

**REGULAR MEETING
TREMONT VILLAGE BOARD
August 18, 2025**

Village President Harding called to order this regular meeting of the Tremont Village Board at 7:00 PM, Monday, August 18, 2025, at the Tremont Village Hall.

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

Village Clerk: Jena Alig

Village Attorney: Lane Alster
Police Chief: Robert Siwak

Guests: Steve Runyon, Rick Garrison, Brian Battles

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith motioned to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of August 4, 2025, and Trustee Hinman seconded.

AYES: All in Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Zuercher motioned to approve all bills, payroll, investments, transfers, and budget items incurred since August 4, 2025, and Trustee Smith seconded.

AYES: All in Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Scranton made a motion to transfer \$11,707.13 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 nothing to report.

Zoning & Planning

Trustee Kreiling nothing to report.

Buildings & Grounds

Trustee Replogle reported that the police department is constructing a new evidence cage at a cost of \$500. He also noted that the Tremont Commerce Association has requested the installation of an outlet on the streetlight pole located on Sampson Street near Route 9. Additionally, Tazewell County Asphalt has an opening on Friday, August 22, 2025, to reseal the Community Center parking lot, contingent on arrangements being made for senior meals that day.

Personnel

Trustee Smith nothing to report.

Finance

Trustee Scranton nothing to report.

Public Works

Trustee Hinman reported that GA Rich plans to begin water relocation work from Subway to the high school. Installation of the manhole at Sampson and North Street is scheduled to begin soon. He also noted that the sewer plant's sand filter pumps are down and are being evaluated for possible repair.

Public Comments

Brian Battles, owner of BC BBQ, informed the Board of his plans to open by the end of September, initially focusing on dine-in and carry-out service, with catering and online ordering to be added later. He has submitted a liquor license application. The Board discussed holding an impromptu Liquor Commission meeting on September 2, 2025, to review and consider approval of the license.

Rick Garrison addressed the Board regarding a neighbor's failure to mow their lawn. The Village Attorney reviewed the ordinance violation process, noting the 7-day correction period provided to residents and confirming the Village's authority to issue fines under state statute.

Unfinished Business

- 1. Review of Resolution 05-110:** move to next meeting
- 2. Strategic Planning:** The Board discussed holding a 90-minute to 2-hour meeting on a Saturday morning in January, with January 10 or January 17, 2026, identified as possible dates. The date will be finalized at the next meeting.
- 3. Community Solar Savings Resolution:** move to next meeting

New Business

- 1. Fences in easements:** The Village Attorney explained that, under the easement language, the Village has the right to take necessary action within easements. Existing structures within an easement may remain until an issue arises, at which point the Village may remove them without obligation to replace. Building on an easement is at the property owner's own risk.
- 2. SRO Agreement Ordinance:** Trustee Hinman noted that the Board of Education, administration, staff, and parents of the students found the agreement highly successful. He shared that the police department had some challenges with scheduling after the loss of an officer to an injury. Trustee Scranton suggested the police committee meet with Chief Siwak to discuss the impact of the scheduling, and possible need for another officer.

Trustee Hinman motioned to approve Ordinance 25-120 amendment to school resource officer intergovernmental agreement for the 2025/2026 school year with Tremont School District #702 and, and Trustee Zuercher seconded.

AYES: Hinman, Kreiling, Replogle, Zuercher, Smith

NAYS: None

PASSED: Scranton

Motion carried.

Trustee Scranton noted that Precision Power has closed on the purchase of property west of town, and the Village Attorney is preparing for annexation of the property this fall.

Trustee Hinman noted a positive meeting with the Park District.

Adjourn at 7:46 pm

Jena Alig
Village Clerk

Kenneth Harding
Village Board President
