



BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES | October 28, 2025

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Trenton Chamber of Commerce was called to order by President Victoria Zahn at 6:33 p.m. at the Trenton Kaskaskia College Extension Center.

Attendees:

Victoria Zahn, President – Lu Lu’s Doo Doo Crew
Linda Hanold, Secretary – Deien Chevrolet
Dennis Herzig, Treasurer
Diane Mannhard
Steve Wallace – Dieterich Bank
Paulo Guazzini – Jim’s Suits and Tuxedos
Mayor Dave Brandmeyer
Doug Geggelman – Lucky Streak

Secretary’s Report:

A motion to approve the July 2025 minutes was made by Steve Wallace and seconded by Diane Mannhard. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report:

The September financial report was approved as presented. Motion made by Steve Wallace, seconded by Paulo Guazzini.

Dieterich Bank	\$24,275.34	General Fund
Dieterich Bank	\$30,558.68	CD
Scott Credit Union	\$2,209.93	Trenton Dollars
Scott Credit Union	<u>\$2,009.23</u>	Share Account
TOTAL	<u>\$59,053.18</u>	

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Kaskaskia College requested a donation for next year’s KICK program. Paulo proposed a \$500 donation, seconded by Steve Wallace. All approved.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **An Evening with the Mayor:** Scheduled for Tuesday, November 18 at Trenton House. Linda Hanold will send invitations. Trenton House will cater.
- **Hot Chocolate Social:** Planned similar to last year, with the addition of a small gift for children. Linda Hanold will contact local schools to **CORRESPONDENCE** inquire about carolers.
- **2025 Holiday Hop:** No confirmed plans at this time.
- **Trenton Dollars Program:** Packets will be prepared for Black Friday. Gift certificates will remain \$25. A committee will be formed to explore options for expanding the program.

- **City Park Decorating:** Mayor Brandmeyer reported that 12 businesses have signed up to participate.
 - **Christmas Decorating Contest:** Mayor Brandmeyer proposed a decorating contest for the City Park, residential homes, and businesses. Each category will have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, receiving Trenton Dollars. A judging committee will be formed. Motion to approve made by Paulo Guazzini.
 - **America 250:** The Mayor requested Chamber sponsorship of a patriotic decorating contest running from Memorial Day through Labor Day for residents and businesses. Further discussion will be held at upcoming meetings.
 - **Updates from Mayor Brandmeyer:** No responses have been received regarding the request to remove the “Welcome to Trenton” sign at the park.
 - **CD:** The Chamber’s CD matures in November. Dennis Herzig will contact Trenton banks to compare rates and will move the CD to the bank offering the highest rate. The Chamber approved this action.
 - **2026 Meetings:** Meetings will be held at 6 p.m. at the Kaskaskia College Trenton Center.
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Review of Completed Events, Victoria Zahn:

- **TrentonFest Parade:** Victoria thanked volunteers and Deien Chevrolet for the use of a vehicle. Glow bracelets were very well received.
 - **Online Auction:** The 2025 auction ran from September 15–30. Linda Hanold suggested ending the auction at 9 p.m. instead of midnight. Donation requests should begin earlier next year. The event raised \$601.
 - **Harvest Hop:** The 2025 Harvest Hop drew a good crowd. Soda sales were strong due to warm weather. Prices will need to be increased in the future to ensure profitability.
 - **Business Trick or Treat:** The event went very well. The crossing guard setup will need to be reviewed, especially near Dairy King. Event timing may also require adjustment. Further discussion will take place in 2026.
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Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Diane Mannhard and seconded by Paulo Guazzini. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Date TBD | 6:00 p.m. | Trenton Kaskaskia College Extension Center