

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

August 11, 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
Andy Mount ----- 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.

Swearing-In of Deputy Fire Marshal Michael Matusheski - Mr. Simpson presided over the swearing-in of Deputy Fire Marshal Michael Matusheski.

Recognition for Harmonville Fire Company Softball Team - Mr. Simpson read the resolution recognizing the Harmonville Fire Company Softball Team who won the 2014 league championship. The team also dedicated their season to the late Jack Hoffman. Mr. Simpson read the list of players who made quality contributions to the team and acknowledged them for their great achievement. Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the recognition 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.

Mr. Simpson and Council thanked Kehoe Construction for their quality workmanship on the Intersection Improvement Project.

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 August 4, 2014
Executive Session held August 11, 2014

Mr. Simpson announced that Executive Sessions were held on August 4th and August 11, 2014 in order to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

- a. Workshop Meeting July 7, 2014
- b. Regular Meeting July 14, 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. Budget Meetings - Mr. Higgins announced that budget meetings will be held on the following dates. Monday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 27th at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m.

b. Tax Settlement - Doubletree - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to a tax settlement between the Township and the Doubletree Hotel located at 640 W. Germantown Pike. The tax settlement results in an overpayment to the Township in the amount of \$7,980. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the tax settlement 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 Settlement - Plymouth Park - Mr. Speers advised that this item pertains to a tax settlement between the Township and Plymouth Park Apartments. The tax settlement has resulted in an overpayment to the Township in the amount of \$3,200. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the tax settlement 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.

d. Tax Settlement - Plymouth Gardens - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to a tax settlement between the Township and Plymouth Garden Apartments. The tax settlement has resulted in an overpayment to the Township in the amount of \$4,800. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the tax settlement 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. Tax Settlement - Sussex Square - Mr. Speers advised that this item pertains to a tax settlement between the Township and Sussex Square Apartments. The tax settlement has resulted in an underpayment to the Township in the amount of \$2,600. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the tax settlement 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.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Live Scan Purchase Request - Mr. Eisenberger stated that Council is in receipt of a request from Chief Lawrence for the purchase of a live scan system that is used for fingerprinting. The live scan will cost \$9,500. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the request 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.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

a. Fuel Station Bid Award - Ms. Bruno stated that the Township needs to replace its fuel tanks that are located at the Public Works garage. A bid opening was held on July 17th relating to this project. Chris Loschiavo, the Public Works Director is recommending that the bid be awarded to Ferguson & McCann in the amount of \$150,000. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the 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.

Mr. Simpson stated that this includes both diesel and gas pumps.

b. Master Castings Agreement - Mr. Speers stated that when PADOT works in state roads, it may need to make adjustments to Township sanitary or storm water facilities. If they should need to replace

the castings, the cost would be passed on to the Township. Mr. Speers read the resolution which authorizes the Township Chairman to sign the 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.

c.Motion to Advertise Bid for Municipal Waste Disposal - This item was stricken from the agenda.

d.White Goods and Television Fee Resolution - Mr. Trask read the resolution that establishes fees for the pick-up of white goods and television sets. Televisions can either be dropped off at the Public Works shed free of charge, or for the \$10 service fee, it will be picked up curbside on the third Wednesday of the month. Residents will need to call the Public Works department to be put on the list. Items without stickers will not be collected. A disposal sticker is required for the television curbside collection. Once stickers are purchase there are no refunds. Also effective with the September, 2014 white goods collection, all white goods will require a \$10 disposal sticker. Residents desiring to have white goods removed must call the Public Works department to get the \$10 disposal sticker and to be placed on the list. Items without stickers will not be collected. A disposal sticker is required for all white goods. Once stickers are purchased there are no refunds. Mr. Trask 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.

e.Motion to adopt Ordinance to join with Conshohocken and West Conshohocken to bid for waste disposal - First consideration - Mr. Simpson made a motion to adopt an ordinance 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.

ENGINEERING

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

1) Expiration date October 19, 2014

e. Escrow Release - ACTION

1) **Plymouth Meeting Park** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the escrow release for Plymouth Meeting Park in the amount of \$59,487.09. 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) **VIST Bank** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the landscape escrow release for VIST Bank in the amount of \$2,971.80. 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.

3) **1800 Johnson Road** - Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the escrow release for 1800 Johnson Road in the amount of \$7,000 split between the Township and developer. 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.

f. Extension Requests - ACTION -

1) **Homewood Suites to December 31, 2014** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the extension request for Homewood Suites. 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.

2) **James Danella to December 31, 2014** - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the extension request for James Danella. The motion was seconded by Mr. 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. Mosquito Control Announcement - Mr. Eisenberger 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. Trask announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 18, 2014, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on following applications: 1) FRANK N. & ROSEMARY M. CICCHIELLO, AND 2) PLYMOUTH FIRE COMPANY. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard. The following applications have been continued. CIG TOWERS, ZOES KITCHEN AND

RONDEAU BROTHERS.

b.Opposition - Mr. Speers asked if Council wants to remove its opposition to the CIG Towers request since the proposal has changed. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion that Council remove its opposition 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 - Mr. Higgins 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.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a.Citizen Board Vacancies - Mr. Trask that there are two openings on the Building Code Appeals Board. One requires an electrical background and the other requires a structural background. There is also a vacancy on the Civil Service Commission. Anyone who is interested in serving on these boards can submit a letter of interest or a resume to Karen Weiss, the Township Manager.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison
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Recording Secretary