

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

March 9, 2015

Plymouth Township Council held its Regular Meeting on March 9, 2015 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
Lonnie Manai ----- Woodrow & Associates
Jeff O'Brien ----- Lieutenant

Pledge of Allegiance - The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 - Joseph Loschiavo Jr. - Ms. Bruno read the resolution recognizing Joseph Loschiavo, Jr. who has faithfully served the Public Works and Building and Grounds Department since March 23, 1995, thereby completing twenty years of service. Plymouth Township formally recognizes him for his diligent and valuable services rendered and publicly expresses its appreciation. 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. Simpson thanked Mr. Loschiavo for his dedication to his work.

AOH Grand Marshal Recognition - Michael McBride - Mr. Eisenberger read the resolution recognizing Michael McBride of the Ancient Order of Hibernians who is being honored as the Grand Marshal for the 2015 Conshohocken St. Patrick's Day Parade. Mr. McBride has received

awards along with his participation in various other activities. Since 2001, he has provided countless hours on various committees and volunteered his services. Mr. McBride has helped to make Plymouth Township a better place to live. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Session held March 2, 2015 - Mr. Simpson announced that an Executive Session was held on March 2, 2015 in order to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

- a. Workshop Meeting February 2, 2015
- b. Regular Meeting February 9, 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. Employee Handbook - Mr. Higgins stated that periodically the Human Resource Department updates the Township's employee handbook. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the 2015 edition of the handbook. 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.

b. Meal and Travel Reimbursement Policy - Mr. Higgins reported that the Township's existing Meal and Travel Reimbursement Policy has not been updated since 2000. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the document which outlines the new policy. 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. Planning Agency Ordinance - First and Final Consideration - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the ordinance authorizing an amendment of the Plymouth Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2-Administration, Article 2 Administrative Code, Division 6 Advisory Boards, Section

2-172 Planning Agency, Subsection (B) to increase the number of members of the Planning Agency from 8 to 9. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve 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.

d.WSA Distribution and Release - Mr. Speers stated that Montgomery County has elected to dissolve the Eastern Montgomery County Waste System Authority. It is now in the process of distributing funds to each municipality. 1.56 percent or \$110,178.69 will go to Plymouth Township. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the settlement to Plymouth Township. 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.

e.Stipulations to Settle - ACTION - Mr. Speers reported that the first four items pertain to 512 Township Line Road and is owned by Blue Bell Valley Square. As a result of assessments that were reduced by the County Board of Assessments, the following amounts will be refunded by Plymouth Township.

- 1)Docket no. 2008-33758 - \$22,497.52
- 2)Docket no. 2008-33768 - \$33,194.06
- 3)Docket no. 2008-33771 - \$31,977.60
- 4)Docket no. 2008-33774 - \$28,882.01

Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the settlements 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.

5)Docket no. 2009-38300 - This item pertains to a refund for the former IMS property located at 660 West Germantown Pike. The amount to be refunded by the Township is \$31,338.83. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the 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.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a.Repeal of Firearms Ordinance - First and Final Consideration - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the ordinance authorizing repeal of both Chapter 15, Section 15-11 (A). Firearms and Hunting prohibited; Fishing and Fireworks regulated, and Chapter 14. Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions Article I. in General, Sec. 14-6. Discharge of Firearms, etc., prohibited. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve 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.

b.2015 Emergency Operations Plan - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the update to the 2015 Emergency Operations Plan 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

ENGINEERING

a. Stony Creek/Saw Mill Run Watershed Management Ordinance - Final Consideration - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the ordinance of Plymouth Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, adopting the Stony Creek/Sawmill Run Watershed Stormwater Management Ordinance; implementing the requirements of Act 167 Stormwater Plans for the Watershed; establishing requirements for development, best management practices, Stormwater controls, penalties, and Stormwater Agreements for the Watershed. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve 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.

Mr. Manai stated that the Township must update its stormwater management plan as part of the MS4 program. Plymouth Township is in its second permit cycle. The ordinance contains provisions for stormwater runoff control and stormwater volume control. Each property owner will be required to report on the stormwater maintenance.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

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

1) Expiration date August 15, 2015

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

1) Expiration date April 30, 2015

c. Escrow Release - ACTION

1) **Light Street/Elm Street Correction - Ratify Release #2** - Mr. Eisenberger stated that at the Council meeting last month Council granted an escrow release for Light Street/Elm Street in the amount of 44,318.73. It was discovered that some items had been released in July 2013. The amount that should have been released is \$17,874.50 leaving a balance of \$3,918.97. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to ratify the release 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.

d.Extension Requests - ACTION

1) **Dunkin Donuts to May 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) **Storage Partners to April 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.

3) **Danella to June 30, 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.

4) **Plymouthtowne to June 30, 2015** - Mr. Eisenberger 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.

5) **Conicelli Honda to May 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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

a.Sewer Lateral Ordinance - First Consideration - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the ordinance providing for the inspection and possible replacement of private sewer service laterals when: A) upon transfer of title of the property to which the private sewer lateral is connected; B) the conveyance line to which the private sewer service lateral is connected, is replaced or repaired; and C) upon inspection of the sanitary sewer system by Plymouth Township personnel or, their authorized agents all for the purpose of eliminating the introduction of prohibited waters into said sanitary sewer system; and providing penalties for violation thereof. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve 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 - Ms. Bruno announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 16, 2015 commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications: 1) JAROD RICCI, and 2) JAMES AND KELLY BAINBRIDGE. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

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 for the Service and Devotion Monument.

b.PECO Grant Resolution - Mr. Eisenberger read the resolution authorizing the application to the 2014 PECO Green Region Open Space Program for the Plymouth Road Side Path Project. The grant application will be in the amount of \$10,000. If a grant is awarded, the Township commits to a matching grant of \$10,000. 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.

c.Plymouth Township Day - May 30th - 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.- Mr. Trask announced that Plymouth Township Day will be held on Saturday, May 30th from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Any questions regarding this can be directed to Karen Weiss, the Township Manager.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

a.Memorandum of Understanding - Ridge and Alan Wood Road - This item was not ready for action this evening and will be handled at the Council meeting in April.

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a.Citizen Board Vacancies - Ms. Bruno announced that there are two citizen board vacancies as follows: 1) Building Code Appeals Board - Electrical background needed, and 2) Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board. Anyone who is interested in serving on one of these boards can submit a resume or letter of interest to the Township Manager.

Mr. Simpson expressed condolences on behalf of Council to the Police Chief and Mayor of Philadelphia on the recent passing of one of their police officers who was killed in the line of duty.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jane Dougherty, 101 Archbishop Drive mentioned that she had a meeting with representatives of the state regarding her property. Their solution was to install a grate. They said that the next move would be from the Township and the property owners. Ms. Dougherty asked what the Township's position is at this point. Mr. Simpson stated that the Township is waiting for the state to give flow calculations. The Township will continue to look into this matter.

Ms. Dougherty also mentioned that in the event of snow, she is responsible for maintaining the sidewalks and the handicap ramps on her property and North Lane. Last year she spent approximately \$1,000 to open up access on North Lane since it is very narrow. Ms. Dougherty is asking the Township for assistance in the way that the snow is directed by the plow. Staff will look into this issue.

Melissa Rapine, 3017 Walton Road mentioned the crematory that is being proposed on Walton Road. She asked if Council is going to consider an ordinance where a crematorium would be a permitted use. Mr. Speers stated that the Township is looking into this. Ken Amey, Land Planner is currently working on an ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison
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Recording Secretary