as they are driving normal.
    - President Ochs: We are aware of this, unfortunately PSP won't do anything, due to the risks involved in chasing them. There is the possibility of getting part-time officers in the Borough in the future.
    - Mayor: He used to follow them home and handled it after they were off the ATV, back when he was allowed to do code enforcement.
  - 2) **Scott Fisher** let Council know that he volunteered his time to cut the field for the upcoming car show and without actually measuring it, the Borough was in violation of its own grass ordinance with how high it was. He understands the situation Lewis is in , but he just wanted to make it known to Council.
    - Strickler also pointed out that the Railroad Company needs to be contacted because all of the railroad beds are overgrown.
- **Kathy Adams**
  - 1) Why was Middle Creek paved back to the Gun Club but only a small portion of Union Street was done?
    - Secretary: That's the way the road project was written. PennDOT and our Road Master did the contract.
    - Mayor: PennDOT only approved 55' on Union Street and they paved to the Borough line on Middle Creek.
- **Suzanne Schach**
  - 1) She asked for an update on the claim for the damage to her car, the Insurance Company hasn't contacted her.
    - Secretary: The claim was denied; she will give Mrs. Schach a copy of the letter the Insurance Company sent to the Borough.
    - Motion made by Strickler, second by Adams to reimburse Suzanne Schach \$308.84 for the damage to her window and for her to get an estimate for the other damage and submit to Council. All in favor; Motion passed.
- **Rodney & Amy Updegrave**
  - 1) They are having the Haunt in the Mont again this year. The first night will be October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Motion made by Strickler, second by Adams, to enter into Executive Session at 7:48 pm.
- Motion made by Adams, second by Eisenacher, to enter back into Regular Meeting Session at 9:01 pm

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Motion made by Strickler, second by Adams, to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.; All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

**ATTEST:**



**PRESIDENT:**



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**TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

AUGUST 12, 2025

1. Laurie Bender	19. Brenda Diesteet
2. Phil Kintzel	20. Amadea R. Nekes
3. Kathleen Brannan	21. John R. Poff - HAGHT - HERZEL
4. Shelly Hartinger	22. Geralt Essel - I
5. Jacqueline Nesbitt	23. MIKE SCHEIB
6. Denise Brannan	24. DALE MARKS
7. Kathy Adams	25.
8. Rodney Wedgwood	26.
9. Amy Lipscomb	27.
10. JOSH SCHEIBLEY	28.
11. Rose Dominguez	29.
12. Roger & Adams	30.
13. Suzanne Schach	31.
14. Jeremy Schach	32.
15. Jeff Miller	33.
16. Kelly Tide	34.
17. Allison Viner	35.
18. Scott Viner	36.