

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

June 8, 2015

Plymouth Township Council held its Regular Meeting at the Plymouth Township Building. The following officials were in attendance:

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**Council:** Sheldon Simpson ----- Chairman  
Lenore Bruno ----- Vice-Chairwoman  
Dean Eisenberger  
Marty Higgins  
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**Staff:** Karen Weiss ----- Manager  
Tom Speers ----- Solicitor  
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director  
Lonnie Manai ----- Woodrow & Associates  
Joe Lawrence ----- Police Chief

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**Pledge of Allegiance** - The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Simpson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Check Presentations**

Ms. Bruno presented checks to Plymouth and Harmonville Fire Companies and Plymouth Ambulance. Ms. Bruno thanked the Emergency Services for the work that they do in keeping the Township safe. Mr. Simpson thanked them for their services as well.

Mr. Trask presented checks to the following: Visiting Nurses Association, Colonial Neighborhood Council Meals on Wheels, Montgomery County Emergency Services, Elmwood Park Zoo, Victim Services Center, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

Mr. Higgins presented checks to the following sports organizations: Plymouth Junior ABA, Colonial Soccer, Plymouth Whitemarsh Ice Hockey, Plymouth Whitemarsh Spartans Football and Cheerleading, Plymouth Little League, and Greater Norristown Wrestling.

**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 June 2, 2015** - Mr. Simpson announced that an Executive Session was held on June 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 May 4, 2015
- b. Regular Meeting May 11, 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. 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.

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#### **ADMINISTRATION**

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#### **POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY**

**a. Towing Contract - Notice to Extend** - Mr. Eisenberger stated that the Township previously entered into an agreement with EVB Towing for a three year towing contract. As part of the contract, with sixty days notice, the Township can add a one year extension. The Police Department is requesting to do so. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve 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.

Ms. Bruno stated that on May 25, 2015 the Police Department received a call regarding two men; one with erratic behavior. Approximately five police officers were involved in his apprehension which took place at 1422 Sandwood Road. Ms. Bruno thanked those officers involved, on behalf of herself and her neighbors who observed the incident, for their professional service and a job well done.

Mr. Simpson thanked Officer DeSantis on behalf of Council.

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#### **PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER**

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

**b. Salt Storage Bid Award** - Mr. Trask stated that a bid opening was held on May 27, 2015 for the salt storage facility. Mr. Loschiavo, the Public Works Director is recommending that the bid be awarded to Pennbid in the amount of \$24,455. Mr. Trask 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. Eisenberger stated that the Township is adding storage capacity and it is important that the Township can buy in bulk and store salt in order to be prepared for ice and snow events.

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## ENGINEERING

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### 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 - **ACTION** - Mr. Speers read the resolution approving the final land development plan prepared for Drive Time, Land Development Application 14-4 under and subject to the conditions read. A representative of Drive Time was present and agreed to the resolution as read. 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.

**c. S.D. 15-1 Driscoll Tract/Plymouth Road at Johnson Road**

1) Expiration date August 2, 2015

**d. Escrow Release - ACTION**

**1. 1800 Johnson Road** - Mr. Higgins stated the Township is in receipt of a request from Woodrow & Associates approving the escrow release for 1800 Johnson Road in the amount of \$14,800. Mr. Higgins made 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.

**2. 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 \$267,936.75, leaving a balance of \$451,557.60. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the release 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.

**3. Antioch Church** - Ms. Bruno stated that the Township is in receipt of a request from Woodrow & Associates approving the escrow release for Antioch Church in the amount of \$43,675.95. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the release 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. Waiver Request - ACTION**

**1. Homewood Suites Reserved Parking** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the waiver request to increase the number of reserved parking spaces and decrease the number of parking spaces from twenty-two to twenty-five. 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.

**f. Extension Requests - ACTION**

**1) Conicelli Honda to August 31, 2015** - 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. The applicant agrees to pay all fees and assessments in effect at the time of the recording.

**2) Danella to September 30, 2015** - Mr. Eisenberger 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. The applicant agrees to pay all fees and assessments in effect at the time of the recording.

**3) Plymouthtowne to August 31, 2015** - 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. The applicant agrees to pay all fees and assessments in effect at the time of the recording.

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**CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH**

**a. Kiosk U & O Fee Resolution** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution as recommended by the Code Enforcement Director, Jim Wallace to lower the Use and Occupancy fee for temporary, mobile kiosks from \$100 to \$25. 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. Plymouth Ambulance Permits Waiver Request** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the waiver request from Plymouth Ambulance for their permit fees in order to complete improvements on their parking lot. 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. Records Disposition Resolution** - Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the disposition of six cubic feet of building plans for various years. 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.

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## ZONING

**a. Zoning Hearings** - Mr. Higgins announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 22, 2015, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building. The following applications will be heard: 1) CIAN, LLC, 2) ANTIOCH CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA, 3) MEGAN H. AMABILE, AND 4) GRAVERS ROAD ADVERTISING, LLC (EVB GRAVERS ROAD, LLC). 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 to voice its opposition to the Megan Amabile application. 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.

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## 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.

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## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

## MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

**a. Citizen Board Vacancies** - Mr. Trask stated that there are three Citizen Boards with vacancies as follows: 1) Building Code Appeals Board - Electrical background required, 2) Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board and 3) Two openings on the

Environmental Advisory Board. Anyone interested in serving on one of these boards can send a resume or letter of interest to Karen Weiss, the Township Manager.

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#### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Tom Cahill, 603 Apache Lane read a letter pertaining to the previous zoning application that the Township received for the construction of a funeral home and crematorium on Walton Road. There was intense opposition to the project on the crematorium due to health issues. Mr. Cahill stated that he does not believe that a crematorium is a negative impact on the community and that the funeral home was not a bad use. He believes that what we do today will benefit our community tomorrow and that the use would have fit into that parcel.

Mr. Higgins responded that the issue was not as simple as people may think. The effects of the crematorium may not be felt until much later since there could be a problem with the level of mercury being emitted. Mr. Higgins and Council were not in favor of the crematorium use.

John Pudlinski, owner of 3023 and 3025 Walton Road stated that emissions are not measurable per the Department of Environmental Protection. He believes that one can of tuna has more mercury than a year of breathing the crematory vapors.


Mr. Eisenberger stated that there were several zoning and land development issues including setback issues on the property as well.

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#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mary Beth Jamison  
Recording Secretary