



BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES | July 23, 2024

The 3rd quarterly business meeting for the Trenton Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Victoria Zahn, President, at the Trenton Kaskaskia College Extension Center at 6:35 p.m.

PRESENT: President Victoria Zahn, VP/Secretary Linda Loepker, Treasurer Dennis Herzig, Mayor Andy Weh, Stacy Billhartz, Linda and Tom Peppenhorst, Steve Wallace, Ashley Rensing, and Mike Monken. Thank you for attending.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: No changes to the April 2024 Secretary’s report. Stacy Billhartz motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Mayor Weh.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The July financial report reflected the following balances. Stacy Billhartz motioned to approve; seconded by Mike Monken.

Community Bank	\$51,351.53	General Fund
Scott Credit Union	\$2,852.79	Trenton Dollars
Scott Credit Union	<u>\$3,690.36</u>	Share Account
TOTAL	<u>\$57,894.68</u>	

CORRESPONDENCE

- Victoria shared thank you notes from Alexis Oster, one of our 2024-25 scholarship winners, and MD Mothers & Friends for our after-prom donation.

COMPLETED EVENTS

- **Annual Chamber BBQ:** Chairperson Steve Wallace expressed his thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this event phenomenal.
- **30th Annual Golf Scramble:** Chairperson Linda Peppenhorst thanked the volunteers for making this scramble such a success. There were 23 teams and 31 hole sponsors. Linda expressed concern over a team’s inappropriate behavior. She also shared that she would like to step down from leading this event; she asked for a co-chair for the 2025 Scramble, which will be held at Roland Barkau Memorial Golf Course in Okawville on June 8.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **TrentonFest Parade:** to be held on Saturday, August 17 with a 4:30 start time. Steve Wallace motioned to spend \$300 on glo sticks for the event; this was seconded by Tom Peppenhorst. Deien Chevrolet will provide a vehicle, and Victoria Zahn and Stacy Billhartz will attend.
- **Power Hour:** The August Power Hour will be at 7-West Tuesday, August 27, 11:30 a.m. Speaker TBD.
- **Online Auction:** Mike Monken and Victoria Zahn will co-chair this event. Mike found an add-on for the website that will allow us to host the auction online. Victoria is preparing a letter requesting donations. Auction to be held September 1 to 30. Committee members are needed.
- **Harvest Hop:** This year’s Harvest Hop is on Saturday, October 19 from 10 to 3. The group decided to host a table and sell popcorn. The Chamber will have 200 bags to hand out with member information and swag. The Chamber will include a flyer with remaining events for the year. The board will vote on

sponsoring the music if/when asked. Volunteers will be needed to help stuff the bags and work our booth.

- **Halloween:** Business Trick or Treat is scheduled for Friday, October from 3 to 5 p.m. Stacy Billhartz is chairperson, and Andy Weh will arrange crossing guards.
- **Hot Chocolate Social:** November 26 between City Hall and SCU. Ashley Rensing from SCU will be asking SCU's permission to use the space for the nativity scene and event.

NEW BUSINESS

Dottie Lanctot graciously donated \$40 to the Chamber. She is selling "Greetings from Trenton" t-shirts, with \$5 from each sale donated to the Chamber. She has more shirts available. Thank you, Dottie!

Mayor Weh shared information about the 2025 Christmas in the Park. Pam West and the committee have arranged for fundraising for additional lighting. Interested parties are invited to a meeting on August 22 at 7:00 at City Hall. The 1st Lighting will be by Santa on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at the park. Madeline Kohlbrecher will be entertaining guests with Christmas carols. A craft fair and food/drink options are also in the planning stages.

OPEN DISCUSSIONS

- Linda Peppenhorst asked about insurance to cover special events. Dennis Herzig will be in touch with the Chamber's insurance agent for more information.
- Treasurer Dennis Herzig motioned to add another signer for checks. Steve Wallace volunteered to be added. Tom Peppenhorst seconded the motion.

NEXT POWER HOUR: August 27, Trenton House, 11:30-12:30

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 22 at the KC Extension Center. 6:30.

Stacy Billhartz motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Steve Wallace at 8:17 p.m.