

**REGULAR MEETING  
TREMONT VILLAGE BOARD  
April 15, 2024**

Village President Todd Bong called to order this regular meeting of the Tremont Village Board at 7:00 PM, Monday, April 15, 2024, at the Tremont Village Hall.

**Present:** Village President Todd Bong, Trustees Zuercher, Harding, Scranton, Getz, Smith,

**Absent:** Hinman

Village Clerk: Jena Alig

Village Attorney: Michael Seghetti

Police Chief: Rob Siwak

Village Engineer: Eric Hansen

Guests: Deborah Aberle, Rachel Berchtold, Barb Schweigert

Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Smith moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of April 1, 2024, and Trustee Getz seconded.

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

Trustee Getz motioned to approve all bills, payroll, investments, transfers, and budget items incurred since April 1, 2024, and Trustee Zuercher seconded.

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

Trustee Smith moved to approve the closed session minutes for the regular meeting of April 1, 2024, and Trustee Getz seconded.

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

Trustee Scranton made a motion to transfer \$20,409.76 from General Fund Savings to Police Operations Checking to cover payroll. Trustee Smith seconded.

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

## **Police Operations**

Trustee Zuercher reported that the committee had preliminary interviews on a couple candidates for the open officer's position.

## **Zoning & Planning**

Trustee Smith discussed the fence at 220 W Pearl St. The fence has been completely knocked down. Rick Strohl has completed putting up brick on the front of his garage and is working on the sides.

## **Buildings & Grounds**

Trustee Scranton reported that they are meeting Thursday April 18, 2024, to continue discussions regarding the large park shelter.

## **Personnel**

Trustee Harding had nothing to report.

## **Finance**

Trustee Scranton reported that the Village is going to do a line of credit against General Fund as part of the financing for Franklin Street and will be repaid with property tax fund in July of 2025. He also reported that the Village received their first payment for the Business Development District.

## **Public Works**

Trustee Getz reported that the water department received the filter media for filter #2. He also reported that a new brown sign was installed on Davis Court stating that it's a private drive. Resident is very appreciative. Trustee Getz spoke with OSF about the alley and provided them with a copy of ordinance 98.007 Alleys and Gutters to be cleaned. Trustee Getz and Trustee Scranton are discussing options to help the public works department with the weekend hours.

President Bong reported the Reid Miller graduated 1<sup>st</sup> in his class for the apprentice program with IRWA.

## **Public Comments**

## Unfinished Business

1. **Rezoning of Tremont Co-Op Grain Property:** President Bong met with Eric Schmit and Mike Goeken about a counter proposal. They would like the Village to vacate the lot on Rt. 9 from their property line to 5ft from Rt. 9. Board to discuss further.
2. **Village Website:** moved to next meeting.
3. **Mass Notification System:** moved to next meeting.
4. **Adoption of Tremont Emergency Operation Plan:** motion made and passed. President Bong recognized Chief Siwak for the hard work he put into the plan.

Trustee Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 24-103 adopting an Emergency Management Plan, and Trustee Scranton seconded.

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

5. **Spring Cleaning Dumpsters:** Trustee Smith to follow up with GFL to confirm the first weekend in May and first weekend in October.
6. **Ordinance Review of Golf Carts & UTVs:** Chief Siwak to review and present an updated version to the Board.
7. **Employee Compensation:** Trustee Harding discussed the personnel’s recommendation of a 3% cost of living increase. The Board discussed a 5% increase for Kim. Trustee Getz proposed a \$3.00 hour increase for Russell to compensate for the additional responsibility with the promotion to Public Works Supt.

Trustee Harding moved to use the following numbers for the employee wage increases and Trustee Zuercher seconded.

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>New Wage</b>
Jena Alig	\$ 0.75	\$ 27.25
Russell Boston	\$ 3.00	\$ 32.50
Kim Marron	\$ 1.30	\$ 27.80
Natalie Martz	\$ 0.80	\$ 27.80
Reid Miller	\$ 0.75	\$ 25.75
Rob Siwak	\$ 1.00	\$ 33.50

## **New Business**

### **1. Stuber Land Design Proposal**

Trustee Scranton moved to accept the bid of \$43,227 from Stuber Land Design for the finish, grade, and seeding of East Franklin Street and Trustee Harding seconded.

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

Trustee Scranton discussed the action of receiving and rejecting the bids on Franklin Street Reconstruction taken at the last meeting will save the Village over \$125,000. Village Engineer also mentioned that he notified all bidders of the Board decision and provided them copies of the bid forms with no response.

### **2. Tremont Turkey Festival Parage Route:** No changes to the route. The parade will be June 9<sup>th</sup> 2024, at 2pm.

Trustee Getz moved to approve the Tremont Turkey Festival Parade Route with no changes to the route and Trustee Smith seconded.

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

### **3. Tremont Turkey Festival Merchants' Night:** Tremont Commerce Association is requesting the closing of the 100 and 200 block of Sampson from 12pm to 8pm, a crossing guard at Route 9, and have the Community Center open to the public.

Trustee Harding moved to approve the closure of 100 and 200 block of Sampson Street from 12pm to 8pm for Merchants' Night on June 6, 2024, and Trustee Zuercher seconded.

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

### **4. Liquor & Video Gaming License**

Trustee Zuercher moved to approve the liquor license for Casey's, Stop 24, BP Dlux, 121 Club, Jack's, Perdue's Grill, and Tremont Liquor & Smokehouse, and Trustee Scranton seconded.

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

Trustee Zuercher moved to approve the video gaming license for Stop 24, 121 Club, Perdue's Grill, and Trustee Scranton seconded.

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

Trustee Zuercher moved to approve the Block Party Liquor License for Perdue's Grill on June 29, 2024, and Trustee Harding seconded.

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

5. **Water & Sewer Rates Ordinance:** Trustee Scranton discussed the need for a 4% increase with the continued service cost increase.

Trustee Getz moved to approve Ordinance 24-106 Water & Sewer Rates as written, and Trustee Scranton seconded.

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

#### 6. First Quarter Appropriation Motion

Trustee Smith moved that the pending passage of the annual appropriation ordinance for fiscal year 2024-25, all department heads and all other separate agencies of the Village be authorized, beginning May 1, 2024, to make necessary expenditures upon the basis of the appropriation of the preceding fiscal year, as authorized under section 8-1-7 of the Illinois Municipal Code and Trustee Getz seconded.

**AYES: All**

**NAYS: None**

**Motion carried.**

The Board discussed contributing \$500 for an AED at the Community Center to Senior Meals program.

Engineer Hansen reported he is working on setting up meetings with Knapp Concrete and UCM.

Adjourn at 8:18 pm

Jena Alig  
Village Clerk

Todd Bong  
Village Board President

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