

**REGULAR MEETING
TREMONT VILLAGE BOARD
July 20, 2015**

President Todd Bong called to order this regular meeting of the Tremont Village Board at 7:00 PM, Monday, July 20, 2015, at the Tremont Village Hall.

Present: President Bong, Trustees Scott, Replogle, Zuercher, Harding, Scranton, Getz

Absent: None

Village Clerk: J. Madsen

Police Chief: M. Dodwell

Attorney: R. Wherry

Guests: Mark Juchems, Mary Ann Vance, Rick Otey, Tom Bauer, Brad Cantrell

Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Trustee Replogle moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of July 6, 2015, and Getz seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None PASS: Scranton Motion carried.

BILLS

Trustee Zuercher moved to approve all bills incurred since July 6, and Replogle seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Trustee Replogle reported a problem with the air conditioning at the Community Center which has been rectified.

Attorney Dick Wherry recommended the Board seek bids on the water main and service problems on Madison Street and Washington Street at West so as to avoid any legal issues.

Trustee Harding moved to transfer \$9,273.32 from General Savings to Police Operations Checking to cover bills and payroll. Zuercher seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

President Bong urged the Board to consider the purchase of an additional emergency siren for the Village. He would like to move the existing tower (Sampson St. at Franklin) to the North side and place a new tower to the East.

President Bong also wished to delay any action regarding “backyard chickens” until the Zoning Board might inject its opinion on the topic.

Trustee Scott moved to approve **Resolution 15-104** to include compensation paid under an Internal Revenue Code Section 125 Plan as IMRF earnings, and Scranton seconded.
AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Trustee Replogle moved to have Christenberry Company install a new phone system at the Village Hall and including the Police Department for a cost of approximately \$3000. Zuercher seconded.
AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Action regarding changes to the ***Employee Handbook***:

Trustee Scott moved to change Section 2.4 to read “*All regular full-time employees shall reside within a ten mile radius of the corporate village limits within 12 months of date of hire.*” Replogle seconded.
AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Trustee Scott moved to change Section 4.1 to read “*The cost of health insurance will be split between the Village and the employee. The actual percentages will be determined by the Board and can be reviewed and adjusted at any time. If possible, dental and vision coverage will be included in the program.*” Harding seconded.
AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Trustee Scott also moved to adopt the following salary ranges for future hires:
Police Chief: \$23.00/hr – 28.00 Police Captain: \$20 – 25
Police Officers \$18 - 23 Supt of Public Works: \$23 – 28
Public Works Asst \$15 – 20 Village Secretary: \$14 - 18
AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Following a short presentation by Tom Bauer during which he requested the closing of James Street for the Tazewell County Swim Meet, Trustee Replogle moved to close James Street from Cullinan to Tazewell Street from 5:00 PM on Friday, July 24 until 5:00 PM Saturday, July 25, and Scranton seconded.
AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

Rick Otey was present to inform the Board of his intention to celebrate his being cancer free for ten years by walking 250 miles over the course of two weeks. He will walk around the city park four different times each day and will encourage others to join him at various times. He will have signs posted throughout the route. For more information, interested individuals can contact Ricks Walk on Facebook.

Brad Cantrell addressed the Board regarding water problems he has faced during the last couple of weeks. He asked what the Village was doing about this city-wide problem, or if there might be a plan of action. He was told that the Village does have a strategy in place but measures are costly and work can be done only when money is available.

Trustee Harding presented an overview of **Ordinance 15-108**, the annual appropriations Ordinance, to the Board, citing any major changes from previous years. He moved to approve **Ordinance 15-108** as presented (including changes), and Scranton seconded.
AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

In final business, the Board heard questions from Mary Ann Vance regarding the new water and sewer rates and tried to explain reasons for the rate hike.

Motion to adjourn.
Adjourn at 8:20 PM.

Gerald B. Madsen
Village Clerk

Todd R. Bong
President

