

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

June 11, 2012

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

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

**Staff:** Karen Weiss ----- Manager  
Tom Speers ----- Solicitor  
Lonnia Manai ----- Woodrow Associates  
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director  
Joe Lawrence ----- Chief of Police  
Ken Amey ----- Planner

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**Pledge of Allegiance** - The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mr. Simpson at 7:05 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 June 4, 2012**

Mr. Simpson announced that an Executive Session was held on June 4, 2012 in order to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

- a. Workshop Meeting May 7, 2012
- b. Regular Meeting May 14, 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.

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## ADMINISTRATION

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### POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

**a. Stop Sign Ordinance - Knoll & Azalea - First Consideration -** Mr. Speers read the ordinance for the installation of a stop sign southbound on Azalea Terrace at Knoll Road. Ms. Weidinger 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.

**b. Stop Sign Ordinance - Sierra & Black Hill - First Consideration** Mr. Speers read the ordinance for the installation of two stop signs on Sierra Road northbound and southbound - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the ordinance for first consideration 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. Stop Sign Ordinance - Beacon Hill & Plymouth Rock - First Consideration -** Mr. Speers read the ordinance for the installation of a stop sign westbound on Beacon Hill Road at Plymouth Rock Road. Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the ordinance for first consideration 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.

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### PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

**a. Mosquito Control -** Mr. Simpson announced that the Township is conducting the mosquito spraying program again this year and then

read the areas to be treated. If additional information is needed, residents can contact Mike Estock at 610-277-4100, extension 4229.

**b.Line Striping Quotes** - Ms. Weidinger reported that Council is in receipt of correspondence from Chris Loschiavo, the Public Works Director who has received quotes regarding the short and long line road markings for the Township roads. The low quote for the long line road striping is from Interstate Road Management in the amount of \$6,746. The low quote for the short line striping is A 1 Traffic Control Products in the amount of \$18,499. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to accept the quotes and to move forward with the road striping. 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.

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### ENGINEERING

**a.Sandy Hill and Belvoir Road - Additional Services** - Ms. Bruno stated that this item pertains to a request for additional services to coordinate the traffic signals for the improvements to Sandy Hill and Belvoir Road at a cost not to exceed the sum of \$7,500. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the request 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.

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### SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

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

**1. Extension granted to October 9, 2012 - ACTION** - 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 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

**b.Escrow Release - ACTION**

**1. MD Development** - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the escrow release for MD Development in the amount of \$59,479.25. 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. Brierdale** - Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the escrow release for Brierdale Builders in the amount of \$10,900. 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.

**c. Waiver of Land Development - ACTION -**

1. **Bimbo Bakeries USA** - Mr. Speers read the resolution with conditions for Bimbo Bakeries, USA for a land development waiver to add twenty-seven new parking spaces and three handicap spaces. John Rice was present on behalf of Bimbo Bakeries and agreed to the resolution as read. 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 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

**d. Release of Landscape Guaranty & Maintenance Bond - Hillcrest Glen** - Mr. Eisenberger read the resolution approving the release of the landscape guaranty for Hillcrest Glen. Mr. Eisenberger 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.

Mr. Eisenberger read the resolution for the release of the maintenance bond for Hillcrest Glen. 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.

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**CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH**

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**ZONING**

**a. Zoning Hearings** - Ms. Bruno announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 18, 2012, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications: 1) ARTHUR LLOYD, 2) EDWARD REESE JR./CAPITAL TELECOM ACQUISITION & NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC, D/B/A AT & T MOBILITY, 3) KURT & COLLEEN DERFLER, 4) WM. PETER R. CROSS AND 5) ERIN CAMP AND JOSH LEONE. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

**b. Off-site Outdoor Advertising Ordinance - First Consideration** - Mr. Speers read the ordinance which outlines the standards for the installation of off-site outdoor advertising in Plymouth Township. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the ordinance for first consideration 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.

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## PARKS AND RECREATION

**a. Sale of Property** - Ms. Weidinger stated that in connection with renovations that are being done at the Greater Plymouth Community Center, there are two treadmills being sold (as is) to Chris Miller at a cost of \$600 each. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the sale 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.

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## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

**a. TIFAC Appointment** - Mr. Gillen reported that on August 8, 2011 Council appointed seven members to the Transportation Impact Fee Advisory Committee. Ms. Jill Connelly is no longer able to serve as a member and Mr. Gillen made a motion to appoint Ms. Joanne Mamrosch as her replacement. 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. Lafayette Street - Traffic Signal Maintenance Resolutions - ACTION-** Mr. Speers stated that the Lafayette Street Corridor project has begun and as part of that construction two Plymouth Township intersections will receive traffic signals. PennDOT is asking that the Township take over the maintenance for each. Mr. Speers read the resolution pertaining to the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement from PennDOT for the signals at Lafayette Street and Conshohocken Road. Mr. Eisenberger 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.

The second resolution pertains to the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement for Ridge Pike, Lucetta Street and Conshohocken Road. Mr. Eisenberger 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.

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## MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

**a. Beekeeping Ordinance - First Consideration-** Mr. Speers read the

Zoning Ordinance amendment to allow beekeeping as an accessory use to a dwelling. The ordinance includes restrictions on lot size, number of hives, and distance that the hives must be from residential uses and dwellings. All beekeeping activity within Plymouth Township shall comply with the Beekeepers Compliance Agreement as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, unless specifically modified by this ordinance. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the ordinance for first consideration 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.

Ms. Weidinger asked how many homeowners in the Township had a lot size of 30,000 feet. Ms. Weiss stated that the majority of homes do not.

Mr. Gillen asked if those who currently have hives in the Township would be able to keep them even if they do not meet the new requirements and Mr. Speers stated that they would.

Ms. Bruno asked if beehives could be kept on balconies and Mr. Amey stated that they would not. Beekeeping is only permitted at single family dwellings.

Vince Aloyo, 736 Cathcart Road, Blue Bell asked if there is a provision in the ordinance whereby additional bee hives would be permitted on larger properties or is it strictly permitted to two hives regardless of the lot size. Mr. Speers stated that this ordinance pertains to an accessory use to residential dwellings which farms are not subject to. Mr. Aloyo stated that he has been keeping bees at the Plymouth Meeting Friends School for twenty years and has three hives. Mr. Speers stated that Mr. Aloyo has the right to continue his use and that the ordinance does not limit an existing users right to continue.

Trish McArthur, 1427 Sandwood Road asked if the beekeeping would be permitted if the homeowner at 1435 Sandwood Road decided to begin beekeeping again. Mr. Speers stated that this would not be permitted under the new ordinance.

Mr. Simpson stated that Council is not trying to eliminate beekeeping in the Township but rather is trying to regulate it to ensure it is safe for residents as well as providing the opportunity for those who want to do this type of hobby.

**b. Citizen Board Vacancy** - Ms. Weiss reported that there is currently an opening on the Building Code Appeals Board. The applicant must have a background in plumbing.

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## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Gillen mentioned that the Township will soon be surveying residents regarding the possibility of switching from a two day a week trash collection to one. Mr. Gillen asked if Mr. Loschiavo, the Public Works Director could provide a detailed report on the savings to the Township pertaining to the work hours for employees.

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## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Beth Jamison*

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Recording Secretary