

**TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 14, 2025**

***CALL TO ORDER:***

President Ochs opened the Tremont Borough Council Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. at the Tremont Borough Building.

***ATTENDANCE:***

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

**Also attending:** Solicitor Shane Hobbs Secretary-Treasurer Shea Lucas, Engineer, John Poff and CEO Marty Sowers.

**Absent:** Mayor Gerald Fasnacht

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

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES:***

- Motion made by Adams, second by Strickler, approving the September 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 26, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes. All in favor with Scheibley abstaining; Minutes approved.

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

- SEO Services Resolution 06-2025
  - Similar to current SEO Resolution from 2014, now names Light-Heigel and has the updated fees.
  - Payment terms stay the same, that all fees are paid prior to work being done.
  - Motion made by Eisenacher, second by Adams, to adopt Resolution 06-2025 for SEO Services. All in Favor; Resolution adopted.
- SEO Services at 205 S. Pine Street-Scheibley property
  - Light-Heigel was contacted by James Scheibley to do SEO work at a private residence owned by James and his sons.
  - Work was performed beginning in 2021 until present.
  - Total cost as of this date is \$2,493.25, which was billed to and paid by the Borough.
  - Joshua Scheibley recently paid \$1,368.50 towards the \$2,493.25. There is still an outstanding balance of \$1,124.75 owed to the Borough.
  - James Scheibley claims that he is not the owner of this property, that it is his sons' property.
  - Scheibley wants a detailed Light-Heigel invoice for the work that was done.
  - Scheibley asked if the permit that was already issued falls back to the previous Resolution from 2014. Hobbs said it does.
  - The secretary tried to invoice the Scheibley's for the \$2,493.25, but was told by the Solicitor that what Mr. Scheibley did is illegal and to stop any activity with this matter immediately.
  - Eisenacher asked if the same thing would happen if this was a random resident... John Poff explained that if this was a random resident, Light-Heigel would contact the Borough to ask Council for permission, but this situation is cloudy because Jim called Light-Heigel to do the work and with Jim being on council, Light-Heigel was talking to the Borough by talking to Jim. Hobbs said that Scheibley should have removed himself from the process and disclosed the conflict of interest to the rest of Council at a public meeting, which he never did.
  - Scheibley said that Light-Heigel needs to itemize the outstanding invoice, then it will be paid.

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

- Mayor absent from meeting

***PUBLIC UTILITY AND STREETS:***

- Nothing to report

***PROPERTY:***

- The tree by the flagpole in front of Borough building has been trimmed
- Cameras at Garage
  - DM2 Security Quote Amt \$2,725.00 for inside and outside cameras

- Kohr doesn't want inside cameras
- Scheibley feels there should be a camera in the Borough Office too.
- Motion made by Adams, second by Strickler to have security cameras installed only outside of the Borough garage by DM2 for a cost of \$2,725.00. All in favor; motion passed.
- Motion made by Scheibley, second by Strickler to send out letters for 2026 HVAC Services and Heating Oil Proposals. All in favor; motion passed.
- The Streets Department will pick up ashes on Mondays and Thursdays starting November 6<sup>th</sup> Bagged leaves and yard waste will be picked up on Mondays and Thursdays until November 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Lewis Kohr informed Council that the new stone wall at the Line Street bridge looks terrible and the County should be called to have them fix it.

***PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY:***

■ **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Fire Chief Eisenacher reported they had 12 calls in September 2025.

<i>QRS</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>Landing Zone</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>MVA</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Chief's Request</i>	<i>1</i>

- Halloween Parade this weekend
- Political Candidate put sign at Fire House – a neighbor told him to put it there.
  - They could lose their status and have been sanctioned by the IRS.
  - Fire Company has a sign on their door that says No Politicking and can't have any affiliation with political candidates.
- Fun Drive - they had less than a 20% return from the Borough last year. Support goes a long way
- Submitted Insurance Bill to the Secretary for reimbursement.
- Motion made by Strickler, second by Eisenacher approving the Fire Police requests for the Pine Grove Parade on October 18<sup>th</sup> and Tremont Parade on October 19<sup>th</sup> . All in favor; Motion passed.
- We received the 2025 Fire Relief Money – check was given to Roger Adams.
- Tremont Nursing Home Trick or Treat on October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6-8 pm.

■ **TREMONT AMBULANCE REPORT**

- Scheibley reported they had 61 BLS and 71 ALS calls in September 2025.
- Turkey Dinner November 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Hoagie Sale November 11<sup>th</sup>

■ **ENGINEER REPORT (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE)**

- Marty Sowers report included:
  - 102-104 Clay Street
  - Vehicle on Main Street
  - 16 E. Main Street
  - Cats
    - 117 Vaux Ave is accepting ownership of cats
    - 246 N. Pine Street
    - 65 Vaux Ave – Cats and cockroaches
  - High grass
    - 310 E. Main – 4 adults and 5 kids living there
    - 312 E. Main
    - 314 E. Main
  - 101-103 Spring Street – owner died
  - Apartment on Main Street infested with cockroaches
  - 17 Union Street – NOV sent – no response

**RECREATION & EDUCATION:**

- John Poff reported
  - Tremont Park Playground Project (DCNR Grant):
    - Request for Council to pay
      - Motion made by Eisenacher, second by Scheibley, to pay Application for Payment #2 submitted by Aungst in the amount of \$80,160.72. All in favor; Motion passes.
    - Dale Marks – Playground was hooked into the old water lines in the alley. John Poff will look into this.
    - Scott Fisher – A big kid was on the playground equipment.
    - PPL pole still hasn't been removed.

**TREASURER REPORT / FINANCE:** August and September 2025

Account	Type	Name	Memo/Description	Income	Expense
GENERAL ACCOUNT	Expense	MID PENN BANK	Payment to Note A Obligation Loan		250,117.02
	Expense	MID PENN BANK	Payment to Note B Obligation Loan		16,565.90
	Expense	ADOBE	ATM/POS Debit - Recur Payment CA SAN JOSE Adobe		84.76
	Expense	GEISINGER QUALITY OPTIONS, INC	ACH Debit Received - InstaMed GEISINGER		2,081.82
	Check	TREMONT FIREMAN'S RELIEF ASSOCIATION	2024 FIRE RELIEF ALLOCATION		7,366.92
	Check	SUZANNE SCHACH	Personal Property Damage		308.84
	Expense	LAW OFFICE of SHANE HOBBS	ACH Debit Received - LAW OFFICE OF SH SALE		3,625.00
	Check	GEORGE HOVEROCKER	Reimbursement for Supplies		50.11
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	Expense	FRONTIER	ACH Debit Received - FRONTIER COMMUNI BILL PAY		475.76
	Expense	AMAZON	Building Supplies, Cleaning Supplies		213.98
	Deposit	ELITE REVENUE	Delinquent Road & School Taxes	4,581.86	
	Check	BYRON ENTERPRISES	Floor Care Work - Tremont Borough Bldg.		1,686.25
	Deposit	MID PENN BANK	Interest Credit - Interest	21.33	
	Check	NORTH WESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO	TREMONT BOROUGH EMPLOYEE PENSIONS		5,759.88
	Check	METLIFE	TREMONT BOROUGH EMPLOYEE PENSIONS		2,879.94
	Transfer	TO PLAYGROUND ACCOUNT	Partial DCNRGrant Money Received - Playground Project		207,507.00
	Expense	INTUIT QUICKBOOKS	ATM/POS Debit - Recur Payment 03-29 CA CL.INTUIT.COM INTUIT *QBooks NE SEQ# 009740 7276		647.66
	Expense	SCMA	Water & Sewer Service		1,331.76
	Expense	PPL	Electric		7,659.63
	Expense	FAMILY DOLLAR	Office Supplies		32.89
	Expense	CASH	Recycling Start up Money		80.00
	Deposit	COMMONWEALTH of PENNSYLVANIA	2025 Employee Pensions	8,604.70	
	Deposit	COMMONWEALTH of PENNSYLVANIA	2025 Fire Relief Allocation	7,878.26	
	Check	GEORGE HOVEROCKER	Reimbursement for Supplies		28.87
	Check	ANTZ ENERGY SYSTEMS INC.	HVAC Services & Repair		5,102.13
	Check	NEWSWANGER	Law n Care Equipment Supplies and Repair		275.93
	Check	FROMM ELECTRIC SUPPLY	LED Lights		221.46
	Check	EHRlich	Pest Control		127.70
	Check	AMERICAN COMPUTER ASSOCIATES	Domain Service		195.40
	Check	LEWIS M. KOHR	Medicare Premium Reimbursement		433.80
	Deposit	DEPOSITS	Total Deposits	20,147.06	
Deposit	MID PENN BANK	Interest Credit - Interest	13.56		
<b>Total GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>				<b>\$ 41,246.77</b>	<b>\$ 514,896.98</b>

<b>SWIMMING POOL ACCOUNT</b>	Expense	PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES	Pool Electric		51.35
	Deposit	MID PENN BANK	Interest Credit - Interest	0.07	
	Deposit	MID PENN BANK	Interest Credit - Interest	0.08	
<b>Total SWIMMING POOL ACCOUNT</b>				<b>\$ 0.15</b>	<b>\$ 51.35</b>
<b>NEW EQUIPT FUND ACCT</b>	Deposit	MID PENN BANK	Interest Credit - Interest	0.01	
	Deposit	MID PENN BANK	Interest Credit - Interest	0.01	
<b>Total NEW EQUIPT FUND ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 0.02</b>	
<b>DCNR PLAYGROUND ACCT</b>	Check	AUNGST	Playground Project		97,041.22
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	9.47	
<b>PLAYGROUND ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 9.47</b>	<b>\$ 97,041.22</b>
<b>PLGIT GENERAL ACCT</b>	Deposit	BERKHEIMER	EIT/LST Disbursements	44,380.40	
	Transfer	to Highway Aid Acct	Liquid Fuels Allocation (Audit )		13,896.88
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	529.30	
<b>TOTAL -PLGIT GENERAL ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 44,909.70</b>	<b>\$ 13,896.88</b>
<b>FIRE DEPT FUND</b>	Check	WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP	2025 Flow Test Inspections		1,076.00
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	166.94	
<b>TOTAL -FIRE DEPT. FUND ACCT</b>				<b>\$ 166.94</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>HIGHWAY AID FUND (LIQUID FUELS)</b>	Transfer	From PLGIT General	Liquid Fuels Allocation (Audit )	13,896.88	
	Interest	INTEREST	Interest Credit - Interest	306.81	
<b>TOTAL - HIGHWAY AID FUND (LIQUID FUELS ACCT)</b>				<b>\$ 14,203.69</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

- Motion made by Adams, second by Strickler, approving the Treasurer Report. All in favor with Scheibley abstaining; Motion passes.

### ***OLD BUSINESS:***

- Rave Subscription will remain at \$1,000.00 per year.
  - Scheibley reported that 468 phone lines and 90 emails/texts use the Rave System
- Suzanne Schach's Vehicle Damage
  - Quote from Gary's Auto Body for \$3,735.97
  - Hobbs requested a letter from her insurance company
- Scheibley reported there is no funding source available for a new Fire Siren

### ***NEW BUSINESS:***

- Pine Grove Baseball Association has 18 teams and requested to use the Tremont Baseball field next season.
  - Scheibley said the Baseball Association needs to discuss this, but he feels they put too much time and effort into their field to just turn it over to another association.

### ***CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:***

- **Sherry Huntzinger**
  - 1) There are blocks to finish the wall behind their house
  - 2) Island growth in creek
    - There is a big island of sediment in the creek behind her house that needs to be removed.

- **Laurie Bender**
  - 1) Secretary
    - She claims that she did not apologize to the secretary at last month's meeting.
    - Wants to know why there wasn't a response to her R-T-K Request.
      - Secretary informed Council that she did not pay the fees to release the records to her.
- **Phil Kintzel**
  - 1) Read James Scheibley's formal resignation from September 26, 2025:

Councilmembers -

I am writing to formally resign from my position as Road Master with the Tremont Borough effective end of business today, September 26, 2025. This resignation comes with joy, as I embark on a new opportunity, but also with deep sadness as I have enjoyed and appreciated serving this Borough for nine years.

In resigning, there are two things I must make abundantly clear: First, the Borough has represented that it was billed for SEO services done on what is now my sons' properties on at least two separate occasions. It is my understanding that the Borough was either billed in error, or in accordance with the PA Sewage Facilities Act (Act 537, as amended). Sadly, despite one verbal and two written requests by my attorney on my behalf requesting copies of invoices, the Borough has wholly failed to respond. Shockingly, the solicitor for the Borough emailed one of my sons, and copied others, on Sunday, August 17, 2025, and notified him that the Borough could not accept any payments from me or my family (among other outrageous and offensive statements). My family is now, and has been, ready, willing, and able to remit payment for SEO services.

Second, I want to emphasize to you, Councilmembers, and to my community that I agreed to participate in any and all investigations by the Borough while employed by the Borough. On September 4, 2025, my attorney was contacted by an outside law firm retained by the Borough to conduct an investigation. I am not sure exactly of the scope of the investigation. Regardless, an interview was scheduled for me with the outside law firm for September 22, 2025, at 10:00a. I was eager to participate in the investigation. On September 19, 2025, my attorney was contacted by the investigating law firm, who had heard I was starting a new job, and it was suggested by the investigating law firm that to save the Borough tax dollars we postpone the interview and seek other resolution. I readily agreed, despite wanting to participate, because I was and will always be looking out for the best interests of the Borough and its taxpayers. The investigating law firm postponed my interview. I did not postpone the interview. As an employee of the Borough, I was ready, willing, and able to participate in any investigatory interview.

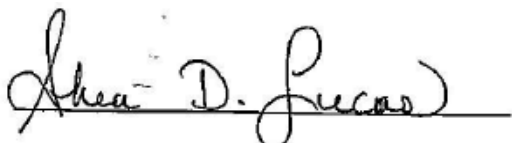
Unfortunately, the time came for me to find other employment outside of the Borough, which I have now done. It has been my pleasure to serve the Borough as Road Master. I will remain serving as a duly elected Borough Councilmember, and I look forward to returning to my duties and supporting my community.

- 1) Read James Scheibley's Ethic Investigation Letter
    - At the advice of Solicitor Hobbs, due to a confidentiality clause, this letter could not be included in the Minutes.
- **Denise Krammes**
    - 1) SKIP Cleanup
      - 48 bags were picked up by the County
    - 2) Weeds on Main Street should be but before parade
  - **Rodney Updegrave**
    - 1) Haunt in the Mont
    - 2) Santa will arrive December 13<sup>th</sup>

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Motion made by Strickler, second by Adams, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.; All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

**ATTEST:**



**PRESIDENT:**

