

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

July 14, 2014

Plymouth Township Council held its Regular Meeting at the Plymouth Township Building. The following officials were in attendance:

Council: Sheldon Simpson ----- Chairman
Dean Eisenberger
Marty Higgins

Staff: Karen Weiss ----- Manager
Tom Speers ----- Solicitor
Tim Woodrow ----- Woodrow & Associates
Chris Loschiavo ----- Public Works Director
Joe Lawrence ----- Police Chief

Matt Outdoor Conditional Use Hearing - A Conditional Use Hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. pertaining to a request by Matt Outdoor to erect an outdoor off-site advertising sign, with a sign face totaling 300 square feet with a maximum length of 30 feet and a maximum width of 10 feet. Total height is 35 feet. The property is located at the Norfolk Southern Railroad right-of-way, south of the PA Turnpike, west of Conshohocken Road. The property is zoned Limited Industrial and sits within the Off-Site Outdoor Advertising Sign Overlay District.

Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the conditional use and was seconded by Mr. Higgins. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Bruno and Mr. Trask were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance - The Conditional Use Hearing was adjourned and the Regular Meeting was called to order. Mr. Simpson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Civil Service Resolution - Joseph Dollard - Mr. Eisenberger read the resolution recognizing Joseph A. Dollard for his generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered as a member of the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Dollard served Plymouth Township with commitment and dedication by volunteering his time to the Civil

Service Commission during the period extending from January 2006 through July, 2014 and serving as Chairman from 2013 through July, 2014. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Higgins. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Bruno and Mr. Trask were absent.

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 July 7, 2014

Mr. Simpson announced that an Executive Session was held on July 7, 2014 in order to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

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

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| a. | Workshop Meeting | June 2, 2014 |
| b. | Regular Meeting | June 9, 2014 |

Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the minutes without the necessity of reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Higgins; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Bruno and Mr. Trask were absent.

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. The motion was seconded by Mr. Higgins; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Bruno and Mr. Trask were absent.

ADMINISTRATION

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Commendations

1) Unit Citation - Mr. Eisenberger read the resolution that Detective Sergeant Thomas Longo, Sergeant Robert Heger, Detectives David Phillips, Jeffrey McGee, Anthony Costello, Andrew Moretti, Officers Christopher Schwartz, Joseph LaPenta, Gerard DeSantis, David Zinni, Mark Lacy, Joseph Epright, Michael Capperella, Scott Severson and K9 Jinx be publicly commended for an outstanding arrest of a violent, wanted felon which was

accomplished through relentless investigation, dogged pursuit and outstanding teamwork. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Higgins. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Bruno and Mr. Trask were absent.

2)Unit Citation - Mr. Higgins read the resolution recognizing Officers David Zinni, Mark Ransom and Holly Donohue for their teamwork resulting in the saving of a life for a driver who was suffering a medical emergency and was trapped inside his vehicle. 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 3-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Bruno and Mr. Trask were absent.

3)Unit Citation - Mr. Simpson read the resolution recognizing Officers Douglas Copestick, Eric Ponzek, Michael Watts, David Zinni and Chad Robinson for their use of teamwork in apprehending an armed and dangerous felon. Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Bruno and Mr. Trask were absent.

b.Bill of Sale - Mr. Eisenberger stated that this item pertains to a 2002 Chevrolet Sedan that the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department has agreed to purchase from the Township at a cost of \$1,000. The agreement of sale is as is, with no warranty. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the bill of sale and was seconded by Mr. Higgins. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Bruno and Mr. Trask were absent.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

a.PADOT Resolution - Mr. Speers stated that this resolution pertains to the installation of a No Turn on Red Sign at the intersection of Germantown Pike and Walton Road. The No Turn on Red will be in effect from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. for Germantown Pike Westbound traffic that wants to turn right onto Walton Road. This is an amendment to the Highway Occupancy Permit. Mr. Simpson clarified that the purpose of the resolution is to attempt to alleviate some of the traffic that is backed up on Walton Road. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Higgins. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Bruno and Mr. Trask were absent.

ENGINEERING

a. Diamond Run Sewer

1) **First Supplement to Diamond Run Agreement** - Mr. Speers stated that the Township previously approved a contract with McCormick Taylor to design a sewer crossing for a dry pipe on the Battaglia property located at 1440 Ridge Pike. This supplement is to design a sewer replacement in the Ridge Pike Right-of-Way from School Lane to the middle of the Battaglia property. The Township will pay McCormick Taylor 100% for the design and reimburse Montgomery County for 20% of the construction. This is a supplement to the original agreement that was previously approved by Council in June.

b. Sheffield Drive Drainage - Mr. Woodrow stated that last fall the Township resolved a problem with ponding in the street following a heavy rain event on Sheffield Drive. Mr. Woodrow believes that the problem was alleviated by the installation of a pipe. The residents complained that there was still a water problem following the extreme heavy rainfall on June 2nd, however not as bad as last summer. Mr. Woodrow suggested that Council not take further action until it is determined if there is still a problem with the drainage. In addition, there are no life safety or property damage issues.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

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

1) **Expiration Date September 17, 2014**

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

1) **Expiration Date September 29, 2014**

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

1. **Expiration Date September 30, 2014**

d. Escrow Releases - ACTION

1) **Plymouth Meeting Park** - This item was not ready for action this evening.

2) **Norris Sales** - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the escrow release for Norris Sales, located at 1000 Conshohocken Road as recommended by Woodrow & Associates in the amount of \$248,527.23. The motion was seconded by Mr. Higgins; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Bruno and Mr. Trask were absent.

e. 2928 Walton Extension Requested to November 30, 2014 - ACTION -

Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the extension request and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Bruno and Mr. Trask were absent.

f. Waiver Requests - ACTION -

1) **Battaglia Landscape and Lighting** - Mr. Eisenberger made a

motion to approve the waiver request for landscaping in order that they do not have to install fourteen street trees. Additionally they are requesting adding two lights for security reasons. The motion was seconded by Mr. Higgins; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Simpson in favor. Ms. Bruno and Mr. Trask were absent.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

a. Mosquito Control Announcement - Mr. Higgins 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 June through September. If additional information is needed, residents can contact Mike Estock at 610-277-4100, extension 4229.

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings - Mr. Higgins announced that the Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing on July 21st commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications. 1) CONICELLI AUTOPLEX AND 2) ZOES KITCHEN. Any Plymouth Township resident or interested person may attend the meeting and have an opportunity to be heard.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a. SDM Bricks and Pavers - Mr. Simpson stated that bricks and pavers are still available for the Service and Devotion Monument.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a. Building Code Appeals Board Vacancies - Mr. Simpson announced that there are two vacancies on the Building Code Appeals Board. One requires a structural background and the other requires an electrical background.

b. Civil Service Commission - Mr. Simpson announced that there is a vacancy on the Civil Service Commission.

Any interested person may send a letter of interest or a resume to the Township Manager.

Mr. Simpson stated that a letter has been sent to the County regarding the curb situation on Butler & Ridge Pike at the Fingers, Wings & Other Things location.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison

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Recording Secretary