

**REGULAR MEETING
TREMONT VILLAGE BOARD
April 1, 2024**

Village President pro tempore Nate Zuercher called to order this regular meeting of the Tremont Village Board at 7:00 PM, Monday, April 1, 2024, at the Tremont Village Hall.

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

Absent:

Village Clerk: Jena Alig

Village Attorney: Michael Seghetti
Police Chief: Rob Siwak
Public Works Supt. Russell Boston
Village Engineer: Eric Hansen

Guests: Dawn Cook, Chad Hancock, Thomas Haas

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of March 18, 2024, and Trustee Hinman seconded.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

PASSED: Scranton

Motion carried.

Trustee Getz motioned to approve all bills, payroll, investments, transfers, and budget items incurred since March 18, 2024, and Trustee Hinman seconded.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Scranton made a motion to transfer \$7,206.63 from General Fund Savings to Police Operations Checking to cover payroll. Trustee Harding seconded.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Police Operations

Trustee Zuercher reported that the Police Department has received 2 applications for the open officer position.

Zoning & Planning

Trustee Smith had nothing to report.

Buildings & Grounds

Trustee Hinman reported we have an opportunity to partner with Northfield Church and Senior Meals to purchase an AED machine.

Personnel

Trustee Harding had nothing to report.

Finance

Trustee Scranton had nothing to report.

Public Works

Trustee Getz reported that the water plant has a filter that needs to be replaced. Russell is currently seeking cost. Public works committee made a recommendation to increase water & sewer rates by 4%. Motion to be made at the next meeting.

Public Comments

Unfinished Business

1. Rezoning of Tremont Co-Op Grain Property moved to next meeting.
2. Wilson Street Right of Way: homeowner is aware of the situation. Attorney to send letter to Mr. Hopkins the outbuilding and garden on Village right of way.
3. City Park Shelter Report: Commitment from Betterment Association and Winning Communities to cover some of the cost of the refurbishing of the existing structure.
4. Village Website: No updates at this time.

New Business

Trustee Smith moved that the Village Board receive and reject all bids on the Franklin Street Project, and Trustee Hinman seconded.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

PASSED: Getz

Motion carried.

Trustee Smith moved to approve, a contract with Knapp Concrete for the Franklin Street reconstruction project, in the form reviewed by the Village Board, without advertising for bids as permitted in Section 8-9-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code and Trustee Hinman seconded.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

PASSED: Getz

Motion carried.

Trustee Getz reported that it takes 3 inspections before they are completed and compared to other communities in the area are charging \$250 to \$500.

Trustee Getz motioned to raise the price of the solar permit from \$40 to \$250, and Trustee Hinman seconded.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Approval of Village Email contracted through Pearl Technology. Pearl will be notified that we are ready to move forward.

Mass Notification System: Trustee Hinman reported that Tazewell County is working with a company called Regroup to send out mass notification through text, email, or call and are currently looking for a pilot community they can subgroup out to. Guest Dawn Cook from Tazewell County EMA reported that the cost for the first year would be free and a pricing structure would be put in place for subsequent years. The Board decided to partner with Tazewell County to be a pilot for the mass notification system.

Tremont Emergency Plan Review: Chief Siwak reported that he has been working with Tazewell County EMA and Tremont Fire Department to create an Emergency Operation Plan to be adopted by the Village and filed with Tazewell County. All Trustees received a copy of the plan to review and approve at the next meeting.

Trustee Smith motioned to approve the Food Truck Vehicle application for Nate Dawgs, and Chief B's Trustee Scranton seconded.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Spring Cleaning Dumpsters: GFL will provide 6 roll off dumpsters. The Board discussed establishing a set weekend every year for the Spring Cleaning.

Ordinance Review – Golf Carts & UTVs: Board to review current ordinance for possible update to be discussed at the next meeting.

Employee Compensation: Trustee Harding reported that the Personnel Committee propose a 3% increase for everyone except Jena.

Trustee Scranton motioned to move to closed session and Trustee Smith seconded.

AYES: All

NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Reconvened at 8:20 pm. No further discussion.

Adjourn at 8:21 pm

Jena Alig
Village Clerk

Nate Zuercher
Village Board President pro tempore
