

**REGULAR MEETING  
TREMONT VILLAGE BOARD  
January 20, 2025**

Village President pro tempore Ken Harding called to order this regular meeting of the Tremont Village Board at 7:00 PM, Monday, January 20, 2025, at the Tremont Village Hall.

**Present:** Village President pro tempore Ken Harding, Trustees Zuercher, Scranton, Smith

**Absent:** President Bong, Trustees Getz, Hinman

Village Clerk: Jena Alig

Village Attorney: Lane Alster

Police Chief: Rob Siwak

Engineer: Eric Hansen

Guests: Cooper Wendling, Alida Proehl, Rebecca Proehl

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Zuercher moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of January 6, 2025, and Trustee Smith seconded.

**AYES: Zuercher, Scranton, Harding, Smith**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

Trustee Smith motioned to approve all bills, payroll, investments, transfers, and budget items incurred since January 6, 2025, and Trustee Zuercher seconded.

**AYES: Smith, Zuercher Harding Scranton**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

Trustee Scranton made a motion to transfer \$13,977.77 from General Fund Savings to Police Operations to cover payroll and bills and Trustee Smith seconded.

**AYES: Scranton, Harding, Smith, Zuercher**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

## **Police Operations**

Trustee Hinman was absent. Trustee Scranton discussed the gap in coverage with Officer Fletcher out. Chief Siwak let the board know that part time officers are picking up most of the available shifts.

## **Zoning & Planning**

Trustee Harding presented a copy of Tazewell County's commercial building permit fees for the Board to review and decide at the next meeting to adopt.

## **Buildings & Grounds**

Trustee Zuercher reported that the outlets have been installed on the Sampson streetlight poles and one more will be installed to the light pole by the fire house.

## **Personnel**

Trustee Smith reported the new cleaning person will meet with Michelle to do a walk through. A weekly/monthly scope of work will be implemented.

## **Finance**

Trustee Scranton reported the Village had a record level revenue month. Taxes from sales tax, BDD, and income from the month of November. A \$40,000 payment will be made this week towards the loan.

## **Public Works**

Trustee Getz was absent.

## **Public Comments**

## **Unfinished Business**

- 1. Building Permit Process and Fines:** Discussed during committee reports.
- 2. Variance Review:** Trustee Scranton discussed having a tracking of approved/denied variances. Jena started electronically keeping tracks of variances and permits in 2023. The board requested updating the electronic tracking back to 2020.
- 3. Review of Resolution 05-110:** Capitalization policy is currently 20 years old and needs to be updated. The board requested the auditor's recommendation for the asset's dollar threshold.

## **New Business**

- 1. Appointment of Building Inspector:** Board discussed Glenn helping Greg with the transition and the Zoning Committee giving him guidelines on required reports.

Trustee Harding moved to approve appointing Greg Bolliger as the building inspector with compensation of \$500 per month, and Trustee Zuercher seconded.

**AYES: Harding, Smith, Zuercher, Scranton**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

- 2. Alida Proehl – 5K Charity Run:** Alida requested the approval of the board for a 5K charity run on July 19, 2025, to support Ear Community, a non-profit that helps children with microtia and atresia. Alida was born with both.

Trustee Smith made a motion to approve the 5K charity run on July 19, 2025, and Trustee Zuercher seconded.

**AYES: Smith, Zuercher, Scranton, Harding**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

- 3. IDOT Rt. 9 Proposal:** Engineer Hansen reported that IDOT has asked to meet on January 27, 2025, to discuss cost sharing, maintenance, relocating watermain by the high school, and maintenance of crosswalk flashing beacons.

4. **2025 Sewer Monitoring Program:** Trustee Scranton discussed monitoring 11 different sections of the sewer system in the spring to capture the change in water levels as the ground thaws. The data collected will help determine any infiltration issues.

Trustee Scranton made a motion to approve a bid from Core & Main for a sewer monitoring study not to exceed \$66,000, and Trustee Smith seconded.

**AYES: Scranton, Harding, Smith, Zuercher**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

**5. CMT Sewer Program Contract Approval:**

Trustee Scranton made a motion to approve a contract with CMT to review the sewer monitoring program not to exceed \$14,500, and Trustee Smith seconded.

**AYES: Scranton, Harding, Smith, Zuercher**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

6. **2025 Community Clean Up Day:** The Board discussed having the community cleanup day the first weekend in May.

**7. Ordinance Abating 2017 and 2020 GO Bonds:**

Trustee Scranton moved to approve ordinance 25-101 and 25-102 abating the general obligation bonds, and Trustee Zuercher seconded.

**AYES: Scranton, Harding, Smith, Zuercher**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

8. **Personnel – Approval of new cleaning person:** Personnel committee recommends Heather Maroney at \$15/hr. as the new cleaning person to be effective immediately.

**AYES: Smith, Zuercher, Scranton, Harding**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

The board voted and passed the hiring of Heather Maroney as the new cleaning person.

## 9. Closed Session – Real Estate

Trustee Smith made a motion to move to a closed session pursuant to section 2C-6 of the Open Meetings Act and Trustee Zuercher seconded.

**AYES: Smith, Zuercher, Scranton, Harding**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

Trustee Scranton reported Kevin Ulrich, owner of Anthem Insurance, will be applying for 50% grant from the BDD for building repairs estimated at \$64,000.

Kylie Rassi is doing a great job. Kylie and Jena are working together to make a welcome packet for new residents and a calendar of Community Center rentals for the website.

Reconvened at 8:20 pm. No further discussion.

Adjourn at 8:20 pm

Jena Alig  
Village Clerk

Ken Harding  
Village Board President pro tempore

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