## Planning Agency Meeting

## August 6, 2014

The Plymouth Township Planning Agency held a public meeting at the Plymouth Township Building on Wednesday, August 6, 2014.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following were present:

Clem Monacelli

Chairman

Jeff Branagh

Member

Ed Costello

Member

David Raimondo

Member

Dave Conroy

**Zoning Officer** 

Absent:

Dominic Aprile Greg Ensslin

Dee Mellor Joe Prestia

## **PLYMOUTH FIRE COMPANY**

Chairman Monacelli stated that this item pertains to an application for a Variance from Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 342, as amended, Article VI, Section 602.B. The variance requested is as follows: To permit a front yard setback of 21' where a minimum of 35' is permitted. The property is located at 1323 Colwell Lane in a "B" Residential Zoning District.

Jonathan Mount and Ray Stocky were present on behalf of Plymouth Fire Company.

Mr. Mount presented an exhibit showing the two level plan for the fire company. The lower level includes the fire trucks, administration, rental rooms, meeting rooms, table and chairs, restrooms, kitchen, multi-purpose room and maintenance room. These will be changed as part of the fire house expansion.

The radio room or communication room is the operational hub of the fire company which will need to be expanded.

The fire company is proposing a 4' x 10' addition in front of the building in order to enlarge the radio room which is essential for the operation of the fire company.

The transformer in front of the building is remaining the same.

Mr. Monacelli asked if the radio equipment would be the same and Mr. Mount stated that it would.

Mr. Monacelli asked if there was enough access to the rear of the building for the expansion. Mr. mount advised that there was plenty of ground in the back so that there is no danger of encroaching on the rear yard setback.

Mr. Raimondo asked if the purpose of the request this evening was just to permit the front yard setback and Mr. Mount stated that it was.

Mr. Raimondo asked if there would still be access to the ballroom from the front door. Mr. Mount advised that the fire company would be increasing the number of ways to access the building and that the ballroom could still be accessible from the front.

Mr. Raimondo asked if there was still a means to sit outback of the building and Mr. Mount stated that there was.

Mr. Conroy asked about the capacity for the rental hall. Mr. Mount stated that approximately eighty people can fit in the hall now and this will be increased roughly to twenty to thirty more people.

The parking requirement would still be okay with the fire company maintaining approximately five more spaces than what is required by the ordinance.

Chairman Monacelli made a motion to approve the variance request and was seconded by Mr. Raimondo. The motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Monacelli, Mr. Branagh, Mr. Costello and Mr. Raimondo in favor. Mr. Aprile, Mr. Ensslin, Ms. Mellor and Mr. Prestia were absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Beth Jamison
Recording Secretary

Plymouth Township Planning Agency August 6, 2014

To:

Plymouth Township Zoning Hearing Board

Subject:

Plymouth Fire Company

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Very Truly Yours,
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