

**REGULAR MEETING
TREMONT VILLAGE BOARD
February 16, 2025**

Village President Harding called to order this regular meeting of the Tremont Village Board at 7:00 PM, Monday, February 16, 2026, at the Tremont Village Hall.

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

Village Clerk: Jena Alig
Village Attorney: Michael Seghetti
Village Engineer: Eric Hansen
Police Chief: Robert Siwak
Public Works Superintendent: Russell Boston

Guests: Ricky Higgins

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith motioned to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of February 2, 2026, and Trustee Hinman seconded.

AYES: All in Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Smith motioned to approve the minutes for the closed session meeting of February 2, 2026, and Trustee Hinman seconded.

AYES: All in Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Smith motioned to approve the minutes for the strategic planning meeting of January 17, 2026, and Trustee Hinman seconded.

AYES: Smith, Hinman, Kreiling, Replogle, Scranton

NAYS: None

PASSED: Zuercher

Motion carried.

Trustee Zuercher motioned to approve all bills, payroll, investments, transfers, and budget items incurred since February 2, 2026, and Trustee Smith seconded.

AYES: All in Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Scranton made a motion to transfer \$11,926.96 from General Fund Savings to Police Operations to cover payroll and bills and Trustee Zuercher seconded.

AYES: All In Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Police Operations – Trustee Zuercher - No report

Zoning & Planning – Trustee Kreiling – No report

Buildings & Grounds – Trustee Replogle – No report

Personnel – Trustee Smith

Jena attended the Central Illinois Municipal Clerks Organization (CIMCO) meeting and expressed interest in joining the organization. The annual membership is \$30. Trustee Smith recommended that the Village cover the cost of membership.

Trustee Smith introduced Rick Higgins to the Board as the new cleaning employee, replacing Heather, who will be leaving at the end of February.

Finance – Trustee Scranton

Trustee Scranton noted that a large bond becomes callable on October 1 and will report back on market conditions and potential refinancing options.

Public Works – Trustee Hinman

Trustee Hinman discussed ongoing traffic concerns on Ivy Lane and proposed sending a letter to residents. He also reported that work on the Route 9 project is expected to resume the first week of March, with traffic shifted to the south side of the road.

Public Comments

Unfinished Business

- 1. Amending Chapter 93-002 Bonfires:** The Board determined to leave the current ordinance in place, and no action was taken.
- 2. Banning Sale of Kratom/Synthetic THC:** Move to next meeting.

New Business

1. Approval of 2025 Audit:

Trustee Scranton motioned to approve the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Audit, and Trustee Smith seconded.

AYES: All In Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

2. Bond Issue Abatement Ordinances:

Trustee Smith motioned Ordinance 26-102 abating the tax levied for the year 2025 to pay General Obligation Bonds Series 2017A, and Trustee Hinman seconded.

AYES: All In Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Smith motioned Ordinance 26-103 abating the tax levied for the year 2025 to pay General Obligation Bonds Series 2020, and Trustee Hinman seconded.

AYES: All In Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

President Harding appointed Rick Higgins as the new cleaning person at a rate of \$20 and hour.

Board members were encouraged to identify and recruit potential candidates for future trustee positions.

Adjourn at 7:26 pm

Jena Alig
Village Clerk

Kenneth Harding
Village Board President
