

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

June 13, 2011

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

Council: Vince Gillen ----- Chairman
Maria Weidinger ----- Vice-Chairman
Dean Eisenberger
Mary Lou Readinger

Staff: Karen Weiss ----- Manager
Michael Clarke ----- Solicitor
Michele Mintz ----- Solicitor's Office
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director
Joe Lawrence ----- Chief of Police
Russ Benner ----- Township Engineer

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

PA Turnpike Open House - 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Representatives from the PA Turnpike provided a construction update from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. this evening.

Public Comment

Mr. Gillen asked if there was any public comment pertaining to any of the items advertised on the agenda and there was none.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Session held June 6, 2011

Mr. Gillen announced that an Executive Session was held on June 6th in order to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

- a. Workshop Meeting May 2, 2011
- b. Regular Meeting May 9, 2011
- c. Joint Meeting w/Conshohocken Council May 12, 2011

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

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

Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the departmental reports and bills. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was absent.

ADMINISTRATION

a.PA Turnpike Project Update - A representative from the PA Turnpike was present this evening to provide a utility and construction update. Utility work has been completed at Township Line and Hickory Roads. Council thanked the Turnpike for keeping the Township updated.

b.Tax Assessment Settlement - Mr. Clarke stated that this is a proposed settlement of business privilege and mercantile taxes between Plymouth Township and Amec Earth & Environment, Inc. The settlement covers tax years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 for underpaid business privilege and mercantile taxes in the amount of \$31,708.52. Initially penalties and interest were also assessed in the amount of \$9,277.31 and as has been standard practice, in consideration of settling this matter, the taxpayer is agreeing to pay the full amount of the back taxes owed to the Township and the Township is agreeing to waive the penalty and half of the interest for the total amount due to the Township by Amec Earth & Environment, Inc. of \$34,761.75. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the settlement and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was absent.

c.AFSCME Health Insurance - Ms. Weidinger stated that Council is in receipt of correspondence from Karen Weiss, the Township Manager as follows. Beginning on January 1, 2012 the AFSCME contract calls for a health insurance plan that is substantially similar to or better than the Independence Blue Cross Plan C2-F2-01. Ms. Weiss is requesting authorization from Council to begin the transition to DVHIT for this coverage provided that the Independence Blue Cross contract still calls for a minimum participation of 75% of eligible subscribers. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to begin this process subject to a review by the Township Solicitor and Broker. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0-1 with Mr. Eisenberger, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Gillen abstained since he is an AFSCME member and Mr. Simpson was absent.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a.Global Connect - Mr. Eisenberger stated that currently the Township uses CTY as its emergency notification system provider. The Township has received from a separate provider, Global Connect, a proposal to provide the same services for unlimited

municipal emergency messages at substantial savings. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to change providers which was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was absent.

b. Police Vehicles Purchase - Mr. Eisenberger stated that the Township is in receipt of correspondence from Chief Lawrence requesting three new vehicles, two Crown Victorias and one Ford Explorer. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the purchases and was seconded by Mr. Gillen. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-1 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Ms. Readinger was opposed and Mr. Simpson was absent.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

a. Annual Street Paving Bid Award - Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the annual street paving award to Glasgow, Inc. in the amount of \$321,976.80. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was absent.

b. Trenchless Sanitary Sewer Bid Documents - Mr. Eisenberger stated that Council is in receipt of correspondence from T & M Associates for a proposal for professional services for bid specifications for a trenchless sanitary sewer rehabilitation on Township Line Road at a cost of \$6,680.00. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the proposal and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was absent.

c. Revised Tapping Fee Calculation Resolution - Ms. Readinger reported that the Joint Sewer Authority of East Norriton, Plymouth and Whitpain Townships has revised the factors for tapping fee calculations for restaurants, bars and warehouses and they have provided a resolution for such as read. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was absent.

ENGINEERING

a. Act 209 Revision Proposal - Mr. Eisenberger stated that T & M Associates has submitted a proposal for an update to the Township's Act 209 Study in the amount of \$39,580. Included in this proposal is an update to the Land Use Assumptions Report, a Roadway Sufficiency Analysis and a Capital Improvements Plan. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the proposal and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was absent.

b. Sandy Hill and Belvoir Roads Proposal - Mr. Eisenberger reported that Council is in receipt of a proposal from T & M Associates for professional services for improvements to the intersection at Sandy Hill and Belvoir Roads in the amount of \$32,200. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the proposal and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was absent.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

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

1. Expiration date August 31, 2011

b. Escrow Releases - ACTION

1. Roizman - Landscape Guarantee - Mr. Clarke read the resolution whereas Plymouth Township approves the release of the landscape maintenance guaranty in the amount of \$1,507.50. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the release of the guaranty and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was absent.

c. Extension Requests - ACTION

1. Brierdale Builders/1800 Johnson Road requested to August 15, 2011 - Ms. Weidinger made a motion to grant the extension request and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was absent.

2. 474 Old Elm requested to October 9, 2011 - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to grant the extension request and was seconded by Ms. Readinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was absent.

d. Waiver Request - ACTION

1. L & S Demolition - 884 Brook Road - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to deny the waiver request of L & S Demolition and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion to deny passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was absent.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

a. Mosquito Announcement - Mr. Gillen 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. Certificate of Appropriateness - Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Plymouth Meeting Friends School located at 2150 Butler Pike for a building permit to replace outside doors. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was absent.

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings - Ms. Weidinger announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 20, 2011 commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications. 1) EDNA KISCH, 2) STEVEN G. BLUM, 3) ROBERT E. LAMB, INC. AND 4) PLYMOUTH INDUSTRIAL CENTER, INC. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a. GPCC Flooring - Mr. Gillen stated that Council is in receipt of a letter from Rick Carbo, the Building and Grounds Director asking that Council approve a \$42,000 expenditure to replace the carpet with new flooring in the hallways at the Greater Plymouth Community Center from a State contract. The expenditure has been budgeted and will come out of the Community Center Capital Improvement Fund. Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the purchase pending a review by the Township Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was absent.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a. Environmental Advisory Board Vacancy - Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the appointment of David Kavalow-Huie to fill the vacancy on the Environmental Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was absent.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Pat Ianelli, 441 School Lane spoke about the odor on School Lane which is coming from the Markel Corporation at 435 School Lane. She believes that the odors are endangering the health and welfare of the residents in that area.

Dave Romano, 1101 Belvoir Road also spoke about the odor coming from the Markel Corporation and that the odor has gotten worse.

Chris Loschiavo, the Public Works Director has been looking into this matter for some time. He has spoken with the DEP regarding the air quality at this location. Mr. Eisenberger stated that he has been looking into this matter as well and expects to have

additional information shortly. Russ Benner, T & M Associates suggested that the affected residents voice their complaints to their State Representative to possibly help with getting the situation resolved.

Jane Dougherty, 101 Archbishop Drive mentioned that there is still a major problem with parking at the 1600 Fayette Street Complex. The Township Fire Marshal has been looking into this matter. A meeting will be scheduled with staff in order to determine appropriate action regarding this matter.

Joe Stemm, 516 Jefferson Street mentioned the odors at JFK Park.

John Slavish, 10 Valley Creek Road mentioned that previously the Township had an Air Pollution Control Officer. The smell from the Markel Corporation has always been there and he believes that they need to upgrade their systems.

Beth Hatfield, 2003 Meredith Lane stated that in 2002 her neighbor got relief from the Zoning Hearing Board to build a double car garage. Since that time she has had problems with water in her yard and basement. Ms. Hatfield has spent thousands of dollars in efforts to resolve this problem. She would like permission to put a wall in and is asking for two things from the Township as follows. The person who did the improvement should be the one who has to pay for the storm drainage improvement for the future and she is asking that the Township waive her zoning and building fees. Township staff will have a meeting in order to review the history regarding this matter and this item will be discussed at the July Workshop Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison
Recording Secretary