

**REGULAR MEETING
TREMONT VILLAGE BOARD
February 17, 2025**

Village President pro tempore Ken Harding called to order this regular meeting of the Tremont Village Board at 7:00 PM, Monday, February 17, 2025, at the Tremont Village Hall.

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

Absent: President Bong, Trustee Getz

Village Clerk: Jena Alig

Village Attorney: Michael Seghetti

Police Chief: Rob Siwak

Engineer: Eric Hansen

Guests: Sean Berry

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Zuercher moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of February 3, 2025, and Trustee Smith seconded.

AYES: All In Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Zuercher motioned to approve all bills, payroll, investments, transfers, and budget items incurred since February 3, 2025, and Trustee Scranton seconded.

AYES: All In Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Scranton made a motion to transfer \$7,462.79 from General Fund Savings to Police Operations to cover payroll and bills and Trustee Smith seconded.

AYES: All In Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Police Operations

Trustee Hinman discussed the need to address the pay for part-time officers and will compile data from other municipalities to present to the personnel committee.

Zoning & Planning

Trustee Harding had nothing to report.

Buildings & Grounds

Trustee Zuercher had nothing to report.

Personnel

Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

Finance

Trustee Scranton reported that we received notice that the Village was awarded the \$45,000 grant which will be used to pay on the general fund loan. He also discussed the elimination of the 1% state sales tax on food and whether the Village should consider imposing a local 1% grocery tax.

Public Works

Trustee Getz was absent. Trustee Scranton discussed the vacation of South Street.

Public Comments

Unfinished Business

- 1. Building Permit Process and Fines:** Board reviewed Tazewell County commercial fees to consider adopting the same fees. Concern these fees would not cover our cost was discussed. The discussion was tabled for now and will be reviewed at future date.
- 2. Review of Resolution 05-110:** Move to the next meeting.
- 3. IDOT Rt. 9 Proposal:** Letter of understanding was received late afternoon on Friday 2/14/25. The discussion was moved to the next meeting to provide everyone time to review LOU.
- 4. Ivy Lane ingress/egress (Cullinan Park traffic):** Move to next meeting.
- 5. Water & Sewer Budget & Rates:** Suggestion to increase debt service rate was discussed. Collecting rates from neighboring communities was also discussed.
- 6. Update Phone System – Village Hall:**

Trustee Scranton motioned to approve the quote from Masters Telecom representing Verizon in the amount of \$1200 for new IP based phone systems, and Trustee Zuercher seconded.
AYES: All In Attendance
NAYS: None
Motion carried.
- 7. Real Estate:** The board discussed receiving a proposal to sell a portion of the land location on the southeast corner of Rt.9 and Baer Rd. (the south 75 feet of the property) The sale will be published to welcome alternative proposals.

New Business

- 1. SRO Update:** Sean Berry updated the board on the school resource officer. Officer Martz's presence provides a comfortable secure atmosphere. She has a good positive relationship with the students and is a great resource for the school. The school would like to keep the arrangement as it is and believe it will only get better in the future.

2. BDD Grant App – Anthem Insurance 206 S Sampson St.:

Trustee Scranton motioned to approve the BDD grant application from Anthem Insurance Group for 50% reimbursement of \$64,692.54, and Trustee Hinman seconded.

AYES: All In Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

The funds will be used to reconstruct the front of the building.

3. Memorial Donations: Board decided that the Village will send a plant for memorials.

4. Office Computers – Police Dept.:

Trustee Scranton motioned to approve the purchase of two computers from Pearl Technology in the amount of \$2508 for the Police Department office, and Trustee Zuercher seconded.

AYES: All In Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

5. Approval Of Liquor License – Casey’s Retail Corp:

The Liquor Commission recommends the approval of the liquor license for Casey’s Retail Corp. located at 100 Lake St.

AYES: All In Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

6. Snow Parking Ban: The board discussed changing the current snow parking ban ordinance to include all Village streets at two inches of accumulation of snow. Signs will be placed at all entrances of town to notify residents.

7. Amending Ch. 121 Mobile Food Truck Ordinance

Trustee Scranton motioned to approve Ordinance 25-104 changing Food Truck License to fiscal year, and Trustee Zuercher seconded.

AYES: All In Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

The board discussed having Kylie create a Village of Tremont Facebook/Instagram page to present at the next meeting.

Congratulations to Trustee Zuercher on becoming a grandfather.

Adjourn at 8:32 pm

Jena Alig
Village Clerk

Ken Harding
Village Board President pro tempore
