

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

June 15, 2020

Plymouth Township Council held its Regular Meeting at the Plymouth Township Building. The following officials were in attendance:

Council: Vince Gillen ----- Chairman
Mary Lou Readinger ----- Vice-Chairman
Sheldon Simpson
Maria Weidinger

Staff: Karen Weiss ----- Manager
Michael Clarke ----- Solicitor
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director
Russ Benner ----- CMX Corporation
Joe Lawrence ----- Chief of Police

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Gillen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment - Chairman Gillen asked if there was any public comment and there was none.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Session held June 7, 2010

Mr. Gillen announced that Council held an Executive Session on June 7, 2010 to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Gillen called for the approval of the minutes.

- a. Workshop Meeting May 3, 2010
- b. Regular Meeting May 10, 2010

Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the minutes without the necessity of reading and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND BILLS: Chairman Gillen called for the approval of the departmental reports and bills.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the departmental reports and bills and was seconded by Ms. Readinger. A roll call vote was taken

and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

ADMINISTRATION

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Public Safety Director Ordinance - Mr. Clarke read the ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 2-77 to the Code of Ordinances to establish the position of Director of Public Safety. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

b. K-9 Transfer Resolution - Mr. Clarke read the K-9 Transfer Resolution whereas Plymouth Township desires to sell retired police canine officer, BRIX to Officer Andrew Adams and his wife, Stacy for the consideration of \$1.00 pursuant to a Bill of Sale signed by them and the Township to the satisfaction of the Township Solicitor. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Simpson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

c. Deputy Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator - Lt. Mabry - Mr. Clarke read the resolution Whereas, Plymouth Township desires a Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator to assist the Emergency Management Coordinator and Lieutenant Karen Mabry has completed the PEMA Municipal Emergency Management Basic Certification Requirements. Lieutenant Karen Mabry is duly appointed as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for Plymouth Township. Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the appointment and was seconded by Ms. Readinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

a. Mosquito Announcement - Mr. Simpson announced that the Township is conducting the mosquito spraying program again this year which includes treatments in all Township parks and certain tributaries running through Plymouth Township from June through September. If additional information is needed, residents can contact Ed Slanker, the Public Works Foreman at 610-277-4105.

b. Short Line Striping Bid Award - Ms. Weidinger stated that a bid opening was held on May 28, 2010 for the Short Line Thermoplastic Markings project. Three bids were received and staff

has recommended that the bid be awarded to Alpha Space Control, Inc. in the amount of \$26,475.00. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the bid award and was seconded by Ms. Readinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

ENGINEERING

a. Drainage Complaint Policy - Mr. Simpson read the Drainage Complaint Policy for Plymouth Township and Ms. Readinger made a motion for approval. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

a. S.D. 08-3 Iannuzzi/2750 Narcissa Road

1. Expiration date July 31, 2010

b. L.D. 09-5 Antioch Church

1. Extension granted to August 15, 2010 - ACTION - Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the extension and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

c. L.D. 09-7 Cold Point Village

1. Extension granted to August 31, 2010 - ACTION - Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the extension and was seconded by Ms. Readinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

d. Extension Requests - ACTION

1. 1800 Johnson Road to December 15, 2010 - Mr. Gillen stated that the Township is in receipt of a request from the developer asking for an extension until December 15, 2010 in order to record the record plan. The applicant agrees to pay all fees and assessments in effect at the time of recording. Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the request and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

e. Waiver Requests - ACTION

1. 910 Brook Road/Florig - Mr. Clarke read the resolution as follows: Be it resolved that Plymouth Township Council does hereby waive the Land Development approval requirements for a proposed addition of approximately 5,600 square feet to the RJ Floring, Inc. building located at 910 Brook Road as depicted on a plan proposed by Gorski Engineering on April 28, 2010 subject to the conditions read. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the

resolution and Ms. Weidinger seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

f. Escrow Release - ACTION

1. Sherwood Reserve - Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the escrow release for Sherwood Reserve in the amount of \$49,758.17 for items completed in accordance with said plans. The motion was seconded by Mr. Simpson; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

2. Exeter Crossing - Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the escrow release for Exeter Crossing in the amount of \$498,320 for items completed in accordance with said plans. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

a. Responsible Contractor Ordinance - First Consideration -

Mr. Clarke stated that this is an ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 2-25a, Responsible Contractor to the Code of Ordinances. Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the ordinance for first consideration and the motion was seconded by Ms. Readinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-1 with Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was opposed and Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

Mr. Simpson asked Mr. Gillen what problems has the Township experienced during the last twenty-five years pertaining to contractors. Mr. Simpson stated that the ordinance would exclude contractors who have been good contractors.

Mr. Gillen stated that there were private contractors that were not up to quality craftsmanship and that this ordinance sets the criteria for contractors who will be doing work for the Township.

Janet Horning, 28 W. North Lane asked who actually drafted the ordinance. Mr. Gillen stated that the ordinance was completed by Mr. Clarke, the Township Solicitor.

Robert Piacitelli, 975 Plymouth Road said that essentially the ordinance is stating that his business, which has been doing work in the Township for years, is not a qualified contracting business. Mr. Piacitelli stated it will put his business which is located in Plymouth Township in jeopardy.

Frank Watton, 1231 Woodside Road said that the State qualifies the Associated Builders and Contractors and that it does not discriminate against small contractors. The ordinance has been adopted widely throughout Bucks County and it is not something new. He is in favor of the Township using quality contractors.

Mr. Gillen stated that ordinance pertains to public works contractors and not individual homeowners who hire contractors.

Joe Gale, 628 Launfall Road stated he does not believe that the ordinance would be good for the Township and suggested that action on this be tabled by Council.

A resident from 316 Nottingham Place stated that this is not a union/non-union issue. An apprenticeship program insures that the Township uses skilled workers.

b. Fee Waiver Request - Harmonville Fire Company - Mr.

Simpson stated that the Township is in receipt of correspondence from the Harmonville Fire Company asking for a waiver of its building permit fees in order to do repairs at Station One. Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the request and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings - Mr. Simpson announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 21, 2010, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications. 1) CONICELLI TOYOTA, 2) CONICELLI TOYOTA AND 3) GORSKI ENGINEERING, INC. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

PARKS AND RECREATION

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Simpson asked the status of the new Stormwater Regulations that will be initiated in the Township in accordance with the new State mandates and asked that Council be kept informed on this issue.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Vincent DeMito asked Council about a property dispute with his neighbor on Belvoir Road pertaining to the placement of a 12 x 12 shed. Mr. Gillen asked Mr. DeMito to make an appointment with the Township Manager to discuss this matter in order to determine if this is a Township issue or a civil issue between the two property owners.

Mary Wagner, 212 Hillside Avenue asked what would happen if a

current Council member were to be no longer able to serve on Council. Mr. Clarke explained how vacancies are filled.

Ms. Weidinger mentioned that she has a drainage issue on her property and asked if staff could investigate.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison
Recording Secretary