

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

February 13, 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 ----- Township Engineer
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director
Joe Lawrence ----- Chief of Police

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Session held January 23, 2012
Executive Session held February 6, 2012

Mr. Simpson announced that Executive Sessions were held on January 23rd and February 6th 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. Reorganization Meeting | January 2, 2012 |
| b. Workshop Meeting | January 3, 2012 |
| c. Regular Meeting | January 9, 2012 |

Mr. Eisenberger 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 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

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.Consultants - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to appoint Ken Amey as the Township Planner at a rate of \$75.00 per hour. 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.

Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to appoint Ron Smith as the Township Lighting Consultant at a rate of \$65.00 per hour. 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.

b.Rick Orloff Agreement - Mr. Gillen stated that Rick Orloff, the Certified Public Accountant who audits the Borough of Conshohocken Authority is seeking a renewal of his agreement with the Township. Mr. Gillen made a motion that the Township enter into a renewal agreement for the years 2011 through 2013 at a cost of \$8,000 per year subject to the satisfaction of the Township Solicitor, 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.

c.Tax Settlement - Ashley Furniture - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to a tax settlement between the Colonial School District and Ashley Furniture. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to authorize the solicitor to execute the stipulation to settle this matter. 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.

d. Tax Settlement - Exeter - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to a tax settlement between the Colonial School District and Exeter Peter Lane 1, L.P. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the tax settlement and to authorize the solicitor to execute the stipulation to settle this matter. The motion 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.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. No Parking on Northview Blvd Ordinance - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the ordinance authorizing an amendment to Section 13-20.1 of the Code of Ordinances to prohibit stopping, standing and parking on a portion of the westbound lane of Northview Boulevard. Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the ordinance 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. Authorization to Purchase Vehicles - Ms. Bruno stated that Council is in receipt of a memo from Chief Lawrence requesting authorization to purchase three new police vehicles; two 2012 Ford Explorers and one, 2013 Ford Interceptor SUV. The cost of the purchases is \$99,100. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the purchases 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.

c. Towing Contract Extension Resolution - Mr. Speers stated that the Township currently has a contract with two towing companies to tow on request by the Police Department, Janeway and EVB Towing. The contract provides that upon a due notice period that the Township can extend those contracts. Council desires to extend those contracts for eight months to expire on December 31, 2012. Mr. Speers read the resolution and Ms. Weidinger made a motion for approval. 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.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

a. Authorization to Purchase Leaf Claw/Plow - Ms. Weidinger made a motion that Council authorize the following purchases: A leaf claw

in the amount of \$15,860.30, a leaf scoop in the amount of \$3,977 and a snow plow rig in the amount of approximately \$20,000. All three purchases will be made from the state contract and will be paid for with liquid fuels funds. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the purchase 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.

Mr. Simpson emphasized that the purchases are being funded through liquid fuels funding and not from the Township's General Fund.

Mr. MacAfee, 3 Princeton Road asked if any employee was in danger of losing his position as a result of the above purchases. Council re-assured Mr. McAfee that this was not the case.

ENGINEERING

a. TIFAC Member Resolution - Mr. Eisenberger stated that the Act of General Assembly, Act 209, provides for the establishment by resolution for an Impact Fee Advisory Committee to serve in an advisory capacity to a municipality intending to adopt or amend the Transportation Impact Fee. Whereas Frank Watton can no longer serve on that committee, Plymouth Township Council does hereby elect to designate Dee Mellor to the Transportation Impact Fee Advisory Committee. 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 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

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

1. Extension granted to June 12, 2012 - ACTION - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to accept the extension of time to review plans for Plymouhtowne Apartments until June 12, 2012. 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.

b. Escrow Release - ACTION

1. 508/512 Ridge Pike - Mr. Eisenberger stated that the Township is in receipt of correspondence from T & M Associates recommending the release of escrow funds for Conicelli located at 508/512 Ridge Pike in the amount of \$680,740.03. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the escrow release 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.

2. Hickory Farms - Mr. Gillen stated that the Township is in receipt of correspondence from T & M Associates recommending the release of funds for Hickory Farms in the amount of \$11,005. Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the escrow release 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.

c. VIST Bank Extension requested to March 12, 2012 - Ms. Bruno made a motion to grant the extension to record plans for VIST Bank until March 12, 2012. 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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

a. Commercial Building Permit Fees Resolution - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution as read for the adoption of the commercial building permit fees that are under \$10,000. 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.

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings - Ms. Bruno announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 20, 2012 commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following application: 1) 633 PLYMOUTH ASSOCIATES, L.P. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a. College Student Pass Resolution - Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the resolution establishing a three month college student pass for the Community Center that would run from anytime between May 1st through August 31st at a cost of \$99.00 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.

b. Field Rental Resolution - Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the resolution establishing the field rental policy and fees for 2012 which are broken into two tiers. 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.

c. HWP Conservation and Management Plan - Ms. Weidinger explained that the Plymouth Township Parks and Recreation Department sent out a request for a proposal for a conservation and management plan for the Harriett Wetherill Park. Staff is recommending Land Concepts to complete the study in the amount of \$87,445 subject to the approval of DCNR. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the recommendation 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.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a. Citizen Board Appointment - Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the appointment of Debbie Goldstein to the Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board. 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.

b. Citizen Board Vacancy - Ms. Weiss stated that there is currently an opening on the Building Code Appeals Board which requires a background in plumbing.

c. Commission to Review Council Districts - Ms. Weiss stated that the Township is in receipt of correspondence from two citizens who have expressed an interest in serving on the re-districting committee. Three people are needed from each Council district with no more than two from the same political party. Anyone who is interested in serving on the committee may submit a letter of interest to Ms. Weiss.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

a. Presentation - Plymouth Square Shopping Center - Mark Quigley gave a presentation regarding a proposed ordinance change to

permit a new pylon sign at the Plymouth Square Shopping Center. The ordinance applies to shopping centers that are less than fifty acres but greater than five acres in size.

The maximum surface area of the sign would be increased to 350 feet with a maximum height of 40 feet and an L.E.D. electronic messaging center.

Mr. Quigley said the bottom of the sign will say "Welcome to Plymouth Township" and 15% of the time can be used for the Township, amber alerts, etc. There will be no flashing lights or moving parts.

Council asked several questions regarding the proposed sign which were answered by Mr. Quigley.


Rick Schlicking, 111 Boulder Road asked Council if a decision had been made pertaining to the density or type of use for the Plymouth Road Development. Mr. Simpson stated that this matter is in litigation and the decision will be made by the court system.

Mike Van Buren, 345 Oxford Road stated that he hoped that as the Township moves forward, that a member of the Parks, Recreation and Shade Tree Advisory Board and the Environmental Advisory Board can be involved in the Harriet Wetherill Park Conservation and Management Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Beth Jamison
Recording Secretary