

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

September 9, 2013

Plymouth Township Council held its Regular Meeting on September 9, 2013 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
Chris Loschiavo ----- Public Works Director
Joe Lawrence ----- Police Chief

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

1) **Essay Contest Recognition** - Ms. Weidinger read the resolution whereas, the Colonial Middle School eighth grade students were invited by Plymouth Township Council to participate in an essay contest titled "Why do we celebrate the Fourth of July?" and whereas, thirty essays were selected by their teachers for the committee to review and, the following three students were the winners: First Place - Sarah Manno - Second Place - Michael Renner and Third Place - Ragan Ebersole. Plymouth Township extends its appreciation to all the students who participated and congratulates Sarah Manno, Michael Renner and Ragan Ebersole for their exceptional achievement.

2) **Swearing in of New Police Officer Michael Watts** - Judge Bernhardt presided over the swearing in of Officer Michael Watts to the Plymouth Township Police Department. Chief Lawrence introduced Officer Watts and highlighted his achievements. Mr. Eisenberger made

a motion to approve the appointment of Officer Watts 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.

3) Sergeant Promotion - Chief Lawrence highlighted the achievements of Officer Brian Wagner who is being promoted to Sergeant this evening. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the promotion of Officer Wagner to Sergeant 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.

4) Mt. Carmel Legion Baseball Recognition - Mr. Simpson read the resolution whereas, the 2013 Mount Carmel Club "Mounties" Senior American Legion Baseball Team representing Plymouth Township, won the League Championship, and whereas, this championship represents the Mountie's first Greater Norristown American Legion Baseball League title since 1980, and whereas, the following sixteen players received significant playing experience and made quality contributions: Anthony Casselli, Austin DiBonaventure, Corey Ensslin, Jon Fisher, Randy Frankenfield, James Freels, Matt Horgan, Brandon Lorio, Steve Krosky, Matt Magid, Zach Metz, Jeff Mikalonis, Matthew Pascarella, Michael Pascarella, Rob Pecharo, and Connor Purdy. The Mount Carmel Club "Mounties" Senior American Legion Baseball Team is to be congratulated for its high achievement, and Plymouth Township Council extends its appreciation for the honor which the team brings to Plymouth Township. Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the Certificate of Recognition 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.

5) PA Waste Watchers Chris Loschiavo presented the 2013 PA Waste Watchers Award to Plymouth Township for its exemplary performance in Waste Recycling. Tom Moravec, Mike Frank, Ed Lowery, Dan Gallagher, Ron Wilson, and Frank Solomon were present this evening on behalf of the Sanitation Department.

6) Grant Award - Chief Lawrence stated that the Police Department was awarded a grant from the PA Liquor Control Board in the amount of \$40,000 which will be used for equipment and law enforcement efforts. The grant is given to help prevent underage drinking and dangerous alcohol use. Plymouth Township is one of twenty-four agencies to be awarded this grant.

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 September 3, 2013

Chairman Simpson announced that an Executive Session was held on September 3, 2013 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 | August 5, 2013 |
| b. | Special Meeting | August 12, 2013 |
| c. | Regular Meeting | August 12, 2013 |

Ms. Bruno 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.

Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the departmental reports and bills. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bruno; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger had temporarily stepped out of the room.

ADMINISTRATION

a.2014 Budget Meeting Dates - Ms. Weidinger announced the 2014 Budget Meeting dates as follows: Monday, October 21st, Monday, October 28th, and Monday, November 18th. The meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held in Conference Room A. Council Meetings will be held on October 7th and 14th and November 6th and 11th. These meetings will also begin at 7:00 p.m.

b.Sunguard Software Upgrade - Ms. Bruno stated that Council is in receipt of correspondence from the Finance Director asking that the Township upgrade its accounting software with Sunguard in the amount of \$36,000. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the 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.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. **Grant Award** - This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting.

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.

Ms. Bruno mentioned that residents will be notified by phone that mosquito spraying will take place tomorrow evening in the areas of Colwell Lane, Clay Drive and Turf Lane down to Palmer Road.

b. **Red Zone Robotics Proposal** - Mr. Eisenberger stated that this item pertains to a proposal from Red Zone Robotics to video the Township sewer lines in order to determine areas that are in need of repair. The program is on the PA COSTARS for approval and will cost approximately \$398,880 which will be paid in installments from the Sanitary Sewer Capital Fund. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the proposal 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. Simpson mentioned that it is very important that this survey work be completed by Red Zone Robotics in order to find problems in the Township's sewer system and it will save the Township a great deal of money in future replacement and repair contracts.

Rick Schickling, Boulder Road, asked if the mosquito spraying could be done in the area of Plymouth Park off of Butler Pike between Ridge Pike and Germantown Pike. Ms. Weiss explained that the spraying is being completed by the Montgomery County Health Department and DEP and that they are only spraying areas that have tested positive for West Nile Virus. Ms. Weiss has asked for this area to be sprayed.

ENGINEERING

a. **Plymouth Interceptor** - Mr. Simpson stated that last month Council awarded a contract to Dirt Work Solutions for the Plymouth Road

Interceptor in order to complete repair work on the Plymouth Interceptor sewer line. There is now a possible change order request to the contract for an increase of approximately \$50,000. The reason is because the as-built data on the plans indicated the wrong diameter on the connecting pipe and this needs to be changed for flow capacity. Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the change order not to exceed \$50,000. After some discussion, Mr. Simpson amended his motion that the amount not exceed \$75,000. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-1 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Gillen was opposed.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

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

1.Extension requested to December 26, 2013 - ACTION - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to grant 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.S.D.13-1 Tisons Homes/1406 Colwell Lane

1.Expiration date September 17, 2013 - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the resolution whereas Plymouth Township does hereby approve the final Sub-division plan No. 13-1 for Tisons Homes located at 1406 Colwell Lane in accordance with said plan and under and subject to the conditions read. A representative of the applicant was present this evening and agreed to the conditions of the resolution as read. 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.

c.S.D. 13-2 Conchohocken Land Dev.LLC/1332 Colwell Lane

1.Expiration date October 29, 2013

d.S.D. 13-3 Peirce Phelps Inc./516/518 Township Line Road

1.Expiration date November 3, 2013 - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the resolution whereas Plymouth Township does hereby approve the final Sub-division plan No. 13-3 for Peirce Phelps Inc. located at 516/518 Township Line Road in accordance with said plan and under and 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 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

e.L.D. 13-4 Danella Co./725 Conshohocken Road Lot 2

1.Expiration date November 18, 2013

f.Extension Requests - ACTION

1.Conicelli/1010 Ridge Pike to December 10, 2013 - Mr.

Eisenberger made a motion to approve the extension 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.

2.Homewood Suites to January 1, 2014 - Ms. Bruno 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.

3.TB-BDN/134 Plymouth Road to November 1, 2013 - Ms. Bruno 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.

4.Plymouth Meeting Friends School to March 13, 2014 - Ms. Bruno 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.

g.Escrow Releases - ACTION -

1. The Proving Grounds - Mr. Eisenberger stated that the Township is in receipt of correspondence from Woodrow & Associates recommending the approval of the escrow release in the amount of \$472,907.49 as requested by LFT Development Company for the Proving Grounds. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the escrow release 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.

h.Termination of Improvement Agreement

1.516-518 Township Line Road - ACTION - Mr. Speers stated that as part of the processing of selling one of the lots for 516-518 Township Line Road, the Title Company is asking for the termination of the Improvement Agreement from June 1999. The developer has completed all terms of the agreement. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the termination of the Improvement Agreement 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.

i.PADOT HOP - Mr. Speers reported that this item pertains to the Cold Point Village II located on Butler Pike. It is the current requirement of PennDOT that the Township be the applicant on any Highway Occupancy Permit where stormwater facilities are to be located on a state road. Mr. Speers read the resolution which authorizes the Township to apply for the permit on behalf of the applicant. 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.

j.PADOT Traffic Signal Resolutions - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the resolution whereas Plymouth Township accepts certain traffic signals as part of the Lafayette Street Extension Project. Included are the following intersections: Lafayette Street and Diamond Avenue; Ridge, Fairfield and Diamond; and Ridge and Lucetta Street. The resolution authorizes the Township Manager to sign the applications to be processed by PennDOT. 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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

ZONING

a.Zoning Hearings - Ms. Weidinger announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 16, 2013, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following application: 1) BATTAGLIA AUTO SALES, INC. 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. Simpson mentioned that on Friday, September 20th the Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting a Cruise Night at the Montgomery County Vocational Technical School. All are welcome to attend.

Mr. Simpson mentioned that the deadline to purchase brick orders for the Service and Devotion Monument is due within the next couple of days.

Ms. Bruno mentioned that the trees along Little Avenue at the Plymouth Square Shopping Center have been planted and they look nice.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison

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Recording Secretary