

**REGULAR MEETING
TREMONT VILLAGE BOARD
November 2, 2020**

Village President Todd Bong called to order this regular meeting of the Tremont Village Board at 7:00 PM, Monday, November 2, 2020, at the Tremont Community Center.

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

Absent: None

Village Clerk: J. Madsen

Attorney: Richard Wherry
Police Chief: Rob Siwak

Guests: Eric Hansen, Sean Berry, Adam Craven, Jason Hawksworth, Sherena Smith, Deanna Stein, Art Lang, Becky Lang, Kevin Uhlrich, Todd Kilgus, Mary Ann Vance, Volkan Sumer, Brian Vonderheide, Chelsea Kross, Josh Juchems, MacKenzie Bramlett, Mitchel Stein.

Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Trustee Zuercher moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of October 19, 2020, and Replogle seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None

Motion carried.

BILLS

Trustee Zuercher moved to approve all bills incurred since October 19, 2020, and Scranton seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Scranton moved to transfer \$4026.51 from General Fund Savings to Police Operations Checking to cover bills. Zuercher seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Scranton also reported that the bond money is in so major bills from R. A. Cullinan and CMT, previously held, are being paid.

Trustee Getz informed the Board that the final coat of asphalt will be put down on South Chestnut Street, and the west side sewer project is all but complete.

ZONING:

Following a short discussion led by Supt. Sean Berry who indicated that the school district would save approximately \$20,000 annually by installing a solar array, and that the district changed its original plans to better fit with Village Board wishes, Trustee Scranton moved to uphold the Zoning Board recommendation not to allow solar panels at the high school, and Replogle seconded.

AYES: Scott, Zuercher NAYS: Scranton, Getz, Replogle, Harding

Motion defeated.

(Meaning: Tremont High School may proceed with its proposed solar energy project)

Following a short presentation by Adam Craven requesting a variance at 101 E. Tazewell Street for the construction of a fence 15 feet past the front of the house, and to allow the same fence to be 22 feet past the front facing Sampson Street, Trustee Zuercher moved to uphold the Zoning Board recommendation to approve. Getz seconded.

AYES: Scott, Zuercher, Replogle, Bong NAYS: Scranton, Getz, Harding

Variance request approved 4-3

PERSONNEL:

New full-time officers MacKenzie Bramlett and Mitchel Stein were sworn in by Attorney Richard Wherry.

Trustee Replogle moved to approve President Bong's appointment of Josh Juchems to the Tremont Zoning Board. Harding seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None

Motion carried.

Josh Juchems was sworn in as a new member of the Zoning Board.

President Bong urged all Village employees to take the Sexual Harassment Interview on line by the end of November.

The Employee Christmas Party is scheduled for December 5 at the KC Hall in Morton beginning at 6:00 PM.

ORDINANCE:

Trustee Zuercher moved to approve **Ordinance 20-121**, the Levy Ordinance, and Scranton seconded.

AYES: All NAYS: None

Motion carried.

In final business, it was the consensus of the Board to allow restaurant and tavern owners in the Village the right to open their establishments for business while enforcing COVID safety precautions with masks and distancing.

President Bong will look into the removal of realty and business signs located along Route 9.

Motion to adjourn.
Adjourn at 7:49 PM.

Gerald B. Madsen
Village Clerk

Todd R. Bong
Village Board President

