REGULAR MEETING TREMONT VILLAGE BOARD October 16, 2017

President Todd Bong called to order this regular meeting of the Tremont Village Board at 7:00 PM, Monday, October 16, 2017, at the Tremont Village Hall.

Present: President Bong, Trustees Scott, Replogle, Zuercher, Harding, Scranton

Absent: Trustee Getz

Village Clerk: J. Madsen Attorney: R. Wherry

Police Chief: M. Dodwell

Guests: Mary Ann Vance, Kevin Ulrich, Eric Hansen, Glen Gullette, Jerry Olson,

Heather Longfellow

Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Trustee Zuercher moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of October 2, 2017, and Replogle seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

BILLS

Trustee Zuercher moved to approve all bills incurred since October 2, 2017, and Replogle seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Following extensive conference calls last week concerning S&P rating and due diligence, it was suggested that the village tighten up its budget, avoid the overspending in General Fund, use less transfers of funds and create a reserve policy all of which Trustee Harding said would be easy enough to do.

Zoning Officer Glen Gullette informed the Board that the temporary fencing on the west side of *Casey's* was erected for construction purposes and will be removed in 30 days.

Police Chief Mike Dodwell attended a conference concerning the use of narcam which will be available to the department if needed.

Trustee Harding moved to transfer \$9,437.55 from General Fund Savings to Police Operations Checking to cover bills and payroll. Zuercher seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: Nays Motion carried.

Trustee Scranton moved to approve the audited 2017 Financial Statement as presented by *Wolf/Tesar*, and Replogle seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Eric Hansen, representing Village Engineers *CMT*, reported that the bid package for the first phase of sewer work is ready for dispersal. It includes bids for 5500 feet of sewer line and work on more than 35 manholes. With an overall estimate of more than one million dollars, bids will be opened no later than November 20.

Hansen also presented to the Board ideas for the Sampson Street and Walnut street intersection with special attention to our non-compliant ramps at each corner.

Kevin Ulrich was present to introduce himself and his business, *Anthem Insurance Group*, should the Village decide to find an alternative risk management insurance in place of the *Illinois Municipal League* insurance that it has had since 1982. President Bong will meet with Ulrich next week to look at plans.

Trustee Replogle moved to approve a Class A liquor license and video gaming license for *121 Club, Inc.*, as recommended by the Tremont Liquor Commission. Harding seconded. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Trustee Scranton moved to approve the "Policy and Procedure" letter for EMMA reporting making Clerk Madsen responsible for the procedure. Zuercher seconded. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Jerry Olson, representing the Tremont Area Park District, informed the Board about the infestation of emerald ash borers at both Tremont parks. He spoke of at least 17 infected trees. Olson said that nine of the trees could be treated, but the others should be removed. Treatment would cost about \$2200 every two years. Removal would range between \$1500 and \$2000 per tree. No action was taken at this time.

In final business, Trustee Replogle reported that the Employee Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 2, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Morton.

Motion to adjourn. Adjourn at 8:40 PM.

Gerald B. Madsen Village Clerk Todd R. Bong Board President