

**TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 10, 2025**

***CALL TO ORDER:***

President Ochs opened the Tremont Borough Council Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 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 and Secretary-Treasurer Shea Lucas.

**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 May 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor; Minutes approved.

***SOLICITOR'S REPORT:***

*Attorney Shane Hobbs*

- Problem Properties
  - 29 Spring Street
    - Hearing date is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm in front of Judge Goodman.
  - 314 E. Main Street
    - Called the owner and left a message.
  - 110 W. Main Street
    - Citations were issued against this property in June of 2023 to Diane Kreiser. She lives on Goldmine Road; however, that's not the address listed on the parcel viewer. I have provided both address to the DJ's office. To my knowledge no citations have been served. The citation status is "inactive", as the summons was "not delivered". I followed up with Rossi's office for a status and also issued new citations. Confirmed with Rossi's office that the old citations were not served.

***MAYOR'S REPORT:***

*Mayor Gerald Fasnacht:*

- The Mayor contacted a guy that owns a salvage yard and will tow the vehicles we tag. He has to make some revisions to the stickers.
- The Bridge work on Line/Laurel Street is detouring all traffic onto Union Street, including big trucks. Union Street Bridge has a weight limit. Signs are posted by the bridge.

***PUBLIC UTILITY AND STREETS:***

- Eisenacher reported (for Scheibley) that the Union Street road work will begin in July.

***PROPERTY:***

- Motion made by Eisenacher, second by Adams, granting the Office of Solid Waste & Recycling permission to use our site at 33 Middle Creek Rd, on Sept 12th and 13th from 8 am – Noon, to host the 2025 Recycling Event. All in favor; Motion passed.
- Adams recommended that we start switching over to LED lights in the buildings that the Borough owns. He requests that Scheibley make the switch as the bulbs need to be replaced. Motion made by Eisenacher, second by Adams, allowing Scheibley to purchase a case of LED Lights so he can replace the bulbs that burn out over time with the LED bulbs. All in favor; Motion passed.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY:**• **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

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

| MAY CALLS        |   |                 |   |
|------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| Structure Fire   | 1 | Chief's Request | 1 |
| MVA              | 1 | Tree Down       | 1 |
| Brush Fire       | 1 | Investigation   | 1 |
| Automatic Alarms | 2 | QRS Responses   | 7 |
| Vehicle Fire     | 4 |                 |   |

- The Rescue truck is going for inspection this month.
- The Engine has the upcoming pump flow test.
- Chief Eisenacher asked about the Fire Relief money
  - The Secretary gave this update:
    - 2/26/25 - Report was filed.
    - 3/31/25 – Ag's Office Approved the Report
    - 6/10/25 (Today) – Secretary received an email that it was accepted and will be processed.
  - Adams told Council that he sent them two emails last month and he is still waiting for them to respond.
- President Ochs asked Chief Eisenacher if they decided to switch to another garage for their truck maintenance.
  - The Chief said they are not switching from Mars at this time. They don't want to switch to someone who isn't going to be available all the time to come out when we call. The Fire Company has discussed it, but hasn't made a decision yet and the truck needs to be inspected.
  - President Ochs expressed his thoughts that the Fire Company could save a lot of money by going to a much cheaper garage but you would rather keep wasting money in labor fees and repair costs but yet continue to ask for more money.

• **TREMONT AMBULANCE REPORT**

- No Report

• **ENGINEER REPORT (PROPERTY MAINTENANCE)**

- President Ochs read the report submitted by Marty Sowers:

- **16 East Main St –**

- I have looked at the property and the exposed wall is brick (of 14 East Main), that was originally exposed. It appears that there MIGHT be penetrations that accepted the floor/ceiling joists. I can't see if they're penetrations or if they're just pockets. I'm assuming pockets. There is also a common foundation wall that is still in place. And the property is not seeded/stabilized.
- I have drafted a letter advising that the escrow will not be released until:
- Penetrations have been sealed
- Foundation wall is removed
- Soil is seeded/stabilized
- NOTE: this letter is an attempt to have the owner of the demolished property complete all outstanding items. I want us all to be clear, that there is no ordinance that requires the property owner to make repairs to a remaining "common wall". I believe that it's the right thing to do, however I believe it may boil down to a civil matter between property owners. The question of the wall may remain since we can't prove what property the wall is on.
- I'm only telling you these things because the borough may potentially have no enforcement authority on sealing up the neighbor's wall and removing the remaining foundation wall (could boil down to civil matter)

- **312 and 314 Main St -**

- NOV's sent to each property owner
- Citations issued

- **17 Union St-**
  - UPDATE – Followed up. I issued NOV and requested access into the home to verify whether or not any code violations exist. I did observe a couple of extension cords.
- **120 W. Main ( Funeral Home) –**
  - I looked at this. The downspout is discharging directly onto the public sidewalk. Does the borough have an ordinance explicitly prohibiting downspouts to discharge onto public sidewalk. This is a typical occurrence. If the borough wishes, I can issue a NOV for discharging a downspout as a “public nuisance”.
    - We do have an Ordinance for this, as per the Mayor.
    - Council agreed that Marty should send a violation for the down spout.
- **110 W. Main Street -**
  - UPDATE – I issued citations against this property in June of 2023 to Diane Kreiser. She lives on Goldmine Road; however, that’s not the address listed on the parcel viewer. I have provided both address to the DJ’s office. To my knowledge no citations have been served. The citation status is “inactive”, as the summons was “not delivered”. I followed up with Rossi’s office for a status and also issued new citations. Confirmed with Rossi’s office that the old citations were not served.
- **233 W. Laurel Street**
  - QOL ticket issued
- **Tagged Vehicles**
  - “Hammer’s Towing needs the proper paperwork to be completed by Marty before he can tow any of these vehicles”
  - UPDATE – There is a number required by the towing company in order for the vehicles to be towed. That number is ONLY relative to POLICE OFFICER. The form specifies “police officer”. Since I’m not a police officer, I don’t have that number. FURTHER, The stickers state “Tremont Police Department”, AND I’m not able to find anything in the ordinance that gives less than 10 days to remove vehicles. The stickers I think say 72 hours. So these requirements are not consistent. I have brought this to Council’s attention in the past (both to Jerry and to Jim and the solicitor, when I was stickering cars with Jerry) that I’m concerned about the inconsistency with the ordinances and the stickers. I’m concerned that there is too much exposure for the borough/or myself to get into trouble. In the past I was stickering vehicles with the understanding that I would not be the person who would contact the towing company to make the request for towing for this reason. We would need to work with the state police to provide their number. First, however, I would suggest obtaining new stickers that reference the ordinances that are in place regarding abandoned vehicles.

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

- The Secretary read the report submitted by John Poff for the Playground Project:
  - ***Tremont Park Playground Project (DCNR Grant):***  
Arthur “Pat” Aungst & Sons has ordered the playground equipment and will mobilize approximately two to three weeks prior to the playground equipment delivery.
  - ***Stormwater Collection System Project (DCED Grant):***  
LHAI has started preliminary engineering work on the project.
- A couple of Borough Residents addressed Council with their intent of forming a Pool Committee to raise funds so Tremont can have a community pool again. They requested and official expression of support from Council.
  - Motion made by Adams, second by Strickler, that Council expresses their support to proceed with forming the Committee and with their efforts to raise funds for the pool. All in favor; Motion passed

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

| Account                                 | Type     | Name                          | Memo/Description                                 | Income               | Expense             |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>MID PENN GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>         | Expense  | MID PENN BANK                 | Payment to Note A Obligation Loan                |                      | 2,367.63            |
|                                         | Deposit  | TREMONT BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR | Real Estate Taxes Collected April 2025           | 74,676.01            |                     |
|                                         | Deposit  | TREMONT BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR | Per Capita Taxes Collected April 2025            | 656.60               |                     |
|                                         | Deposit  | TREMONT BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR | Real Estate Taxes Collected May 1 - May 15, 2025 | 49,620.42            |                     |
|                                         | Deposit  | TREMONT BOROUGH TAX COLLECTOR | Per Capita Taxes Collected May 1 - May 15, 2025  | 99.60                |                     |
|                                         | Deposit  | COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL          | Delinquent Road & School Taxes                   | 2,608.00             |                     |
|                                         | Check    | LIGHT-HEGEL & ASSOCIATES, INC | Property Maintenance Services                    |                      | 435.75              |
|                                         | Expense  | INTUIT QUICKBOOKS             | Computer Program Subscription with Payroll       |                      | 319.06              |
|                                         | Check    | SCHUYLKILL COUNTY TREASURER   | Tax Bills Printed                                |                      | 119.84              |
|                                         | Expense  | ADOBE                         | Computer Program Subscription                    |                      | 42.38               |
|                                         | Expense  | WEX INC. SUNOCO FLEET CARD    | Borough Truck Fuel                               |                      | 89.00               |
|                                         | Expense  | TEVIS ENERGY                  | Heating Oil - TACC Bldg                          |                      | 470.44              |
|                                         | Expense  | FRONTIER                      | Phone & Internet Service                         |                      | 463.62              |
|                                         | Check    | Antonio & Megan Randazzo      | Refund - Real Estate Taxes                       |                      | 119.71              |
|                                         | Expense  | PPL                           | Electric                                         |                      | 6,880.11            |
|                                         | Expense  | ZITO MEDIA                    | Garage Internet                                  |                      | 53.00               |
|                                         | Check    | POTTS & MONGER SANITATION     | Garbage Collection                               |                      | 85.00               |
|                                         | Check    | BERKHEIMER                    | EIT & LST Commissions                            |                      | 366.25              |
|                                         | Check    | EHRLICH                       | Pest Control                                     |                      | 251.32              |
|                                         | Expense  | UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  | Stamps                                           |                      | 75.55               |
|                                         | Check    | LAW OFFICE of SHANE HOBBS     | Solicitor Fees                                   |                      | 1,825.00            |
|                                         | Expense  | GESINGER QUALITY OPTIONS, INC | Employee Medical Insurance Premium               |                      | 1,387.88            |
|                                         | Check    | LEWIS MOYER                   | May 2025 Inspections                             |                      | 135.00              |
|                                         | Check    | NEWSWANGER                    | Lawn Mower Repair / Supplies                     |                      | 53.85               |
|                                         | Deposit  | MONTHLY DEPOSITS              | Regular Monthly Deposits                         | 5,972.85             |                     |
|                                         | Interest | MID PENN BANK                 | Interest Credit - Interest                       | 10.58                |                     |
| <b>TOTAL - MID PENN GENERAL ACCOUNT</b> |          |                               |                                                  | <b>\$ 133,644.06</b> | <b>\$ 15,550.39</b> |

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| <b>PAYROLL</b> | <b>TOTAL - PAYROLL COST</b> |  |  | <b>\$ 17,407.90</b> |
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| <b>SWIMMING POOL ACCT</b>         | Expense  | PPL ELECTRIC UTILITIES | Pool Electric              |                | 51.45           |
|                                   | Interest | INTEREST               | Interest Credit - Interest | 0.07           |                 |
| <b>TOTAL - SWIMMING POOL ACCT</b> |          |                        |                            | <b>\$ 0.07</b> | <b>\$ 51.45</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    | NEPA- Republican Herald | Playground Project Bid Advertisement |                | 2,206.80           |
|                                     | Interest | INTEREST                | Interest Credit - Interest           | 0.76           |                    |
| <b>TOTAL - DCNR PLAYGROUND ACCT</b> |          |                         |                                      | <b>\$ 0.76</b> | <b>\$ 2,206.80</b> |

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| <b>PLGIT GENERAL ACCT</b>         | Deposit  | BERKHEIMER | EIT/LST Disbursements      | 34,852.65           |             |
|                                   | Interest | INTEREST   | Interest Credit - Interest | 1,322.15            |             |
| <b>TOTAL - PLGIT GENERAL ACCT</b> |          |            |                            | <b>\$ 36,174.80</b> | <b>\$ -</b> |

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| <b>FIRE DEPT FUND</b>               | Interest | INTEREST | Interest Credit - Interest | 174.35           |             |
| <b>TOTAL - FIRE DEPT. FUND ACCT</b> |          |          |                            | <b>\$ 174.35</b> | <b>\$ -</b> |

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| <b>HIGHWAY AID FUND<br/>(LIQUID FUELS)</b>          | Check    | POTTSVILLE QUARRY                 | Cold Patch                 |                  | 241.80             |
|                                                     | Check    | (SEAL MASTER) FWG SM Holdings LLC | Curb Paint                 |                  | 1,055.88           |
|                                                     | Interest | INTEREST                          | Interest Credit - Interest | 154.96           |                    |
| <b>TOTAL - HIGHWAY AID FUND (LIQUID FUELS ACCT)</b> |          |                                   |                            | <b>\$ 154.96</b> | <b>\$ 1,297.68</b> |

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

**FINANCE:**

- Nothing to report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Scheibley requested to purchase a new push mower. Motion made by Eisenacher, second by Adams, for Scheibley to purchase a new push mower. All in Favor; Motion passed.
- The Secretary gave an update for the PPL bill for the Pool, it is a standard set charge that PPL charges for seasonal businesses, that only use metered electric a couple of months out of the year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Scheibley is requesting that we start advertising to fill Lewis's Position in Streets Dept. Motion made by Adams, second by Strickler, to advertise on Facebook for a part-time, as needed streets dept. laborer, with hourly wage at \$20. President Ochs, Adams and Strickler voted Yes, Eisenacher voted no; Motion passed 3-1
- The Secretary will look into billing the Ambulance Service areas for their portion of the worker's comp, like we do with the Fire Company.
- Council decided to postpone the Document Shredding until the Secretary has time to get through all of the boxes.

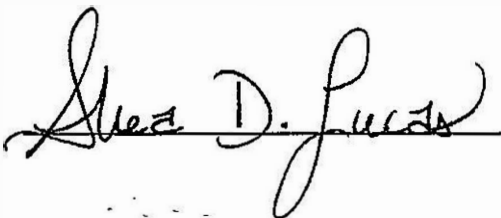
**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:**

- Paulette Yuschock
  - 1) Is 11 W. Laurel Street one of the properties that the Borough mows?
    - The Secretary will check the list.
- Butch Kender
  - 1) Did Council give Scheibley permission to extend the curb painting by Pribilla's? He never painted it and he said that he was waiting for permission from Council.
    - Yes, a Motion was made and passed that included that curb.
- The Secretary informed Council that Paulette Yuschock's garbage can was damaged today when the Streets Department was emptying her yard waste. Council informed her that the Borough will pay to replace her garbage can.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Motion made by Strickler, second by Adams, to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.; All in favor. Meeting Adjourned.

**ATTEST:**

  
Shae D. Lucas

**PRESIDENT:**

  
William Ochs

# TREMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 10, 2025

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| 1. <i>Paula J. Gussack</i>   | 19. |
| 2. <i>Lauri Bender</i>       | 20. |
| 3. <i>Jacqueline Nesbitt</i> | 21. |
| 4. <i>Geoff Fessenden</i>    | 22. |
| 5. <i>Butch Bender</i>       | 23. |
| 6. <i>Bob Donmore</i>        | 24. |
| 7. <i>Melissa Stokes</i>     | 25. |
| 8. <i>Kathleen Grammes</i>   | 26. |
| 9. <i>Sherry Hutzinger</i>   | 27. |
| 10. <i>Kathy Adams</i>       | 28. |
| 11. <i>Christi Snover</i>    | 29. |
| 12. <i>John Miller</i>       | 30. |
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