

April 1, 2025

**Tremont Borough Council
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Ochs called the Workshop Meeting of the Tremont Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on April 1, 2025, at the Tremont Borough Building.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Absent: Mayor Gerald Fasnacht

HEALTH & SAFETY:

- Motion made by Adams, second by Strickler, to pay the outstanding SCMA invoices for hydrant repair/replacement in the amount of \$10,924.28. All in favor, Motion passed.

FINANCE:

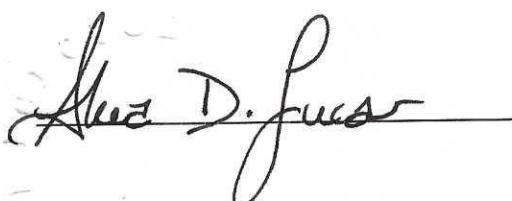
- Motion made by Adams, second by Scheibley, authorizing the 10% match contributions for each of the BRIC Grants, for the Fire Siren and the Solar Panels, to be paid out of the PLGIT General Account. All in favor, Motion passed.

RECORD OF WORKSHOP MINUTES

Minutes of this meeting were recorded only for the portion in which action was taken in the form of Motions. No additional action was taken during this Meeting.

The Workshop Meeting continued as usual.

ATTEST:



PRESIDENT:



TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2025

ALL TO ORDER:

President Ochs opened the Tremont Borough Council Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. at the Tremont Borough Building.

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

Absent: Council Member Roger Adams

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Motion made by Scheibley, second by Eisenacher, approving the March 11, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor; Minutes approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Shane Hobbs

- No parking on Pine Street (Dayton Superior side)
 - Clarification from last month's meeting: Scheibley is requesting for no parking from Cherry Alley to Spring and from Reservoir Road to Church Street on Pine Street. The block with Dayton Superior is not included.
 - Motion made by Scheibley, second by Ochs, amending the original Motion made on February 11, 2025, by allowing the Streets Department to extend the no parking areas on Pine Street, on the blocks of Cherry Alley to Spring and from Reservoir Road to Church Street by painting the curbs back further, therefore no Resolution nor No Parking Signs are needed. All in favor; Motion passed.
- 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.
 - 29 Spring Street
 - There is a hearing date pending.
 - 312 and 314 E. Main Street (Fire Properties)
 - Hobbs sent letters but received no response.
 - Neighbor is not interested in buying properties due to the costs associated with them.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Gerald Fasnacht:

- The list of Water Shut-offs is multiple pages long. He is questioning why Marty isn't doing anything with these properties.
- A complaint was received for 110 W. Main Street, the garage is falling down. The owners haven't been there in over a year.
 - Scheibley voiced his opinion about the Code Enforcement and Property Maintenance Officer not following up on any of the burned properties or the vehicles that were tagged. Scheibley feels the Borough needs a Code Enforcement Officer that is available to come out when we call.
 - Eisenacher recommends contacting Keith Heigel about their concerns with Marty Sowers.
 - Council instructed the Secretary to email Keith Heigel.

PUBLIC UTILITY AND STREETS:

- We received the Title for Yamaha Rhino ATV
- Scheibley reported that the County Bridge Construction Project will begin any day
 - Scheibley contacted the company about the detour sign issues.
 - They put them in yards without the owner's permission. There are also issues with the signs by the railroad tracks.
 - They are also sending all traffic down Pine Street.

- They have to get any detour changes approved, so it will continue on Pine Street until they get the approval.
- Scheibley expressed his concerns with the intersection by the Corner Bar, you can't see to pull out now and he feels that is only going to get worse when Randazzo's opens, with people pulling in to pick up their food.
 - Council recommends putting mirrors up to see oncoming traffic.
- President Ochs questioned Scheibley about the top seal maintenance and upkeep of the Union Street Bridge.
 - Scheibley is going to ask New Enterprise to do it when they come in to do Union Street.

PROPERTY:

- Updates on burned properties were discussed at the beginning of the meeting.
- Yard Waste & Ash Pick up will only be on Mondays starting April 14th. Scheibley reminded residents that the yard waste must be bagged and bags can be too heavy to lift onto the truck. Call him or the office to let us know you are putting it out.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY:

- **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Fire Chief Eisenacher reported they had 20 calls in March 2025, which included Immediate Response Team in Walker Township.
 - Chief Eisenacher will be on vacation from the 16th through the 27th
 - Information from our SCMA Meeting:
 - **WATER AND SEWER MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

1995 Tremont WTP	\$4,866,000
1999 Tremont Well 15	\$790,000
2005 Clay Street Line Rep.	\$250,000
2023 Tremont PRV Project	\$100,000 => Total Water: \$6,006,000
2006 Tremont Sewer	\$5,307,000
<u>2018 FEMA Pump Sta./Gen</u>	<u>\$757,000 => Total Sewer: \$6,064,000</u>
Total	\$12,070,000

Total Customers and Investment per customer in Tremont:

Water = 699 connections: \$8,592/customer

Sewer = 567 connections: \$10,695/customer

Total = \$19,287/customer

- **SCMA Tremont Water Source of Supply History**

1994 Borough of Tremont operated off Tierney Reservoir only, chlorine disinfection, gravity to town, no fire protection or storage, water quality issues, drought issues

1996 SCMA constructed Tremont Water Filtration Plant, 1.0 MG Storage Tank, developed Well #4 and Well #2, 12" main to town, pressure regulating stations, 12" main to Donaldson.

- Well #4 permitted/rated at 331,000 gpd
- Well #2 permitted/rated at 331,000 gpd

1998 Drought; experienced lack of water supply, had to temporarily haul water from another SCMA source; cost over \$100,000 for approximately 1 month

2001 SCMA constructed Well #15 (near Tierney Reservoir), booster station and raw waterline to plant

- Well #15 rated at 187,000 gpd

2024 Drought; experienced lack of water supply.

- Major fire in Tremont; used approximately 600,000 gallons in less than 24-hours
- SCMA began hauling operations to supplement supply and keep adequate fire protection in tank. To date, hauled 516 trucks, or 3,322,274 gallons water at cost of \$420,188.00, not including additional labor, overtime, and miscellaneous parts costs.

2022 SCMA was awarded an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and DCED grant to perform water feasibility study. Report complete. Currently pursuing additional grant funding for construction related activities.

- Presently under design for permanent PADEP permitting to utilize raw water from Tierney Reservoir and pump it to WTP via Well #15 booster station.

- Begun hydrogeologic study for additional well supplies in regional area.

Current usage data:

- 2024 average daily production: 222,490 gpd
- Additional commercial and regional connections:
 - Big Lots 7,355 gpd
 - Amazon 5,436 gpd
 - Reilly Twp/Newtown 9,460 gpd

Capital Improvement Fees: In 2023, SCMA passed Resolution Nos. 07-19-23-1/2, which assess Capital Improvement Fees for both water and sewer in the Tremont District for any proposed commercial and industrial development that requires additional water and/or sewer capacity requirements. Funds are earmarked for upgrades to both water and sewer systems. Both Panattoni Buildings (Amazon and Bldg #2) were assessed Capital Improvement Fees.

- **TREMONT AMBULANCE REPORT**

- Scheibley reported a total of 147 call for the month of March 2025, 68 ALS calls and 30 BLS calls and 49 missed calls.

- **ENGINEER REPORT (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE)**

- No Report submitted from Marty Sowers

RECREATION & EDUCATION:

- John Poff was in attendance for the opening of the bids for the Playground Project

- Four Bids were received:

1.	Multiscape	\$439,396.50
2.	Arthur "Pat" Aungst	\$307,419.00
3.	Spotts Brothers	\$364,071.36
4.	H&P Construction	\$384,819.00

- Motion made by Eisenacher, second by Scheibley to award the Base Bid Contract and Bid Alternate #A to Arthur "Pat" Aungst, Inc., in the total Amount of \$ 307,419.00, pending Solicitor and Engineer review and pending DCNR Approval. All in favor; Motion passed.
- Motion made by Scheibley, second by Eisenacher authorizing Light-Heigel to proceed with the Stormwater Project. All in favor, Motion passed.

* Motion made by Scheibley, second by Strickler to amend the Agenda by moving the Recreation & Education Item #2 a and #2 b after Citizen Communication due to having to go into an Executive Session. All in favor; motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Treasurer Report for March 2025

Account	Type	Name	Memo/Description	Income	Expense
MID PENN GENERAL ACCOUNT	Expense	MID PENN BANK	Payment to Note A Obligation Loan		2,209.79
	Deposit	TREMONT BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR	Real Estate Taxes	25,112.49	
	Deposit	TREMONT BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR	Per Capita Taxes	578.20	
	Deposit	COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL	Delinquent Road & School Taxes	6,001.30	
	Check	LAW OFFICE of SHANE HOBBS	Solicitor Services		671.30
	Check	LIGHT-HEIGEL & ASSOCIATES, INC	General Engineer Services		4,969.75
	Check	LIGHT-HEIGEL & ASSOCIATES, INC	BRIC DTA Grant Engineer Services		3,618.75
	Check	LIGHT-HEIGEL & ASSOCIATES, INC	Property Maintenance Services		820.05
	Expense	INTUIT QUICKBOOKS	Computer Program Subscription with Payroll		702.75
	Deposit	COMMONWEALTH of PENNSYLVANIA	State Police Fines	400.00	
	Expense	ADOBE	Computer Program Subscription		42.38
	Expense	PINE GROVE AUTO	Notary Service		7.00
	Expense	TEVIS ENERGY	Heating Oil - TACC Bldg		2,229.96
	Expense	SPEEDWAY	Truck Fuel		109.00
	Expense	PINE GROVE ONTO TRAVEL PLAZA	Truck Fuel		510

Expense	SCMA	Water, Sewer & Hydrants		744.35
Expense	PPL	Electric		9,752.90
Expense	GEISINGER QUALITY OPTIONS, INC	Employee Medical Premium		1,387.88
Check	BHRUCH	Pest Control		12
Expense	AMAZON	Building Supplies, General Exp. Items, Office Supplies		293.00
Check	POTTS & MONGER SANITATION	Garbage Collection		85.00
Check	KATHLEEN J. KRAMMES	Reimbursement for Tax Supplies		452.60
Check	A&M AUTO PARTS	General Garage Supplies		82.86
Check	BERKHEIMER	EIT/LST Commissions		627.34
Check	PSA B U/C PLAN	U/C Taxes		50.00
Transfer	FROM PLGIT GENERAL ACCT	New HVAC Unit in Gym	22,417.00	
Check	ANTZ ENERGY SYSTEMS INC.	New HVAC Unit in Gym		22,417.00
Check	ANTZ ENERGY SYSTEMS INC.	Fan Motor Office HVAC		712.02
Check	HAHNER BROS. ROOFING and SHEET METAL INC.	Roof Repair - Borough Bldg.		474.50
Check	ANDREW OCHS	Website Services		171.00
Check	LEWIS M. KOHR	Medicare Premium Reimbursement		433.80
Expense	AMTRUST NORTH AMERICA	Worker's Compensation Premium		5,090.00
Deposit	MONTHLY DEPOSITS	Regular Monthly Deposits	7,025.35	
Interest	MID PENN BANK	Interest Credit - Interest	10.99	
TOTAL - MID PENN GENERAL ACCOUNT			\$ 61,545.33	\$ 58,801.67

PAYROLL	TOTAL - PAYROLL COST			\$ 13,975.06
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SWIMMING POOL ACCT	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	0.08
TOTAL - SWIMMING POOL ACCT			\$ 0.08	\$ -

NEW EQUIPT FUND ACCT	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	0.01
TOTAL - NEW EQUIPT FUND ACCT			\$ 0.01	

DCNR PLAYGROUND ACCT	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	0.78
TOTAL - DCNR PLAYGROUND ACCT			\$ 0.78	\$ 0

PLGIT GENERAL ACCT	Transfer	TO GENERAL ACCT	New HVAC Unit in Gym	22,417.00
	Deposit	BERKHEIMER	EIT/LST Disbursements	15,238.46
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	1,117.34
TOTAL - PLGIT GENERAL ACCT			\$ 16,355.80	\$ 22,417.00

FIRE DEPT FUND	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	173.61
TOTAL - FIRE DEPT. FUND ACCT			\$ 173.61	\$ -

HIGHWAY AID FUND (LIQUID FUELS ACCT)	Check	AMERICAN ROCK SALT	Road Salt	1,973.12
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	166.65
TOTAL - HIGHWAY AID FUND (LIQUID FUELS ACCT)			\$ 166.65	\$ 1,973.12

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

FINANCE:

OLD BUSINESS:

- Gas Cards were received
- Mosquito & West Nile Virus Monitoring has begun in the Borough.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Scheibley reported that DEP is requesting to use the gym to host a Town Hall Meeting in June.
 - Motion made by Strickler, second by Scheibley allowing DEP to use the gym to host a Town Hall Meeting depending on schedule availability. All in favor; Motion passed.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:

- Butch Koehler
 - 1) What is the status of the 312 & 314 E. Main St?
 - No response from either owner yet.
 - Koehler saw the owner of 312 at the property last Sunday.

----- AMENDED AGENDA -----

* FEMA BRIC Grants:

- a) Mass Communication Alert System Grant (Fire Siren)
 - Explanation of Executive Decision and Motion passed on 4/3/25
 - Grant Application Completed and Submitted by Secretary on April 4, 2025
 - Grant Amount = \$30,858.00
 - Borough's 10% match = \$3,085.80
- b) Tremont Fire Hall and Borough Building Energy Resilience Grant
(Solar Panels & Generators)
 - Explanation of Executive Decision and Motion passed on 4/3/25
 - ProtoGen Energy started Grant Application
 - Submission Deadline extended to April 18, 2025
 - Grant Amount (corrected) = \$967,920.00
 - Borough's 10% match = \$96,792.00

Motion made by Strickler, second by Eisenacher, to enter into an Executive Session at 7:39 p.m.; All in favor
Motion made by Strickler, second by Eisenacher, to enter back into Regular Meeting at 9:09 p.m.; All in favor

- Solicitor Hobbs reiterated a statement of facts for the Solar Panel and Generator Grant to Council as an affirmation of understanding .
- Motion made by Eisenacher, second by Strickler to approve the BRIC Grant application, also known as the Solar Panel and Generator Grant, for the potential total grant amount of \$967,920.00, making the borough's committed matching contribution amount \$96,792.00 (as per correspondence received from various State and Federal Agencies including a third party agency employee name Matt Finnegan) with the understanding that the Borough will not go forward with this without proper proof of bonding or if further investigation or findings are not agreeable or if funds for the matching contribution are not available. Roll Call Vote: Eisenacher – Yes, Scheibley – Yes, Strickler – Yes, Adams – Absent, President Ochs – Yes (reluctantly). Motion passed.

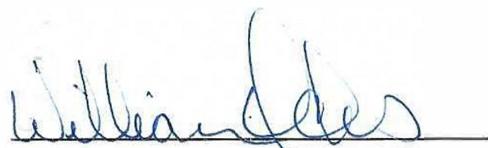
ADJOURNMENT:

- Motion made by Scheibley, second by Eisenacher, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m.; All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

ATTEST:



PRESIDENT:



TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 8, 2025

1. <i>Kathleen Kamm</i>	19.
2. <i>Amy Updegrave</i>	20.
3. <i>Gerald Taschner</i>	21.
4. <i>John R Poff - Light-Hegel</i>	22.
5. <i>Sherri Hartzinger</i>	23.
6. <i>Les E. Miller</i>	24.
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