

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

November 12, 2012

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

Council: Sheldon Simpson ----- Chairman
Lenore Bruno ----- Vice-Chairman
Dean Eisenberger
Vince Gillen

Staff: Karen Weiss ----- Manager
Tom Speers ----- Solicitor
Lonnie Manai ----- Woodrow Associates
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director
Chris Loschiavo ----- Public Works Director
Joe Lawrence ----- Chief of Police
John Myrsiades ----- Deputy Chief of Police
Len Hess ----- IT Director

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

Public Comment - Mr. Simpson asked if there was any public comment pertaining to any of the items advertised on the agenda and there was none.

Fire Police Swearing In - Dan Sherafin and Paul Michner from Harmonville Fire Company were sworn in as Fire Police Officers.

Bill of Sale/Resolution - K9 Nick - Chief Lawrence stated that the Police Department is asking that K9 Officer Nick be retired at this time and to retire his badge. Chief Lawrence thanked members of Council, the County Commissioners and District Attorney Lisa Ferman for their help in affording the retirement of Officer Nick. Mr. Simpson read the resolution to transfer K9 Officer Nick to Lindsay Fox for the consideration of \$1.00 pursuant to a Bill of Sale signed by Lindsay Fox and the Township to the satisfaction of the Township Solicitor. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Gillen. A roll call vote was taken and the

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

ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Session held November 5, 2012

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

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| a. | Workshop Meeting | October 1, 2012 |
| b. | Regular Meeting | October 8, 2012 |
| c. | Budget Meeting | October 15, 2012 |
| d. | Budget Meeting | October 22, 2012 |

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

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

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

ADMINISTRATION

a.2013 Budget Meeting - November 19th - 7:00 p.m. Ms. Weiss announced that a Budget Meeting will be held on November 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the engineering conference room.

b.Tax Settlements - Mr. Speers stated that the following three tax settlements pertain to routine tax audits that were completed by the Township. When the companies realized they had not properly paid their taxes, each has paid them and are now asking for relief on interest and penalties.

1.Skanska - Mr. Speers stated that it has been determined that Skanska, USA owes the Township \$122,609.31 in taxes along with interest in the amount of \$24,941.36 and penalties of \$12,260.93. Skanska has paid the obligation requested at settlement for one-half of the interest and also requested a waiver of the penalty. The resolution states that the settlement is hereby accepted by the Township. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Gillen. A roll call vote was taken and the

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

2.Turnkey - Mr. Speers reported that Turnkey Construction Services is determined to owe the Township \$6,483.10 in taxes along with interest in the amount of \$1,147.18 and penalties of \$648.31. Turnkey has paid the tax settlement and has requested a relief of one-half of the interest in the amount of \$573.59 and also requested a waiver of penalties. Mr. Speers read the resolution accepting the settlement for the years 2007 through 2011 for Turnkey and Mr. Gillen made a motion for approval. Ms. Bruno seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Weidinger was absent.

3.Midlantic - Mr. Speers stated that Midlantic Orthopedic Sales is determined to owe the Township \$30,305.56 in taxes along with interest in the amount of 42,209.16 and penalties of \$4,876.46. Midlantic has paid the Township its obligation including one-half of the interest in the amount of \$1,104.58 and are also requesting a waiver of the penalty. The resolution states that the Township does hereby accept the proposed settlement. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Gillen. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Weidinger was absent.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a.Bill of Sale/Resolution - K9 Nick - This item was handled earlier in the meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

a.Snow Announcement - Mr. Gillen reminded residents that the Township Snow Policy is in effect and then read the official policy.

b.Trash Truck Purchase Request - Mr. Eisenberger stated that Council is in receipt of correspondence from Chris Loschiavo, the Public Works Director requesting the purchase of a new trash truck. The purchase is under the PA State Contract Co-Star. By acting in the year 2012, the Township will save \$2,000. The budget request is for \$130,000 for a chassis and body minus the trade-in. The final cost will be \$127,800. The purchase will be from the 2013 budget. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to move forward with the purchase and

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

ENGINEERING

a.Appraisal Approval - Ms. Bruno reported that the Township is in receipt of correspondence from Indian Valley Appraisal who has offered to complete the appraisals for the Belvoir and Sandy Hill Roads condemnation which includes ten properties for \$9,500. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the proposal and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Weidinger was absent.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

a.L.D. 11-3 Plymouthtowne Apts/Fairfield & Sandy Hill Roads

1. Expiration date April 9, 2013

b.L.D. 12-2 ENOAP, LLC/Cold Point Village II

1. Expiration date January 2, 2013

c.Extension Requests - ACTION

1. 101 North Lane extension to November 15, 2013 - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the extension request and was seconded by Mr. Gillen. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Weidinger was absent.

2. Homewood Suites extension to March 1, 2013 - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the extension request and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Weidinger was absent.

d.Waiver Request - ACTION

1. Conicelli Toyota Service - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution requesting a waiver from land development approval for the Conicelli Toyota Service subject to the conditions read. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0-1 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger and Mr. Simpson in favor. Mr. Gillen abstained and Ms. Weidinger was absent.

e.Escrow Release Request - ACTION

- 1.Antioch Church - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the escrow release for Antioch Church in the amount of \$30,917 for items completed in accordance with said plans. The motion was seconded

by Mr. Eisenberger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Weidinger was absent.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings - Mr. Gillen announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 19, 2012 commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building, 700 Belvoir Road, on the following applications: 1) GIAMO, LLC. 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. Gillen asked that staff investigate the signal in front of the Plymouth Hill Condominiums at 600 Germantown Pike.

Mr. Simpson stated that the ribbon cutting ceremony that was held on Saturday for the Community Center was a huge success.

Mr. Simpson thanked veterans for their service to our country.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Don Bailey, 465 Jefferson Street stated that he attended the budget meeting that pertained to the police department budget for 2013 where the department requested the hiring of additional police officers. Mr. Bailey asked if there were plans for the Township to do so.

Mr. Simpson stated that the Township is making a commitment to hiring a minimum of two additional police officers and has authorized a new test.

Joe Prestia, 762 Belvoir Road also stated that he believes that the Township should hire additional police officers as was pledged several years ago. The number one priority should be the safety of the police officers and the community.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison
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Recording Secretary