

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

January 09, 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
Maria Weidinger

Staff: Karen Weiss ----- Manager
Tom Speers ----- Solicitor
Tim Woodrow ----- Woodrow Associates
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director
Joe Lawrence ----- Chief of Police
John Myrsiades ----- Deputy Chief of Police

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

Citizen Board Services Resolutions - ACTION

1) **Frank Watton - Planning Agency** - Mr. Gillen read the Resolution recognizing Frank Watton for his generous and outstanding service while serving Plymouth Township on the Planning Agency from January 2010 until December 2011. Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

2) **John Szollose - Building Code Appeals Board** - Ms. Weidinger read the resolution recognizing John Szollose for his generous and outstanding service while serving Plymouth Township on the Building Code Appeals Board from November, 2004 until December, 2011. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

3) Joseph Mellon, Jr. - Property Maintenance Code Appeals

Board - Mr. Simpson read the resolution recognizing Joseph Mellon, Jr. for his generous and outstanding service while serving Plymouth Township on the Property Maintenance Code appeals Board from March, 2006 until December, 2011. Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Gillen. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

20 Years of Service Resolution - John McCormick - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the resolution recognizing Officer John McCormick for his diligent and valuable service rendered while serving the Plymouth Township Police Department for twenty years. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

30 Years of Service Resolution - John Jackson - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution recognizing Officer John Jackson for his diligent and valuable service rendered while serving the Plymouth Township Police Department for thirty years. The motion was seconded by M. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

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.

**ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Session held January 3, 2012
Executive Session held January 9, 2012**

Mr. Simpson announced that Executive Sessions were held on January 3rd and January 9th in order to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

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| a. Workshop Meeting | December 5, 2011 |
| b. Regular Meeting | December 12, 2011 |

Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the minutes without the necessity of reading and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Ms. Bruno abstained since she was not present at the meetings.

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

Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the reports and bills and was seconded by Mr. Gillen. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

ADMINISTRATION

a.Sewer District Ordinance - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of Plymouth Township, Part II, Chapter 23, Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Section 23-16 Districts-Created; boundaries and Section 23-43, rentals or rates. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

b.Tax Settlement - Mr. Speers read the tax settlement between the Colonial School District and Ashley Furniture. There will be a phased increase in the assessment to the Township that for the year 2010 will be \$2,024,073. The rate for 2011 will be increased to \$2.2 million and for the years 2012 and after, the rate will be increased to \$2.4 million. Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the tax settlement and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

c.Delta Dental to DVHIT - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to change the Township Delta Dental Plan to DVHIT. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

d.Cancel Model Consulting, Inc. Agreement - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion that the Township change from its current broker which is Model Consulting, Inc. and use DVHIT or Brokerage Concepts for the Township's health and welfare administrator. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gillen; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a.Limited Parking on School Lane Ordinance - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the ordinance amending Chapter 13, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II. Stopping, Standing and Parking, of the Plymouth Township Code, limiting parking in the parking space closest to Ridge Pike on the southeast side of School Lane to one hour between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

b.No Parking on Northview Blvd Ordinance - First Consideration - Mr. Speers read the ordinance establishing no parking on a portion of Northview Boulevard. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the ordinance for first consideration and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

a.Liquid Fuels Resolution - Ms. Bruno read the resolution whereas every year Plymouth Township receives an allocation from the PA Department of Transportation which is to be used for the maintenance and repair of Township roads as specified. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

b.Street Light and Traffic Signal Bid Award - Ms. Weidinger reported that a bid opening was held on December 28th for the Street Light and Traffic Signal Maintenance Bid. Chris Loschiavo, the Public Works Director is recommending that the bid be awarded to Higgins Electric for both traffic signals at \$6,945 and street light maintenance at \$7,865.18 for a total of \$14,810.18. This is a three year contract that will be renewed annually. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the bid award and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

c.Authorization to Purchase Trash Truck - Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the purchase of a truck chassis and body for the Public Works Department which was budgeted for 2012 at a cost of \$138,000. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger,

Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

ENGINEERING

Mr. Eisenberger made a motion that the Township appoint McCloskey and Faber as the Township Landscape Architect and John Caruolo as the Traffic Engineer. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bruno; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-2 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger and Mr. Simpson in favor. Mr. Gillen and Ms. Weidinger were opposed.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

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

1. Expiration Date March 1, 2012

b.Escrow Release - ACTION

1. JDM Materials - Final - Mr. Eisenberger read the resolution for the release of the financial security for JDM Materials under the improvement agreement subject to the conditions read. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

2. Roizman - Final Maintenance Guaranty - Mr. Speers read the resolution for the final release of the maintenance guaranty in the amount of \$720.00 for Roizman Associates. Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

ZONING

PARKS AND RECREATION

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a. Citizen Board Vacancies - Ms. Weiss stated that there are two vacancies on the Township Citizen Boards as follows: 1) The Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board - no background required and 2) The Building Code Appeals Board - must have a background in the plumbing field. Any interested applicant may contact Ms. Weiss, the Township Manager.

b. Commission to Review Council Districts - Mr. Simpson announced that in accordance with the Home Rule Charter for Plymouth Township, the Township must establish a commission to review the census. The committee must consist of twelve people, three from each district with no more than two people from the same political party. If anyone is interested in volunteering for this committee they may contact the Township Manager.

c. Permission to Purchase Copier - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the purchase of a new copier for the Township Administration Building from the state contract which was budgeted for 2012. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bruno; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Beth Jamison
Recording Secretary