

**REGULAR MEETING
TREMONT VILLAGE BOARD
September 8, 2020**

Village President Todd Bong called to order this regular meeting of the Tremont Village Board at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at the Tremont Community Center.

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

Absent: None

Village Clerk: J. Madsen

Attorney: Richard Wherry

Int. Police Chief: Rob Siwak

Guests: Eric Hansen, Robert Ropp, Sean Berry, Jason Hawksworth, Jim Evans, Steve Bechtel, Ken Gibson, Glen Gullette, Jason Garey, Jeff Leber, Kevin Hodges, Gus Hodges, Jeff Hinman, Kevin Ulrich

Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Trustee Zuercher moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of August 17, 2020, and Scott seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None

Motion carried.

BILLS

Trustee Zuercher moved to approve all bills incurred since August 17, 2020, and Getz seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None

Motion carried.

GENERAL:

Trustee Scott informed the Board that the search committee is in the final stages for selecting a new Police Chief. Hopefully a choice will be made by the next meeting.

Trustee Zuercher reported that all work at the Village Hall has been completed, and a few items still need attention at the Community Center.

Trustee Scranton told the Board that Sales Tax revenue is consistent this month as last year.

Trustee Scranton moved to transfer \$19,731.85 from General Fund Savings to Police Operations checking to cover bills and payroll. Zuercher seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Next, Trustee Scranton moved to transfer \$1902.50 from the Road and Bridge Fund to General Fund Savings as reimbursement for engineering. Harding seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Finally, Trustee Scranton moved to transfer \$15,357.55 from Chestnut Street Project to General Fund Savings as reimbursement for engineering. Getz seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Trustee Scranton moved to approve President Bong's appointment of Jeff Leber to the Zoning Board. Replogle seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Trustee Getz reported that S. Chestnut St. traffic will be closed to one-way traffic due to the road construction. Also, Getz said that the chip-seal project will soon go out for bids.

ORDINANCES:

Trustee Scranton moved to approve **Ordinance 20-113** authorizing the execution of an Annexation Agreement with *Midwest Equipment*. Getz seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Trustee Zuercher moved to approve **Ordinance 20-114** providing for the annexation of *Midwest Equipment* to the Village of Tremont.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Trustee Zuercher moved to approve **Ordinance 20-115** amending the Zoning Map of the Village of Tremont. Scranton seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

ZONING:

Kevin and Gus Hodges were present to request permission to install a ground mounted solar array behind their property on land outside the Village limits. He was directed to fill out a building permit and bring request to the Zoning Board before the Village Board would act.

Following discussion and interpretation, Trustee Zuercher moved to uphold the Zoning Board recommendation to approve a variance for 604-606 W. Pearl Street contingent upon the replatting of the two existing properties, and approving a rear yard variance for 604 and front yard variance for 606 along with a zero lot line approval. Scranton seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Following lengthy discussion, Trustee Scranton moved to uphold the unanimous Zoning Board recommendation to deny the requested variance by Tremont High School and Middle School for ground mounted solar array. Harding seconded.

AYES: Scranton, Getz, Scott, Zuercher NAYS: Replogle, Harding

Motion carried 4-2

PERSONNEL:

Trustee Replogle moved to direct the Personnel Committee to advertise for a laborer position for the Public Works Department, and Getz seconded.

Trustee Harding moved to table this agenda item until further information regarding the position is known. Zuercher seconded.

AYES: Scott, Replogle, Harding, President Bong

NAYS: Scranton, Getz, Zuercher

Motion carried 4-3.

Trustee Scranton urged the board to consider updates and changes to rules and wording in the EMPLOYEES HANDBOOK. The Personnel Committee will take a closer look at the current handbook and suggest certain changes.

Interim Police Chief Rob Siwak informed the Board of the mobile sign in use on Chestnut Street to warn of the new 4-way stop, and also requested Board permission to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (re: covid 19) for use by employees and the village.

Trustee Harding moved to direct Siwak to purchase PPE as needed realizing that such funds will eventually be reimbursed by the state. Scranton seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Adjourn at 8:38 PM.

Gerald B. Madsen
Village Clerk

Todd R. Bong
Village Board President

