

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

October 13, 2014

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	
	Marty Higgins	
	Ron Trask	
Staff:	Karen Weiss -----	Manager
	Tom Speers -----	Solicitor
	Tim Creelman -----	Finance Director
	Lonnie Manai -----	Woodrow & Associates
	Joe Lawrence -----	Police Chief
	Karen Franck -----	Parks & Recreation Dir.

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

1) Wireless Communications Facilities Ordinance Hearing and Meeting
Mr. Simpson announced that a hearing and meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. on the following: An ordinance of Plymouth Township providing for the amendment of the Zoning Ordinance of Plymouth Township, as codified at Appendix B of the Plymouth Township Code; providing for purposes and findings of fact related to the adoption of the amendment; providing for definitions; establishing certain general and specific standards relating to the location, placement, construction and maintenance of tower-based wireless facilities; providing further for the regulation of such facilities within the public rights-of-way and outside the public rights-of-way; providing for the enforcement of said regulations; and providing for an effective date.

The ordinance was approved by Council.

2) Police Citations - Mr. Eisenberger read the unit citation recognizing Sergeant Brian Wagner and Officer Todd Jordan for their outstanding arrest of a violent felon. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion

for approval and was seconded by Mr. Trask. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

3) Get Involved Certificates of Appreciation Mr. Simpson stated that this item pertains to certificates of appreciation that the Township is providing to businesses who have helped promote activities at the Community Center. Mr. Eisenberger read the list of volunteers. Ms. Bruno read the list of sponsors and Mr. Trask read the list of donors. Mr. Simpson thanked all of the businesses whose names were read for their support to the Township.

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 October 6, 2014

Mr. Simpson announced that an Executive Session was held on October 6, 2014 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 | September 2, 2014 |
| b. | Regular Meeting | September 8, 2014 |

Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the minutes without the necessity of reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trask; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

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

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

ADMINISTRATION

a. 2015 Budget Meetings - October 20th, October 27th, November 17th - 6:30 p.m. - Mr. Higgins announced the time and dates for the 2015 Budget Meetings as listed.

b. Pension Funds

1) State Aid - Mr. Eisenberger reported that the Township receives an allocation from the State to help fund the Township Pension

Plans. The allocation for 2015 is in the amount of \$604,138. The Township actuary has recommended that the funds be allocated as follows: 1) Police Pension Plan - \$317,559.76 and 2) Non-Uniformed Pension Plan - \$286,578.32. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to accept the recommendation of the actuary and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

2) Minimum Municipal Obligation - reported that this item pertains to the amount that the Township must budget to contribute to the employee pension plans for 2015. The Township actuary has determined the following amounts: 1) Police Pension Fund - \$1,537,470 and 2) Non-Uniformed Employees - \$567,669 for a total of \$2,105,139.00. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to budget the above amounts and was seconded by Mr. Trask. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

c. Police Pension Resolution - Mr. Higgins reported that the Township Actuary has determined that the Plymouth Township Police Officers must contribute 3% of their salaries, per contract to the Police Pension Fund for 2015. Mr. Higgins read the resolution and 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. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

d. Borough of Conshohocken Authority Agreement - The purpose of the agreement this evening is to release the payment obligation because payment has been made in full, in the amount of \$350,000 plus interest. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the agreement and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

e. Dr. Litman Resolution - Mr. Speers stated that this is a resolution to modify Dr. Litman's request to use the property located at 1333 Germantown Pike as a medical office. Council will not oppose Dr. Litman's application to the Zoning Hearing Board. Dr. Litman has agreed to install sidewalks, a bus shelter and will install a "Welcome to Plymouth Township" sign on his property. 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. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

f. IT Server Request - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the request by Len Hess, the IT Director for the purchase of a new server in the amount of \$35,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Higgins; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

a.L.D. 14-1 Dunkin Donuts/439 W. Germantown Pike

1) Expiration date November 11, 2014

b.L.D. 14-2 Chemical Road Self-Storage

1) Expiration date November 11, 2014 - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the resolution approving the final land development plan prepared by Chemical Road Self-Storage, Land Development Application 14-2 under and subject to the conditions and waivers as read. A representative of the applicant was present and agreed to the resolution with one correction as noted. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-2 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger and Mr. Higgins in favor. Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask were opposed.

c.L.D. 14-3 Conicelli Honda/1100 Ridge Pike

1) Expiration date December 1, 2014 - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the resolution approving the final land development plan prepared by Conicelli Honda located at 1100 Ridge Pike, Land Development Application 14-3 under and subject to the conditions read. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Higgins. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

d.S.D. 14-1 Erb/121 North Lane

1) Extension granted to February 15, 2015 - ACTION - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the extension and was seconded by Mr. Trask. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

e.Escrow Release - ACTION

1) Norris Sales - The Township is in receipt of correspondence from Woodrow & Associates recommending the release of escrow funds in the amount of \$8,604.40, leaving a balance of \$774,449.84 for Norris Sales. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the escrow release and was seconded by Mr. Trask. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

f.Gallagher Court Dedication Ordinance - First and Final

Consideration - ACTION - Mr. Speers stated that this item is not ready for action this evening and will be postponed until November.

g. Waiver Request - ACTION

1) Plymouth Fire Company - Mr. Speers read the request for a waiver of land development for Plymouth Fire Company to allow the construction of a 1,431 square foot addition to the radio room and a patio along the rear of the building. Plymouth Fire Company is required to comply with the letter issued by Woodrow & Associates dated October 6, 2014. The waiver of land development will not be effective until approved by the owner/developer and all conditions stated by the Zoning Hearing Board must be met. Ms. Bruno 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. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings - Mr. Trask announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 20, 2014, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building, 700 Belvoir Road on the following applications: 1) MICHAEL MATTHIAS, and 2) RONDEAU BROTHERS, LLC (MARYLOU BRUNO). Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

b. Certificates of Appropriateness - ACTION

1) 2014 - 1 - 100 W. Germantown Pike - Mr. Higgins read the Certificate of Appropriateness for 100 W. Germantown Pike for a sign permit to erect an identification sign on the property. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

2) 2014 - 2 - 133 W. Germantown Pike - Mr. Higgins read the Certificate of Appropriateness for 133 W. Germantown Pike to erect a shed on the property. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a. SDM Bricks and Pavers - Ms. Bruno stated that there are

currently bricks and pavers available for purchase for those who want to honor a loved one who has served in the armed forces. In addition, the Parks and Recreation Department is still seeking monetary donations from businesses.

b.Parks Board Term Ordinance - First and Final Consideration -

ACTION - Mr. Speers read the ordinance to change the length of terms from five years to four years for members of the Park, Recreation and Shade Tree Advisory Board. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the ordinance for first and final consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trask; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

c.Park Hours Ordinance - First and Final Consideration - ACTION-

Mr. Speers read the ordinance pertaining to opening, closing hours; and changing the hours of operation for the Plymouth Township Parks. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the ordinance for first and final consideration. 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. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

d.Pass Rates - Mr. Eisenberger stated that Council and the Township Manager are in receipt of recommendations from Karen Franck pertaining to pass rates for the Community Center. Staff is recommending a 5% increase for the monthly and annual pass rates. The day pass rates will remain the same. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion for approval and was seconded by Mr. Trask. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

e.Bid Awards - ACTION

1) EPV Field 1 Fencing - Mr. Trask stated that Council is in receipt of correspondence from Rick Carbo, the Building and Grounds Director pertaining to the EPV Field 1 Fencing. Three bids were received and Mr. Carbo is recommending that the bid be awarded to Montco Fence Company in the amount of \$36,400. Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the bid award and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-1 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Simpson was opposed.

2) CCP Foul Ball Netting - Mr. Trask reported that Rick Carbo is recommending that the bid for the Community Center Park Foul Ball Netting be awarded to Cross Country Cowboy, Inc. in the amount of \$23,661.41. Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the bid award and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

3) HWP Culvert - Mr. Higgins reported that Rick Carbo is recommending that the bid for the Harriet Wetherill Park Culvert be awarded to Contech Engineer Solutions in the amount of \$93,100. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the bid award and

was seconded by Mr. Trask. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

4) HWP Construction - Mr. Higgins reported that Rick Carbo is recommending that the bid for the Harriet Wetherill Park Construction be awarded to SJM Construction Company in the amount of \$586,328. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the bid award and was seconded by Mr. Trask. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-1 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Simpson was opposed.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a.Waste Disposal Intergovernmental Cooperation - Resolution - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to the contract for the Township to enter into an agreement with Conshohocken Borough and West Conshohocken Borough to receive bids for solid waste disposal services for each municipality. Ms. Bruno made a motion for approval and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

b.Citizen Board Vacancies - Ms. Bruno stated that there is currently an opening on the Civil Service Commission. Ms. Bruno made a motion to appoint Mike Dougherty to the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trask; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

Ms. Bruno stated that there are two openings on the Building Code Appeals Board. One requires an electrical background and the other requires a structural background. Anyone interested in serving on this board can submit a letter of interest or a resume to Karen Weiss, the Township Manager.

Mr. Eisenberger asked if Chief Lawrence would investigate the area of Fairfield Road between Lucetta Street and Ridge Pike to determine if it should be one way during construction work.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Josh Leoni, 1328 Hillcrest Road mentioned that he has been pursuing an ongoing cause to clean up drugs in his neighborhood and he is pleased that lights were installed in the park. Mr. Leoni asked Council to consider implementing an ordinance to

control smoking or burning something inside homes that comes into the attached homes. Mr. Speers responded that the Township would first need to investigate and then implement an ordinance based on the research. Mr. Simpson asked Mr. Speers to investigate.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison

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Recording Secretary