

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

January 12, 2015

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-Chairwoman
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
Jim Wallace ----- Code Enforcement
Director

Pledge of Allegiance - The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:02 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.

20 Years of Service Resolution - Christine Pelusi - Mr. Eisenberger read the resolution recognizing Christine Pelusi who has completed twenty years of service in the Administration and Police Departments. The Township formally recognized Ms. Pelusi for her diligent and valuable service rendered. 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.

Recognition - Charles "Chip" Tornetta - Mr. Higgins read the Certificate of Recognition recognizing Charles "Chip" Tornetta for his outstanding commitment to coaching and board positions within the

Plymouth Whitemarsh Spartans Football organization since 1985. Mr. Tornetta led his team to win four championships and created a legacy of teaching hundreds of boys life lessons as well as how to play football. Plymouth Township Council commends Mr. Tornetta for helping to make Plymouth Township a better place to live. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the Certificate of 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 stated that he has been a neighbor of Mr. Tornetta's for many years and that it is his dedication that makes youth programs so successful. He thanked him for his years of service.

20 Years of Service Resolution - Karen Weiss - Mr. Simpson read the resolution recognizing Karen Weiss for her twenty years of service in the Code Enforcement and Zoning Departments and the Manager's office. Plymouth Township Council formally recognizes and commends Ms. Weiss for her diligent and valuable service to the Township. Mr. Simpson 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.

Ms. Bruno mentioned that she was on Council when Ms. Weiss was appointed as Township Manager. She thanked her for her years of service.

Mr. Eisenberger stated that the way that the Township is run is a credit to Ms. Weiss. He thanked her for her service.

Mr. Simpson thanked Ms. Weiss for her years of service. He believes that the Township staff is the best in the County under Ms. Weiss's leadership.

Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to go out of the regular order of the agenda to discuss the Caramenico Funeral Home application. 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.

Mr. Simpson stated that with regard to the Caramenico Funeral Home that Council has no authority over the Zoning Hearing Board's decision in this matter. They are a judiciary board that makes its own decisions. Council has voted to send Attorney Herb Rubenstein, to the Zoning Hearing Board Meeting which will be held on February 16th to voice Council's opposition to the application.

Mr. Eisenberger stated that it was a unanimous decision by Council to send Mr. Rubenstein to the Zoning Hearing Board Meeting.

The following Township residents spoke in opposition to the appeal.

Greg Sudell, 607 Treaty Road asked if the Township can adopt and enforce emissions control and air pollution standards if a crematory were to be approved. Mr. Simpson stated that Council cannot do this but that the Zoning Hearing Board may place conditions on any approval. Mr. Speers stated that this is regulated by the Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Sudell added that two counties in Western, PA have done this and added it to their General Codes.

Steve Rupperecht , 3028 Warrior Road asked that Council commit to adopting such an ordinance if possible. Mr. Speers will look into this and Council will adopt such an ordinance if it is feasible.

Melissa Rapine, 3017 Walton Road suggested that the Township look at Peters Township since they adopted an ordinance pertaining to this. Ms. Rapine asked if the crematory will go in if approved by zoning. Mr. Simpson stated that it would but that the Zoning Hearing Board will be very diligent with their research regarding the crematory. She requested that an ordinance be drafted as to where a permitted use would be for the crematory in the Township.

A resident asked if it would help if residents were represented in numbers at the Zoning Hearing Board Meeting. Mr. Simpson stated that he believes that it may help if there were a lot of residents in attendance at the meeting.

Rick Schickling, 111 Boulder Road stated the he previously worked at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital and when cremations were done there was a bad odor and workers had to stay indoors. Mr. Schickling believes that the crematorium is a quality of life issue.

Tom Lowry, 514 Beacon Hill Circle asked how many children will be affected. Lisa Hoban, Principal of Holy Rosary Regional Catholic School stated that it would concern approximately 350 children and 40 employees at the school.

Dana Trego, 3022 Warrior Road stated that there are about forty-five children in her neighborhood with twenty-six of them ranging from infant to five years. This is in a one block radius. Ms. Trego asked if Mr. Rubenstein was qualified to represent the residents in this matter. Mr. Simpson assured Ms. Trego that Mr. Rubenstein is one of the most knowledgeable attorney's in the area and that he is well versed in land development and zoning issues. Mr. Rubenstein will represent the Township's best interest in the case.

Following the residents comments, Council then returned to the regular order of the agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Session held January 5, 2015
Executive Session held January 12, 2015

Mr. Simpson announced that Executive Sessions were held on January 5, 2015, and January 12, 2015 in order to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

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| a. | Workshop Meeting | December 1, 2014 |
| b. | Regular Meeting | December 8, 2014 |
| c. | Special Meeting | December 11, 2014 |
| d. | Special Meeting | December 22, 2014 |

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 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. Liquid Fuels Resolution - ACTION - Mr. Speers 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. 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.

b. Tax Settlements - Mr. Speers stated that the following dockets pertain to tax settlements for Plymouth Park DFC/LLC. The tax settlements were filed by the School District to increase the assessment on the properties. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the tax settlements 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.

- 1) Docket 2012 -28852
- 2) Docket 2012 -28853
- 3) Docket 2012 -28854
- 4) Docket 2012 -28855
- 5) Docket 2012 -28856

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Black Box Data Fee Resolution - Mr. Speers stated that Chief Lawrence has been receiving requests for event data recording

information. The resolution creates a fee of \$250 for each request if the Police Department, in its discretion, determines to release the information. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution and 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.

Mr. Simpson thanked Joe Lawrence and the police officers for representing the Township in New York at the funerals of the fallen police officers.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

Ms. Bruno thanked Mr. Loschiavo for his efforts in obtaining a \$200,000 DEP grant for the purchase of a swap loader.

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

a.L.D. 14-1 Erb/121 North Lane

1) Expiration date February 15, 2015

b.L.D. 14-4 Drive Time/1403 & 1425 E. Ridge Pike

1) Extension granted to April 30, 2015 - ACTION - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the extension 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.

c. Escrow Releases - ACTION

1.1332 Colwell Lane - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the escrow release for 1332 Colwell Lane in the amount of \$6,775. 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.

2. Norris Sales/1000 Conshohocken Road - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the escrow release for Norris Sales/1000 Conshohocken Road in the amount of \$10,759.38. 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.

3. Chemalloy - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the resolution to release escrow funds held by the Township. The resolution releases the letter of credit. 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.

4.Cold Point Village 1 Release No. 3A - Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the escrow release for Cold Point Village 1, release no. 3A in the amount of \$168,461.56. 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.

5)Cold Point Village 1 Release No. 4 - Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the escrow release for Cold Point Village 1, release No. 4 in the amount of \$6,000. 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.

d.Extension Requests - ACTION -

1)Dunkin Donuts/439 W. Germantown Pk to March 31, 2015 - Mr. Higgins made a motion to grant the extension request 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.

2)Conicelli Honda to March 31, 2015 - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to grant the extension 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.

e.Waiver Request - ACTION -

1)One Valley Square/512 Township Line Road - Mr. Speers stated that the applicant is proposing to remove one building and increase the parking which will create more impervious coverage. The applicant is asking to waive the land development application. Ms. Bruno made a motion to grant the waiver 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. The owner was present and agreed to the conditions read.

f.Traffic Signal Approval Resolution - ACTION - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution for the modifications to the traffic signal on Chemical Road for Storage Partners. 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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

a.Request for Approval - scanner/copier - Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the purchase of a scanner/copier for the Code Enforcement Department at a cost of \$14,000. The purchase will be made from the state contract. 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.

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings - Mr. Trask announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 19, 2015 commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications: 1) FREDERICK L. WENDLER IV, 2) CC BLUE BELL TWO VALLEY SQUARE LP/CELLCO PARTNERSHI, D/B/A/ VERIZON WIRELESS, AND 3) DRIVETIME CAR SALES COMPANY, LLC,. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

The application of Rebekah Chun has been continued until March and Caramenico Funeral Home is continued until February.

b. Special Meeting January 19, 2015 with Ken Amey 6:00 p.m. - Ms. Bruno announced that a special meeting will be held on January 19, 2015 commencing at 6:00 p.m. in order to discuss several zoning and re-zoning issues with Land Planner, Ken Amey.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a. SDM Bricks and Pavers - Ms. Bruno announced 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.

b. Request for Approval - Tractor and Gator - Mr. Higgins motioned for the purchase of a new utility tractor and gator for the Parks Department. 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.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a. Citizen Board Vacancies - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to appoint Anthony Morrione to the Joint Sewer Authority. 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 Pat O'Hara to the Building Code Appeals Board. 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.

Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to appoint Jeff Cianculli to the Planning Agency. 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.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Carolyn Nickels, 3110 Jolly Road thanked Ms. Weiss for her years of service to the Township. Ms. Nickels stated that she believes there is a public safety issue with cars speeding off of Township Line Road onto Jolly Road. She asked if speed signs could be installed or a permanent speed awareness sign. Chief Lawrence stated that the police department has purchased two solar signs and that perhaps one of them could be used on Jolly Road. Ms. Nickels thanked the police department for doing a great job.

Jaime Arcole, 3018 Jolly Road mentioned that the stop sign at Princeton Road is obscured. Chief Lawrence will investigate.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison
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Recording Secretary