

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

April 14, 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.

Conditional Use Hearing - Cold Point Village Signage - A hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. on a sign package for Cold Point Village. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve this signage and was seconded by Mr. Trask. 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 Comment

Mr. Simpson asked if there was any public comment pertaining to any of the items advertised on the agenda and there was none.

A moment of silence was held for Plymouth Township Code Enforcement Director Jack Hoffman who passed away on April 9, 2014.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Sessions held March 10, 2014
Executive Session held April 7, 2014

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

- a. Workshop Meeting March 3, 2014
- b. Regular Meeting March 10, 2014

Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the minutes without the necessity of reading. 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.

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. Records Disposition Resolution - 178 boxes of miscellaneous Finance Department records and correspondence listed in this resolution from years 1989 through 2004 are recommended by the Finance Director to be disposed of as set forth in the Retention and Disposition Schedule for Records of Pennsylvania Municipalities issued on May 17, 1982. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to adopt 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.

b. Julian Court Deed of Dedication Resolution - ACTION Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve this resolution wherein the developer is offering Julian Court to the Township. 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. Julian Court Dedication Ordinance - First and Final Consideration - ACTION Mr. Speers read the ordinance to make the tract of land known as Julian Court a public street in Plymouth Township. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve this 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.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Bill of Sale - Montgomery County Sheriff's Department - The Sheriff's Department has offered to purchase a Township police car for \$1,500. It is an older model and we would only get about

\$600 if sold at auction. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve this purchase by the Sheriff's Department 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.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

a. Mailbox Policy - Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve a new mailbox replacement policy for the occasional damage to a mailbox by Township snowplows. Reports of damaged mailboxes will be reviewed on an individual basis, and, if approved, the maximum reimbursement will be \$100. It 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. Settlement Approval - Michael Cotteta - ACTION Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve Mr. Cotteta's settlement of his condemnation for \$34,000 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.

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

a. Extension Request - ACTION

1. **2928 Walton Road to August 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

a. Special Event Permit Fee Waiver Request - Mr. Trask made a motion to approve a waiver of the special event permit fee for Cradles to Crayons, a nonprofit organization to hold a children's essential collection in the Metroplex parking lot on May 16th and 17th. 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.

ZONING

a.Zoning Hearings - Ms. Bruno announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public Hearing on Monday, April 21, 2014 commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following application: MICHAEL AND WENDY DESANTO.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION

a.Plymouth Township Day Announcement and July 4th Parade- Mr. Eisenberger made an announcement that Plymouth Township Day will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2014 (the first Saturday after Memorial Day) from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at East Plymouth Valley Park, with a rain date of Sunday, June 1, 2014. Refreshments, Cup Cake Contest, Community Groups, games and raffles will be offered along with inflatables, trackless train and, new this year, a mechanical shark. Mr. Eisenberger also made an announcement that the July 4th parade will be held Friday, July 4th on Jolly Road beginning at 10:00 a.m. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact Luke McCarty at 610-277-4312 at the Community Center.

b.Service & Devotion Monument Bricks - Mr. Higgins made an announcement that bricks and pavers are still available for purchase. American flags are also available for \$30 at the Community Center.

c.HWP House Sale - May 3rd and May 4th - Mr. Eisenberger announced that before the residence at Harriet Wetherill Park, located at 2642 Butler Pike is demolished, Plymouth Township, along with Pre-Demolition Sales, will hold a sale on Saturday, May 3, 2014 and Sunday, May 4, 2014 for anyone interested in inside and outside items from the residence.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a.Citizen Board Vacancies - Ms. Bruno made an announcement that there are two board positions open on the Building Code Appeals Board - one structural background needed and one electrical

background needed. Residents interested in serving should submit their resume or a letter stating their interest to the Township Manager.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Richard Schickling, Boulder Road asked if there is any new information on the Chemical Road property owned by Preferred Real Estate. Mr. Speers advised that nothing has been concluded yet. There will be a hearing next week.

Josh and Erin Leoni, 1328 Hillcrest Road read a statement regarding their concerns about drug activity in their neighborhood and the threats they endured because they are standing up against this activity.

Mr. Simpson asked Ms. Weiss to check with Rick Carbo about lighting at Colwell Park.

Mr. Eisenberger stated he was aware of the situation and that the police are investigating.

Chief Lawrence stated that there are problems in Colwell Park; plain clothes officers are out there, but he could not comment on the investigation. The Chief said all terroristic threats are taken seriously and we make the arrests.

Richard Grocott, 817 Erlen Road, asked if Council could do anything about the Valley Stores driveway on Virginia Road. Cars exiting and making a left, block the lanes on Virginia Road creating a serious traffic hazard.

Tom Kelly, 1118 Belvoir Road asked if the Township had any information on 1121 Belvoir Road. Ms. Weiss said the PA Turnpike Commission bought the property for a westbound access and said she had some plans that Mr. Kelly could see after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen B. Weiss
Recording Secretary