

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

August 12, 2013

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
Lonnie Manai ----- Woodrow & Associates
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director
Joe Lawrence ----- Police Chief

Pledge of Allegiance - The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. and Mr. Simpson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

August 12th - Preferred Unlimited Resident Meeting - 6:00 p.m. - Mr. Simpson announced that Council held a Special Meeting at 6:00 p.m. this evening to discuss potential uses for the subject property with a representative from Preferred Unlimited.

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 August 5, 2013
Executive Session held August 12, 2013

Mr. Simpson announced that Executive Sessions were held on August 5th and August 12, 2013 in order for Council to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

- a. Workshop Meeting July 1, 2013
- b. Regular Meeting July 11, 2013

Mr. Gillen 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 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 departmental reports and bills 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.

ADMINISTRATION

a. Credit Card Resolution - Mr. Speers stated that this resolution pertains to the Township changing its credit card company to ELAVON as the new provider. This is sponsored by the PA Local Government Investment Trust and the agreement is attached to the resolution. 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 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

b. Budget Meetings - Ms. Weidinger announced the Budget Meetings for 2013 as follows: Monday, October 21st, Monday, October 28th and Monday, November 18th. All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

c. Tax Settlement - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to a tax settlement between Harleysville/First Niagara Bank, the Township, County and the School District. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the tax settlement 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.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution - Mr. Gillen read the resolution adopting the 2012 Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution and Mr. Gillen made a motion for approval. 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.

b. 9/11 HEROES Run - September 8, 2013 - Mr. Eisenberger announced that a Heroes Run will take place on Sunday, September 8, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. This is a 5K run that will honor the fallen that have died tragically since September 11, 2001.

c. PECO License Agreement Resolution - Mr. Speers stated that Chief Lawrence has presented information to Council pertaining to the PECO site where Officer Brad Fox was killed in the line of duty. The Township has constructed a memorial at the site and PECO has granted a license to the Township to maintain the site. Mr. Speers read the resolution and Mr. Eisenberger made a motion for approval. 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.

Mr. Simpson again thanked Chief Lawrence, Ms. Weiss and the rest of Council for their support during the tragic death of Officer Brad Fox.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

a. Mosquito Control Announcement - Ms. Bruno 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 May through September. If additional information is needed, residents can contact Mike Estock at 610-277-4100, extension 4229.

The Montgomery County Health Department, after consulting with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Plymouth Township officials, will be spraying to control the adult mosquito population in selected areas of Plymouth Township. The spraying will be done where sampling by the Health Department and PADEP has shown mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus. Ms. Weiss highlighted the areas that will be sprayed. The spraying will be conducted, weather permitting, on Wednesday, August 14, 2013 from approximately 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The alternate date will be Monday, August 29, 2013. Residents should consider remaining indoors, closing windows, and turning off ventilation systems that

draw-in outside air for the duration of the spray plus 30 minutes after.

Ms. Bruno mentioned that a bat has tested positive for rabies on August 10, 2013 in the 300 block of Manor Avenue. Anyone who has been bitten, scratched or has had saliva exposure is urged to call the Montgomery County Health Department. Information pertaining to this matter is on the Township website in addition to letters being sent to residents in that particular area of the Township.

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

a.L.D. 13-2 Trumark Financial - Butler Pike

1. Expiration date August 22, 2013 - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the resolution whereas Plymouth Township does hereby approve the final Land Development Plan No. 13-2 for Trumark Financial in accordance with said plan and under and subject to the conditions read. A representative of the applicant was present and agreed to the resolution as 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 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

b.L.D. 13-3 Joseph Hoffman - PECO Energy Co/2001 Gallagher Road

1.Expiration date September 19, 2013

c.S.D.13-1 Tisons Homes/1406 Colwell Lane

1.Expiration date September 17, 2013

d.Extension Request - ACTION

1. Plymouthtowne Apartments to December 31, 2013 - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the extension request 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.

e.Waiver Requests - ACTION

1.Conicelli/1010 Ridge Pike - Mr. Speers stated that this request pertains to two additional waivers pertaining to landscaping. Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the waiver request 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.

f.Brandywine Resolution - Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the resolution pertaining to Brandywine Operating Partnership which includes the installation of a digital sign at Community Center

Park at an approximate cost of \$52,000. 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.

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, August 19, 2013, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications: 1) KAY LIGHTING, 2) MARK AND DEBRA BUSHMANN, 3) ANTHONY V. AMICONE, 4) FORMAN SIGN COMPANY (CONICELLI ALAN WOOD ROAD, LP), 5) RICHARD L. SCHEIDHAUER, 6) NEW PENN FINANCIAL/TODD STIVERSON AND 7) STEPHEN GARMAN. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a. SDM - Red, White and Blue Bash - August 21, 2013 - Ms. Weidinger announced that the original groundbreaking for the Service and Devotion Monument scheduled for August 1st was postponed due to inclement weather. The groundbreaking will now take place on August 21, 2013. The Red Hill Concert Band will perform from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The festivities will begin at 5:30 p.m. and include the groundbreaking and fun events for the kids. All are welcome to attend.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

Tammy Harrison, 111 Meetinghouse Lane asked about the amount of the sign that is going to be installed at the Community Center. Mr. Simpson stated that it is \$52,000.

Mr. Simpson mentioned that if anyone is interested in having a

brick or paver installed for the Service and Devotion Monument that the deadline is August 27, 2013.

Mr. Eisenberger mentioned the request that was presented by Mr. Branaugh at the Special Meeting this evening pertaining to Preferred Unlimited. Mr. Branaugh had asked if each Council member could offer their opinion as to what they prefer the site be used for. Mr. Eisenberger stated that this is a matter that is in litigation and therefore Council members are not in a position to discuss it.

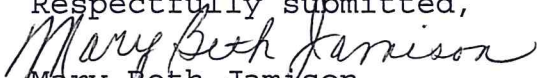
Rick Schlicking, 111 Boulder Road asked if the area by Plymouth Meeting Park could be included in the mosquito spraying areas. Ms. Weiss stated that this is a program that is run by the Montgomery County Health Department that includes areas that have tested positive for mosquitoes carrying the West Nile Virus. Ms. Weiss will contact them to see if this neighborhood can be included.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Beth Jamison

Recording Secretary