

**REGULAR MEETING
TREMONT VILLAGE BOARD
July 6, 2026**

Village President Harding called to order this regular meeting of the Tremont Village Board at 7:00 PM, Monday, July 6, 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

Police Chief: Robert Siwak

Guests: Eddie Betson, Chase Rhodes, Elijah Bohm, Miller Reynolds, Jordyn Balsimo, Jake Williams, Griffin Meeker, Jack Oyer, Jaxon Weer, Keegan Smallwood, Levi Hendrickson, Zac Davis, Justin Musleman, Luke Haley, Hunter Smith, John Papenhouse, Andrew Dawson, Jack McAllister, Brett Bane, Dan Meeker, Amanda Meeker, Steve Runyon, Sam Stuber, Nick Kinsey, Melissa Kinsey, Angela Rhodes

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith motioned to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of June 15, 2026, and Trustee Kreiling seconded.

AYES: Smith, Kreiling, Replogle, Scranton

PASSED: Hinman, Zuercher

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Smith motioned to approve the minutes for the closed session meeting of June 15, 2026, and Trustee Scranton seconded.

AYES: Smith, Kreiling, Replogle, Scranton

PASSED: Hinman, Zuercher

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Zuercher motioned to approve all bills, payroll, investments, transfers, and budget items incurred since June 15, 2026, and Trustee Smith seconded.

AYES: All in Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Scranton made a motion to transfer \$22,416.97 from General Fund Savings to Police Operations to cover payroll and bills and Trustee Smith 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 reported the air conditioner failed over the weekend at the community center. Service provider 360 Electric was called and restored service.

Personnel – Trustee Smith no report.

Finance – Trustee Scranton no report

Public Works – Trustee Hinman reported village engineer is looking into the feasibility of p-railings for businesses on Sampson Street.

Public Comments

Resident Melissa Kinsey expressed support for pollinators and native plants but raised concerns regarding the maintenance of 709 E South Street. She requested consistent enforcement of property maintenance ordinances and encouraged the board to view the property.

Unfinished Business

1. Right of Way Dedication – Tremont School District 702:

Trustee Zuercher motioned to approve the dedication of right-of-way from Tremont School District 702 for Gunter Street, and Trustee Replogle seconded.

AYES: All in Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

New Business

Tremont HS Baseball Team Resolution: First state baseball title in the school's program history. Ending the season with a 39-2 overall record. The board praised the team's representation of the community.

Trustee Hinman made a motion to approve Resolution 26-103 Congratulating the Tremont High School Baseball Team for its IHSA 1A State Championship and Trustee Smith seconded.

AYES: All In Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.



- 1. Variance – 301 N West Street:** Sam Stuber requested a variance to extend a fence to within a foot of the public sidewalks on a corner lot, citing the need to safely contain a toddler and maximize usable backyard space visible from the home. The board discussed applicable fence setback requirements, hardship considerations, and traffic visibility at the intersection.

Trustee Smith motioned to approve the variance for 4ft picket fence within 1ft of the sidewalk, and Trustee Scranton seconded.

AYES: Hinman

NAYS: Smith, Kreiling, Replogle, Zuercher, Scranton

Motion Failed.

2. **Senate Bill – Ebikes & Micromobility Devices:** The board discussed a new state law regulating e-bikes and scooters that took effect July 1, including new age, registration, and operating requirements. Members reviewed potential impacts on the Village's existing ordinance and emphasized public education and enforcement of traffic laws.
3. **Proposed Zoning Change – 22387 State Route 9 (G T Services building):** A proposal was introduced to rezone the GT Services building from commercial (B2) to light industrial (I2). Property owner is open to the change and property is located across from an existing industrial zone.
4. **401 E South St. – Property Maintenance:** The board discussed ongoing property maintenance concerns at 401 E South Street. While the property owner has occasionally made minor improvements after being contacted, no significant progress has been made. Recent activity, including tree trimming, was noted, and the board agreed to keep the item on the agenda for the next meeting to monitor progress.
5. **Hometown Christmas Bistro Lights:** The board discussed a request from the Tremont Commerce Association (TCA) to leave newly purchased bistro lights installed year-round and for the Village to assist with maintenance. Members also considered seasonal operation of the lights for Hometown Christmas and the Turkey Festival. No action was taken, and the matter was deferred to a future meeting.
6. **Employee Handbook:** The employee handbook is being updated and will be presented at the next meeting. Key additions; Job abandonment clause, 90-day probationary period, parental leave policy
7. **E-Ticket Citation System:** Chief Siwak proposed adopting an e-citation system to streamline code enforcement processes. Cost: \$6,000 per year with a \$3,000 setup fee.

Trustee Smith motioned to approve the purchase of the E-Ticket Citation System and Trustee Kreiling seconded.

AYES: All in Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried

8. Closed Session - Personnel

Trustee Smith made a motion to move to closed session pursuant to section 2c-1 of the Open Meetings Act and Trustee Zuercher seconded.

AYES: All In Attendance

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Moved to closed session 8:07 pm.

Resumed at 8:21 pm.

Attorney Seghetti reported the TIF received a nine-year extension from the legislature. The Village must amend the redevelopment plan to utilize this extension and while amending consider updating the project list and budget. The board agreed to start the amendment process and begin identifying potential projects and their cost.

Adjourn at 8:25 pm

Jena Alig
Village Clerk

Kenneth Harding
Village Board President