

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

May 11, 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
	Ken Amey -----	Land Planner

Pledge of Allegiance

A Public Hearing and Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on the following ordinances:

1) Zoning Clean-Up - At the conclusion of the hearing, Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the Zoning Clean-Up 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.

2) Subdivision and Land Development Clean-Up - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the Subdivision and Land Development Clean-Up 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.

3) Map Amendment for 2400, 2410 and 2422 Butler Pike and 7 Corsons Lane - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment to change the zoning map classification of the parcels listed from A Residential District, B Residential District and Limited Industrial District to MUV Mixed-Use Village Residential District. 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.

4)Mixed Use Village Text Amendment - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the Mixed Use Village text amendment ordinance 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.

The Public Hearing and Meeting were adjourned at 7:10 p.m. and the Regular Meeting was convened.

Chairman Simpson offered condolences on behalf of Council to the families of the slain police officers who have been killed in the line of duty in recent weeks.

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 May 4, 2015 - Mr. Simpson announced that an Executive Session was held on May 4th in order to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

a.	Workshop Meeting	April 6, 2015
b.	Special Meeting	April 9, 2015
c.	Regular Meeting	April 13, 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 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.

Council went out of the regular order of the agenda in order to discuss the following:

a. Police Week Resolution - Mr. Simpson read the resolution declaring the week of May 9th through May 16th as National Police Week and commending the Township Police Department for their services and dedication to the Township. 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 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

Mr. Simpson thanked the police department for their dedication and service to the Township. He mentioned the loss of Officer Brad Fox. Mr. Simpson stated that he is honored to be a part of the Township and the great work that the police officers perform every day.

Mr. Simpson recognized Chief Lawrence for his service as Police Chief.

Ms. Bruno thanked the police department for their dedication and asked that a blue ribbon be hung on your door to show support for the police department.

b. Police Officer of the Year - Mr. Eisenberger read the resolution honoring Officer Joseph DiDonato who has been with the Police Department since May of 1996 as the 2015 Police Officer of the Year. Mr. Eisenberger stated that Officer DiDonato is an example of what a Police Officer should be. 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. Public Works - Mr. Simpson read the resolution declaring the week of May 17th through May 23rd as National Public Works Week and commended the Township Public Works Department for their services and dedication to the Township. 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 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor.

Mr. Simpson thanked the Public Works Department for their dedication and hard work.

Dan Gallagher thanked Chris Loschiavo and Karen Weiss for their support to the Public Works employees.

Council then returned to the regular order of the agenda.

ADMINISTRATION

a. Tax Settlement - Plymouhtowne Apts. - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the tax settlement for Plymouhtowne Apartments 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. Tax Settlement - Mack Cali R Co. - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the tax settlement for Mack Cali R Company 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.Environmental Advisory Board Ordinance - First and Final Consideration - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the ordinance authorizing amendment of the Plymouth Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2-Administration, Article II Administrative Code, Division 6 Advisory Boards, Section 2-173 Environmental Advisory Board, Subsection (B) to increase the number of members of the Environmental Advisory Board from 5 to 7. 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.

d.Killed in Service Deletion Ordinance - First and Final Consideration - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the ordinance authorizing repeal of Chapter 19, Article II, Division 3 Benefits, Section 19-54 Killed in Service Benefit in its entirety. 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.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a.Stop Sign Ordinance - First and Final Consideration - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the ordinance authorizing an amendment to Chapter 13, Section 13-26, stop intersections designated of the Code of Ordinances to designate a Stop intersection southbound and northbound on Sheffield Drive at Runnymede Drive. Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the ordinance 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.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

a.Mosquito 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 May through September. If additional information is needed, residents can contact Mike Estock at 610-277-4100, extension 4229.

b.Pavement Markings Bid Award - Mr. Trask stated that a bid opening was held on April 16th for the Shortline Waterborne Pavement Markings. Chris Loschiavo, the Public Works Director is recommending that the bid be awarded to A-1 Traffic Control Products in the amount of \$45,596.50. Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the bid 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.

c.Highway Materials and Street Paving Bid Award - Mr. Higgins reported that a bid opening was held on April 15th for the Highway Materials and Street Paving. Chris Loschiavo, the Public Works Director is recommending that the bid be awarded to Glasgow, Incorporated, the low bidder. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the bid award 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.PA DOT Resolution - Township Line Road - ACTION - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to a request for permission from PA DOT for the installation of an overhead sign and pavement markings to direct motorists to make a left turn from Township Line Road onto either Walton or Norristown Road from the left turn lane. 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.

e.PA DOT Resolution - Industrial Way Signal - ACTION - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to a resolution for permission from PA DOT for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Ridge Pike and Industrial Way. 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.

f.PA DOT Resolution - Carland Road Signal - ACTION - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to a resolution for permission from PA DOT for the installation of a traffic signal at Ridge Pike and Carland Road. 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.

g.PA DOT Resolution - PREIT - Germantown & Launfall - ACTION - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to a resolution for permission from PA DOT to re-configure the lanes at the intersection of Germantown Pike and Launfall Road. Ms. Bruno 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.

h.PA DOT Resolution - PREIT - Germantown & Hickory - ACTION - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to a resolution for permission from PA DOT to re-configure the lanes at the intersection of Germantown Pike and Hickory Road. 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.

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 July 31, 2015

c.Escrow Release - ACTION

1) **Norris Sales** - Mr. Eisenberger stated that the Township is in receipt of a request from Woodrow & Associates approving the escrow release for Norris Sales located at 1000 Conshohocken Road in the amount of \$44,196.11, leaving a balance of \$719,494.35 in escrow. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the escrow 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.Waiver Request - ACTION

1) **PECO Driver Training** - Mr. Speers stated that the Township is in receipt of an application from PECO Energy to pave a portion of their site to create a driver training area. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the waiver of the subdivision and land development approval subject to the conditions read. 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.Extension Requests - ACTION

1) **Metrolplex Phase 3 to October 1, 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.

2) **2928 Walton Road to October 1, 2015 - ACTION** - Mr. Higgins made a motion to grant the extension 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) **Dunkin Donuts to August 31, 2015 - ACTION** - Mr. Higgins made a motion to grant the extension 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) **Storage Partners Chemical Road to June 20, 2015 - ACTION** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to grant the extension 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.

5) **Conicelli Honda to June 30, 2015 - ACTION** - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to grant the extension 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

ZONING

a.Zoning Hearings - Ms. Bruno announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 18, 2015 commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications: 1) MEGAN H. AMABILE, 2) GRAVERS ROAD ADVERTISING, LLC (EVB GRAVERS ROAD, LLC), AND 3) REBEKAN CHUN. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

b.Opposition - Ms. Bruno made a motion that Council send the Solicitor to the Zoning Hearing Board Meeting in order to voice its opposition to the Rebekah Chun application. 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.

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.Plymouth Township Day - May 30th - 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Mr. Higgins announced that Plymouth Township Day will be held on Saturday, May 30th at East Plymouth Valley Park from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The day will provide amusements, attractions, contests, demonstrations, and refreshments. All are welcome to attend.

c.CFA Grant Resolution - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the resolution authorizing Ms. Weiss, the Township Manager along with Ms. Franck, the Parks and Recreation Director to apply for a CFA Grant in the amount of \$250,000 with a 15% match by the Township. The grant will be used for Harriet Wetherill Park improvements. 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.

d.HWP Conservation Easement Amendment Ordinance - First and Final Consideration - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the ordinance pursuant to Article V. ordinances, section 501. Actions requiring ordinances, subsection 501.7 of the Home Rule Charter, authorizing the amendment and restatement of conservation

easement for a portion of the Harriet Wetherill Park, 14.763 acres of real estate known as 2642 Butler Pike, parcel No. 49-00-01216-004, with the Montgomery County Lands Trust. Mr. Trask 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.

e.GPCC Fund Dissolution Resolution - ACTION - Mr. Speers stated that this item is a resolution for the Township to apply to the State to formally dissolve the Greater Plymouth Community Center Fund. 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.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a.Citizen Board Vacancies - Mr. Trask stated that there are two Citizen Board vacancies as follows: 1) Building Code Appeals Board - Electrical background required, and 2) Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board. Anyone interested in serving on one of these boards can send a resume or letter of interest to Karen Weiss, the Township Manager.

b.Environmental Advisory Board Sustainable Business Forum - Mr. Eisenberger announced that an Environmental Advisory Board Sustainable Business Forum will be held on May 21st from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Greater Plymouth Community Center.

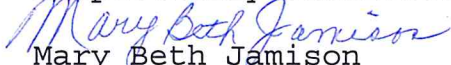
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Prestia, 762 Belvoir Road stated that while he is generally pleased with the improvements that have been made to the intersection of Sandy Hill and Belvoir Roads, it has created more traffic and motorists are traveling at a higher rate of speed. He asked that the police department enforce the speed limit. It is dangerous for children walking to school and it is difficult for homeowners on Belvoir Road to get out of their driveways. Mr. Prestia also asked that the Police Department monitor the following intersections for enforcement of speed: 1) Belvoir & Plymouth Road, and 2) New Hope and Belvoir Road. Mr. Prestia believes this to be a safety issue.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Jamison
Recording Secretary