

**REGULAR MEETING
TREMONT VILLAGE BOARD
November 21, 2022**

Village President Todd Bong called to order this regular meeting of the Tremont Village Board at 7:00 PM, Monday, November 21, 2022 at the Tremont Village Hall.

Present: President Bong, Trustees Zuercher, Harding, Scranton, Getz, Smith

Absent: Trustee Replogle

Village Clerk: David Lucas

Attorney: Bradley Barber

Police Chief: Rob Siwak

Village Administrator: Jeff Hinman

Village Engineer: Eric Hansen

Guests: Tony Morr

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of November 7, 2022 and Trustee Getz seconded.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Zuercher motioned to approve all bills, payroll, investments, transfers and budget items incurred since November 7, 2022, and Trustee Harding seconded.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Harding noted that one of the doors on the Museum building needs repairing or replacing.

Trustee Scranton made a motion to transfer \$11738.05 from General Fund Savings to Police Operations Checking to cover bills and payroll. Trustee Getz seconded.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Scranton made a motion to transfer \$16,589.00 from W&S Revenue to General Fund Savings. Trustee Harding seconded.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Scranton made a motion to transfer \$12,791.00 from the Road & Bridge fund to General Fund Savings. Trustee Harding seconded.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Getz gave an update on the Sampson Street Project, explaining that the striper for the 100 block is scheduled to complete the work.

The Village will be installing handicap signs at designated handicap parking spots along the 100 and 200 block of South Sampson Street.

The Trustees discussed the leaf pile that is currently along route 9 as you enter the Village from Highway 155. In order to make the Village of Tremont more aesthetically pleasing, the Trustees are looking into moving the leaf pile to a different location.

The lift station pump needs to be replaced, in which the Village can repair it, but only temporarily.

The Village will strip a “No Parking” area along Walnut Street for Louisa Jane, across Walnut Street from the Post Office.

Village Administrator Hinman noted that the flags/flag poles along Sampson street came down on November 18. The Village is researching wind resistant flag poles.

The Lions Club will be hanging lights along Sampson Street the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Trustee Scranton contacted all property owners about “Ordinance - Responsible Party - W&S Bill” and “Ordinance - Collection of W&S Delinquent Bills”. Which, effective May 1, 2023, will be putting the Water & Sewer bill in the property owners name as opposed to renters names. Letters will be sent out to all property owners concerning the ordinances. These ordinances only pertain to residential properties, not commercial.

Trustee Scranton and Village Administrator Hinman met with Tremont School Superintendent Sean Berry on November 17, 2022 to further discuss the joint meeting between the School board and the Village board.

Jeff Hinman gave updates on some Village technology projects, including an invoice from Haas IT about changes to the newsletter, obtaining a social media presence for the Village, and securing “.gov” email domains for Village elected officials and employees.

Police chief Siwak and Jeff Hinman have been researching different options as it pertains to establishing “.gov” emails in which IceWarp, a software company, offers this exact service that the Village is needing at a relatively low cost.

Trustee Zuercher made a motion to adopt IceWarps services, securing the Village of Tremont with “.gov” emails for Village elected officials and Village employees. Trustee Harding seconded.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Tony Morr presented a “Republic Waste” proposal that was given to the Village Trustees. The Village Trustees are going to further discuss the proposal and decide what is in the best interests of the Village residents. A public hearing is to be set in the near future concerning the matter.

Village Attorney Barber and the Village Trustees discussed the 2022/2023 Levy.

Trustee Scranton made a motion to Levy \$372,000 for the 2023 fiscal year. Trustee Smith seconded.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

A public hearing is going to be set for the 2023 fiscal year levy.

Village attorney Barber and the Village Trustees discussed the Business District Tax. In order to create a Business Development District, the municipality must find that the area under consideration is a blighted area.

Trustee Zuercher made a motion to enter into executive session at 8:20 pm. Trustee Scranton seconded.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

The short term rental - AirBnB application is currently under review.

Adjourn at 8:42 pm.

David A. Lucas
Village Clerk

Todd R. Bong
Village Board President
