

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

January 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-Chair
Dean Eisenberger
Marty Higgins
Ron Trask

Staff: Karen Weiss ----- Manager
Tom Speers ----- Solicitor
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director
Lonnie Manai ----- Woodrow & Associates
Andy Mount ----- Township Fire Marshal
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.

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.

Recognition - Dennis Gravinese Jr. - Tom Piatek was present from the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Management, Department of Public Safety of Montgomery County. Mr. Piatek mentioned that Andy Mount, Township Fire Marshal is the Emergency Management Coordinator for Plymouth Township. Mr. Piatek then recognized Dennis Gravinese, Jr. who has achieved the necessary course work and training and has been awarded a basic level certification under the Emergency Management Program from PEMA to assist the Township staff. Mr. Simpson spoke on behalf of Council and thanked Mr. Gravinese for his achievement and dedication, and expressed that

Dennis is an asset to Plymouth Township.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Session held January 6, 2014
Executive Session held January 7, 2014
Executive Session held January 13, 2014

Mr. Simpson announced that Executive Sessions were held on January 6, 2014, January 7, 2014 and January 13, 2014 in order to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

- a. Workshop Meeting December 2, 2013
- b. Regular Meeting December 9, 2013

Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the minutes without the necessity of reading. 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.

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. 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.

ADMINISTRATION

a. Citizen Board Appointments - ACTION - Mr. Simpson stated that Council is in receipt of a list pertaining to the re-appointments to the Township's Citizen Boards. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the Citizen Board re-appointments 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. Mr. Simpson stated that there are several openings on the Citizen Boards and if anyone is interested in serving they should contact Ms. Weiss, the Township Manager and she will inform them as to what positions are available.

b. Consultant Rates - Mr. Simpson stated that at the Reorganization Meeting last week, Council ratified the consultant rates, however there are a couple of corrections. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to adjust the consultant rates for 2014. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0

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POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Simpson thanked the senior police patrol officers for filling in for the officers with young children, and allowing them to spend time with their families during the holidays.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

a. Sandy Hill/Belvoir Condemnation Settlements - Mr. Eisenberger stated that the Sandy Hill/Belvoir Road intersection improvements project has been approved for some time but construction was delayed for various reasons. There are eleven property owners affected by the project. Council is in receipt of correspondence from Herb Rubenstein recommending ratification of the condemnation settlements for the road widening. Six of the eleven property owners have settled. Mr. Eisenberger read the names and settlements. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to ratify the settlements 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. Trask and Mr. Simpson in favor.

b. Liquid Fuels Resolution - Mr. Higgins read the resolution whereas every year Plymouth Township receives an allocation from the PA Department of Transportation which is to be used for the maintenance and repair of Township roads as specified. Mr. Higgins 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. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

c. Ardmore Tire Meter - While video-taping their sanitary sewer pipes in the vicinity of Ardmore Tire, Conshohocken notified Chris Loschiavo that the pipe leading to the meter at 6th and Colwell was in a terrible state of disrepair and actually missing portions of the pipe. Conshohocken offered Plymouth to piggy-back onto their contract to re-line 200 feet of 20 inch pipe for \$44,000. Mr. Eisenberger stated that this is an emergency since two-hundred feet of pipe has collapsed that carries sanitary sewer in the area. Mr. Simpson made a motion that Council move forward with the repair 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.

Mr. Simpson thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work during the recent cold weather.

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

a.S.D. 13-2 Conshohocken Land Dev.LLC/1332 Colwell Lane

1.Expiration date April 8, 2014 - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the resolution whereas Plymouth Township Council does hereby approve the final subdivision plan prepared for Conshohocken Land Dev.LLC/ located at 1332 Colowll Lane, subdivision application 13-2, for two single-family dwellings in accordance with said plan and under and subject to the conditions read. Mr. Mark Jones was present and agreed to the resolution as read. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution 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.

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

1.Expiration date February 16, 2014 - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the resolution whereas Plymouth Township Council does hereby approve the final land development plan prepared for Danella Co. located at 725 Conshohocken Road, Lot 2, land development application 13-4, 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. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

c.L.D. 13-6 DRKZ Assoc., LP/1000 Conshohocken Road

1.Expiration date March 12, 2014 - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the resolution whereas Plymouth Township Council does hereby approve the final land development plan prepared for DRKZ Associates, located at 1000 Conshohocken Road, land development application 13-6, in accordance with said plan and under and subject to the conditions read. Rob Lewis was present of behalf of the applicant and agreed to the resolution as read. Mr. Simpson asked that if in the future, Council asked the developer to install sidewalks if they would be agreeable to such. Mr. Lewis agreed that if Council requested the sidewalk installation that it would be installed within one year. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution

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.

d. Waiver Requests - ACTION

1. Battaglia Auto Sales - The applicant proposes a 4,294 square foot building addition to the existing building and is requesting a waiver of land development. Mr. Battaglia was present and agreed to the resolution as read. Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the waiver request subject to the conditions read. 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. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

2. Plymouth Meeting Park - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the waiver request regarding the installation of landscaping along the railroad tracks of Lot 6. The applicant has asked if in lieu of planting that buffer, he could give the Township \$17,500 to be used for landscaping other areas of the Township at Council's discretion. The request 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. 1010 Ridge Pike - Amended Resolution - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to a revision to a resolution that granted approval to 1010 Ridge Pike. This is an amended resolution that resulted from a discussion pertaining to the traffic impact fee regarding the number of trips generated. The only change is that the traffic impact fee shall be \$26,000. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the amended 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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

a. Grease Trap Ordinance - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the resolution creating standards for inspection and clean-up for grease traps in the Township. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the ordinance 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.

The fees will be established by resolution at the February Council meeting.

b. Certificate of Appropriateness - Ms. Bruno stated that this item pertains to Brandywine Metroplex LP, 229 Germantown Pike for the demolition of a building on the property. The applicant has

appeared before the Historical Architectural Review Board but no recommendation was made. With the issuance of the Certificate of Appropriateness, the applicant can then apply for permits to demolish the building. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness 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.

Ms. Bruno stated that there is a second request for a Certificate of Appropriateness which pertains to 231 W. Germantown Pike for the demolition of a building on the property. The applicant has appeared before the Historical Architectural Review Board but no recommendation was made. With the issuance of the Certificate of Appropriateness, the applicant can then apply for permits to demolish the building. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness 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.

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings - Ms. Bruno reported that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 20, 2014 commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications. 1) NEW PENN FINANCIAL/DANIEL EGAN, 2) JEFF CARSON, CITY SIGN SERVICES (TRUMARK FINANCIAL), 3) NARAYAN DONUT CORPORATION, 4) DARIN BARKER, IFP, LLC./CHRIS ZORO COMPANY, 5) GORDN H & MELANIE FREAS AND 6) CONCENTRA URGENT CARE. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to allow Mr. Speers to oppose the application of Darin Barker, IFP, LLC. if necessary after Mr. Eisenberger's review. The applicant has agreed that there will be no training permitted outside the property. 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.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a.HWP- Woodrow Proposal Phase II - Mr. Trask stated that as part of the Township match of \$250,000 for the CFA Grant Award to Harriet Wetherill Park, Woodrow Associates has a proposal in the amount of \$79,500 to provide engineering services as read. Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the engineering services 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.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

a.Lafayette Street Agreements - Mr. Speers reported that this item is not ready for action this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Eisenberger mentioned that the Sandy Hill/Belvoir Road improvements are scheduled to begin on Thursday, January 16th. The improvements should take approximately 90 to 120 days to complete.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chris Saulino, 1641 Gallagher Court, stated that street dedication is needed.

Jamina Clay, 321 Oxford Road talked about speeding issues on Sheffield Drive and Oxford Road. She asked what could be done about the cut-thru. She asked if speed bumps or stop signs could be installed.

Mr. Simpson stated that this has been an ongoing problem and that the Police Department continues to look into this issue.

Benjamin Gibbons, 3018 Sheffield Drive mentioned the speeding issue as well. He challenged Council to think outside the box to find a solution. Mr. Eisenberger asked Mr. Gibbons if he would be opposed to selective enforcement and he stated that he would not. Mr. Eisenberger stated that a lot of the traffic issues pertain to Arch and Township Line Roads. Mr. Simpson stated that the Police Chief has been directed to look into this issue over the last six months and that he will continue to do so. Sergeant Jackson of the Highway Patrol will look into this as well.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison

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Recording Secretary