

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

February 10, 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
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.

Citizen Board Service Resolutions - ACTION

1) Michael Dougherty - Civil Service Commission - Mr. Simpson read the resolution in grateful recognition of Mr. Dougherty's service and dedication to the Civil Service Commission from September 2001 to December 2013. Mr. Simpson made a motion to adopt the resolution and Mr. Eisenberger seconded the motion. 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) John Dobbs - Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board - Mr. Eisenberger read the resolution in grateful recognition of Mr. Dobb's service and dedication to the Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board from January 2008 to December 2013. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to adopt the resolution and Mr. Trask seconded the motion. 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) Robert Rosen - Building Code Appeals Board - Ms. Bruno read the Resolution in grateful recognition of Mr. Rosen's service and dedication to the Building Code Appeals Board from November 2004 to

December 2013. Ms. Bruno made a motion to adopt the resolution and Mr. Eisenberger seconded the motion. 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) Jennifer D'Amato Dow - Historical Architectural Review Board - Mr. Higgins read the resolution in grateful recognition of Ms. Dow's service and dedication to the Historical Architectural Review Board from January 2011 to December 2013. Mr. Higgins made a motion to adopt the resolution and Ms. Bruno seconded the motion. 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.

5) Barry Strittmatter - Environmental Advisory Board - Mr. Higgins read the resolution in grateful recognition of Mr. Strittmatter's service and dedication to the Environmental Advisory Board from November 2008 to December 2013. Mr. Higgins made a motion to adopt the resolution and Ms. Bruno seconded the motion. 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.

Swearing in of Police Officer Holly Donohue - Chief Lawrence introduced Ms. Donohue to Council and provided her background. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the hiring of Holly Donohue and Mr. Trask seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed 5-0 with Mr. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Judge Francis Bernhardt swore Ms. Donohue to the position of Plymouth Township Police Officer.

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 February 6, 2014

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

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| a. | Reorganization | January 6, 2014 |
| b. | Workshop Meeting | January 7, 2014 |
| c. | Regular Meeting | January 13, 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.

Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the departmental reports and bills 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.

ADMINISTRATION

a. Bill of Sale - Two rifles, no longer needed by the police department, will be sold to Mr. Joseph Venezia, a Federal firearms licensed dealer. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the Bill of Sale 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. Tax Settlements - Mr. Speers read the following tax settlements and asked Council for permission to authorize him to execute the Stipulations to Settle these matters.

1. **Conicelli** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the Tax Settlement and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger.

2. **3043 Walton Road** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the Tax Settlement and was seconded by Mr. Trask.

3. **PREIT** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the Tax Settlement and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger.

4. **Plymouth Park Apartments** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the Tax Settlement and was seconded by Mr. Trask.

5. **Plymouth Garden Apartments** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the Tax Settlement and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger.

6. **Sussex Square Apartments** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the Tax Settlement and was seconded by Mr. Trask.

A roll call vote was taken on each motion and all motions passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Towing Contract Fees - Chief Lawrence recommended an increase in towing fees because it has been several years since they were raised and they are out of line with current costs for labor and fuel. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the recommended fees and Mr. Trask seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

Mr. Simpson announced that the chipper will be coming around to get branches that came down in the ice storm. Mr. Simpson expressed his appreciation to the Public Works and Police Departments for

their hard work during numerous storms this winter.

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

a. Waiver Requests - ACTION

1. **Danella - Alan Wood Road** - Mr. Speers read the resolution granting a waiver for concrete curbing and sidewalks along the private driveway and street trees along the private driveway. Mr. Eisenberger 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.

2. **Plymouth Meeting Friends School** - Mr. Speers read the resolution granting a waiver from the requirement to post financial security. 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. Extension Requests - ACTION

1. **516-518 Township Line Road to May 1, 2014** - Mr. Higgins read the request from the developer for an extension to record his plan and then made a motion to grant the extension. Mr. Eisenberger seconded the motion. 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. **2928 Walton Road to May 1, 2014** - Mr. Higgins read the request from the developer for an extension to record his plan and then made a motion to grant the extension. Mr. Eisenberger seconded the motion. 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, February 17, 2014 commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications: 1) MATT OUTDOOR (NORFOLK SOUTHERN CORPORATION, AND 2) COMPASS SIGN COMPANY (PENNSYLVANIA ORAL MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY). Any citizen of

Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

b.Opposition - Mr. Trask made a motion to send the Solicitor to oppose the Matt Outdoor application and Mr. Eisenberger seconded the motion. 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.DCNR Grant Resolution - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve a resolution for an application for a DCNR grant 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.Service & Devotion Monument Bricks - Ms. Bruno made an announcement that bricks and pavers are still available for purchase.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

a.Lafayette Street Raingarden Agreement - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the 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. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

b.Lafayette Street Roadway Lighting w/County - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the agreement 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.Lafayette Street Roadway Lighting w/PADOT- Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the agreement 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.PADOT Resolution for Roadway Lighting Agreement - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the agreement 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.

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a. Citizen Board Vacancies - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to table the Civil Service Commission appointment to allow more time to review all candidates' applications. 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.

Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to appoint Kevin Bisch to the Historical Architectural Review Board and Ms. Bruno seconded the motion. 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. Higgins made a motion to appoint Patricia Volovnik to the Environmental Advisory Board and Ms. Bruno seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion failed 1-4 with Mr. Higgins in favor and Ms. Bruno, Mr. Trask, Mr. Eisenberger and Mr. Simpson opposed.

Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to appoint Tricia Moore to the Environmental Advisory Board and Mr. Trask seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-1 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Trask and Mr. Simpson in favor and Mr. Higgins opposed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Simpson reminded residents to park in their driveway when snow is expected.

George Matchica, 1705 Sandy Hill Road, asked for help in clearing snow from storm sewer drains. Ms. Weiss will notify the Public Works Department.

Rich Schickling, 111 Boulder Road, thanked the Public Works Department. Secondly, he asked about modifying the Germantown, Jolly and Hallowell Roads traffic signal. Mr. Simpson replied that this intersection is currently being reviewed by the Township Traffic Engineer.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary