

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

February 9, 2015

Plymouth Township Council held its Regular Workshop 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

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) Lynda Lawrence - Parks, Recreation & Shade Tree Advisory Board -
Ms. Bruno read the resolution recognizing Lynda Lawrence for her diligent and valuable service rendered on the Board from April, 2002 through December, 2014. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution 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. Eisenberger stated that it has been an honor to serve on the Board with Ms. Lawrence and thanked her for her service.

Ms. Bruno thanked Ms. Lawrence for her dedication and stated that it has been a pleasure to work with her.

2) Bridget Sudall - Parks, Recreation & Shade Tree Advisory Board -
Mr. Eisenberger read the resolution recognizing Bridget Sudall for her diligent and valuable service rendered on the Board from January 2011 through December, 2014. 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.

3)Dee Mellor - Planning Agency - Mr. Trask read the resolution recognizing Dee Mellor for her diligent and valuable service rendered on the Planning Agency from March 2005 through December 2015. 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.

4)John Gauntlett - Building Code Appeals Board - Mr. Simpson read the resolution recognizing John Gauntlett for his diligent and valuable service rendered on the Board from November 2014 through December 2015. 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.

5)Bill Sabey - Environmental Advisory Board - Mr. Eisenberger read the resolution recognizing Bill Sabey for his diligent and valuable service rendered on the Board from November 2008 through December 2014. Mr. Sabey also served as Chairman on the Board. Mr. Eisenberger 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. Mr. Eisenberger stated that it has been an honor to serve with Mr. Sabey on the Board.

6)Edward Isett - East Norriton-Plymouth-Whitemarsh Joint Sewer Authority - Mr. Higgins read the resolution recognizing Edward Isett for his diligent and valuable service rendered on the Joint Sewer Authority from February 2010 through December 2014. Mr. Higgins 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.

7)Michael Mattioni - Zoning Hearing Board - Ms. Bruno read the resolution recognizing Michael Mattioni for his diligent and valuable service rendered on the Board from January 2010 through December 2014. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution 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 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 2, 2015 - Mr. Simpson announced that an Executive Session was held on February 2, 2015 in order to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

- a. Reorganization Meeting January 5, 2015
- b. Workshop Meeting January 5, 2015
- c. Regular Meeting January 12, 2015
- d. Special Meeting January 19, 2015

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. 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.

ADMINISTRATION

a. Tax Settlements - Mr. Speers stated that this item is not ready for action this evening and will be handled at the Council meeting in March.

b. Appointment of Deputy Tax Collector - Mr. Eisenberger stated that this item pertains to correspondence received from Tim Creelman explaining the necessity under a new law for the appointment of a Deputy Tax Collector who would be responsible for the collection of taxes in Mr. Creelman's absence. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the appointment of Annette Kruczynski as the Deputy Tax Collector 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.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

ENGINEERING

a. Stony Creek/Saw Mill Run Watershed Management Ordinance - First

Consideration - ACTION - Mr. Manai explained that this ordinance is necessary in order that the Township remain in compliance with the MS4 Program under the current permitting with the Department of Environmental Protection. All municipalities in Pennsylvania participate in the program to control stormwater at its local source. The new portion of the ordinance deals with volume control of runoff. Final adoption of the ordinance will take place in March. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the first reading of the 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. Mr. Eisenberger asked if the ordinance puts the Township in compliance with the State and Mr. Speers stated that it does.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

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

1) **Extension granted to August 15, 2015 - ACTION** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to grant the extension 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.L.D. 14-4 Drive Time/1403 & 1425 E. Ridge Pike

1) **Expiration date April 30, 2015**

c.Escrow Releases - ACTION

1) **Light Street/Elm Street** - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the escrow release for Light Street/Elm Street in the amount of \$58,226.50 as recommended by Woodrow & Associates. 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.

d.Extension Requests - ACTION

1) **Storage Partners to March 20, 2015** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to grant the extension request 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.

2) **Metroplex Corporate Center Phase 3 to June 1, 2015** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to grant the extension request 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.

3) **2928 Walton road to June 1, 2015** - Mr. Higgins made a motion to grant the extension request 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.

e.Plymouth Towne Indemnity Agreement - ACTION - Mr. Speers stated that this is an Indemnity Agreement between Plymouth Township and the owner of Plymouth Towne Apartments. PennDOT requires the Township to be a co-applicant on any improvements such as stormwater drains being placed on State highways. Plymouth Towne agrees to pay all construction costs associated with development

and stormwater that goes on a State highway and will indemnify the Township for any costs going forward. All improvements would be the developer's responsibility, not the Township's. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the agreement 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.

f. Waiver Request - Kennedy Ford - Mr. Speers stated that Kennedy Ford would like to use an area that is currently impervious and repave it and install underground stormwater management. The applicant is asking for a waiver of land development subject to the conditions read as follows: The applicant will pay all costs for legal and engineering fees, an out-fall fee of \$4,850 for ninety-seven new parking spaces, and the applicant will comply with the comments issued by the Township Engineer and Dave Conroy, the Township Zoning Officer. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve 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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

a. Sewer Lateral Ordinance - First Consideration - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to discussions that were held on the inflow of stormwater into the Township's collection system for sanitary sewers as a result of sewer laterals that are defective, cracked, or leaking. This can be resolved with changes that Mr. Speers outlined in the proposed ordinance. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the first reading of the 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.

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings - Mr. Higgins announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 16, 2015, commencing at 7:00 p., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications: 1) KIMBERLY TORNETTA ATTANSIO. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

Neighbor Meeting re: 3025 Walton Road February 11, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m. - Mr. Higgins announced that the applicant, Caramenico Funeral Home, has requested a postponement to a date that has yet to be determined for the neighbor meeting scheduled for February 11th.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a.SDM Bricks and Pavers - Ms. Bruno announced that there are currently bricks and pavers available 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.Announcement - Bob Bigelow Youth Sports Presentation - Ms. Bruno announced that on Thursday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Building, the Township will be hosting well known author Bob Bigelow. Mr. Bigelow is one of the foremost youth sports speakers in the country.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

a.Cross County Trail Study Adoption - Mr. Eisenberger stated that this is a resolution to accept the extension of the Cross County Trail feasibility study for completing the extension in Plymouth and Whitemarsh Townships. Mr. Eisenberger 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.

b.Memorandum of Understanding - Ridge and Alan Wood - Mr. Speers stated that this item is not ready for action this evening and will be handled at the Council Meeting in March.

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a.Citizen Board Vacancies - Mr. Higgins stated that there is currently an opening on the Building Code Appeals Board and the Property Maintenance Appeals Board. Any person interested in serving may send a resume or letter of interest to Karen Weiss, the Township Manager.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to appoint Joe Mellon 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 asked if it was possible to appoint a ninth person to the Township Planning Agency. Mr. Speers stated that the Board can have up to nine people serving on it. This will be handled by an ordinance amendment at the Council meeting next month.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison
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Recording Secretary