REGULAR MEETING
TREMONT VILLAGE BOARD
July 21, 2025

Village President Harding called to order this regular meeting of the Tremont Village Board at 7:00 PM, Monday, July 21, 2025, at the Tremont Village Hall.

Present: Village President Harding, Trustees Zuercher, Scranton, Hinman, Kreiling
Absent: Smith
Remote: Replogle

Village Clerk: Jena Alig

Village Attorney: Michael Seghetti
Police Chief: Robert Siwak
Public Works Superintendent: Russell Boston

Guests: Steve Runyon

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Zuercher motioned to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of July 7, 2025, and Trustee Kreiling seconded.
AYES: Zuercher, Hinman, Kreiling, Harding
NAYS: None
PASSED: Scranton
Motion carried.

Trustee Zuercher motioned to approve the minutes for the closed session meeting of July 7, 2025, and Trustee Kreiling seconded.
AYES: Zuercher, Hinman, Kreiling, Harding
NAYS: None
PASSED: Scranton
Motion carried.

Trustee Replogle joined the meeting remotely.

Trustee Zuercher motioned to approve all bills, payroll, investments, transfers, and budget items incurred since July 7, 2025, and Trustee Hinman seconded.
AYES: All in Attendance
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

Trustee Scranton made a motion to transfer $34,158.56 from General Fund Savings to Police Operations to cover payroll and bills and Trustee Zuercher seconded.
AYES: All In Attendance
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

Police Operations

Trustee Zuercher had nothing to report.

Zoning & Planning

Trustee Kreiling had nothing to report.

Buildings & Grounds

Trustee Replogle reported that Tazewell County Asphalt has been contacted regarding resealing the Community Center parking lot. Two possible dates for the project are September 5th or 12th.

Personnel

Trustee Smith was absent.

Finance

Trustee Scranton reported he and President Harding met with Kevin Ulrich and Josh Weer to discuss their potential development project. Additional details are expected at a later date.

Public Works

Trustee Hinman discussed the installation of the speed bumps on Ivy Lane, noting minimal activity post-baseball season and resident disagreement on the placement. It was suggested to survey residents, add speed limit signs, and explore long-term access solutions with the village engineer. The board will also review costs for speed limit signage at village entry points and move the speed trailer to Franklin Street due to Route 9 detours. Trustee Hinman will meet with the new park district director to discuss long-term planning and potential public financing for park facility improvements.

Public Comments

Unfinished Business

1. **Review of Resolution 05-110:** move to next meeting

2. **IML Conference – September 18-20:** President Harding encouraged anyone interested in attending the Illinois Municipal League Conference to consider doing so, noting it would be a beneficial opportunity.

3. **Sale Listing of 100 S Baer Rd. Property:** The board discussed entering into a formal listing agreement with Maloof Commercial for the sale of 100 S Baer Rd. The property will be listed at $300,000, or approximately $3.50 per square foot, with the option to subdivide.

Trustee Scranton motioned to approve realtor agreement with Maloof Commercial Real Estate with a listing price of $300,00, and Trustee Zuercher seconded.
AYES: All in Attendance
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

4. **BDD Grant Request – Perdue's:** The BDD grant request for Purdue's event was reviewed and determined to be ineligible under BDD funding guidelines, following further discussion with legal counsel.

New Business

1. **Personnel – Salary Action for FT and PT Employee**

Trustee Zuercher made a motion to approve the Personnel Committee's recommendation to set Kim Marron's part-time wage at $25 per hour and to increase Steven Fletcher's hourly wage by $1 upon his return to work. Trustee Kreiling seconded the motion.
AYES: All in Attendance
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

2. **Easement Encroachment – 128 Margarete:** The board discussed a request from the property owner at 128 Marguerite to install a fence within a 15-foot storm sewer easement. The village attorney proposed a letter allowing the fence with four specific conditions recommended by the village engineer and staff. The agreement would be recorded, clarifying that the village retains enforcement rights should the conditions not be met.

Trustee Hinman motioned to approve the easement encroachment letter from our attorney regarding the property at 128 Margarete St., and Trustee Kreiling seconded.
AYES: All in Attendance
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

3. **Motor Fuel Tax Documentation Review:** The board reviewed the documentation provided by IDOT covering the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax funds. No exception noted.

   Rt. 9 Watermain Relocation Bids/Contract: The Board discussed the relocation of the watermain out from under Rt. 9 to avoid higher costs from IDOT and for long-term benefit. Three bids were received. Work is expected to begin mid-August.

Trustee Scranton motioned to approve the watermain relocation contract with GA Rich for $112,469, and Trustee Zuercher seconded.
AYES: All in Attendance
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

4. **Locust St. Sidewalk Quote – UCM/Cullinan:** The Board discussed completing sidewalk reconstruction on the west side of Locust Street, just south of the OSF entrance, and repairing a damaged section across the street.

Trustee Scranton motioned to approve the contract with UCM/Cullinan for sidewalk work not to exceed $12,000, and Trustee Hinman seconded.
AYES: All in Attendance
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

5. **100 Block S West / S Locust St. Alley:** The Board discussed a suggestion to open the alley between the 100 block of South West Street and South Locust Street, potentially to alleviate traffic due to ongoing construction. Concerns were raised about increasing neighborhood traffic and potential confusion if the alley is later closed again. Board consensus leaned toward not pursuing the opening.

6. **CMT Gunter/N Chestnut Design Contract:**

Trustee Scranton motioned to approve CMT contract to design Gunter and North Chestnut Street for $8,000, and Trustee Zuercher seconded.
AYES: All in Attendance
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

7. **Building Code Agreement:** This agreement is to update the Village's building code requirements to align with current Illinois state regulations and to coordinate with the Village attorney for proper code adoption.

Trustee Scranton motioned to approve the CMT contract to update the building code for $4,000, and Trustee Zuercher seconded.
AYES: All in Attendance
NAYS: None
Motion carried.

8. **Marketing Grants:** Board discussed potentially supporting local community events that are not eligible for BDD grants from general funds. These events promote the village, increase traffic to local businesses, and enhance community perception. Proposal to be developed for how to implement and manage the grant program.

9. **309 S Harris Property:** Property maintenance issue has been resolved and no longer a concern.

Superintendent Boston reported that the EPA sewer permit for the Route 9 project was received. Some extra workload is being absorbed by public works, but no critical concerns reported.

The Clerk reported that updates have been made to the Village website, including the addition of links to the zoning map, Business Development District (BDD) map, Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district map, and the meeting agenda.

Adjourn at 8:03 pm

Jena Alig Village Clerk	Kenneth Harding Village Board President
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