

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

July 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  
Ron Trask

**Staff:** Karen Weiss ----- Manager  
Tom Speers ----- Solicitor  
Lonnie Manai ----- Woodrow & Associates  
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director  
Joe Lawrence ----- Police Chief  
Jim Wallace ----- Code Enforcement Director

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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.

**30 Years of Service Resolution - Annette Kruczynski** - Ms. Bruno read the resolution recognizing Annette Kruczynski for her thirty years of service beginning in July, 1985 in the Township Administration Department. Council expressed its appreciation for her diligent and valuable services rendered. 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.

**Check Presentations** - Mr. Higgins presented a check to Kathy Arnold Yerger for the Montgomery County - Norristown Public Library. Ms. Yerger provided Council with an update on what is happening at the Library. She also thanked Plymouth Township for its generous contribution.

Mr. Higgins presented a check to Bob Moyer for the P.W. Ice Hockey program. Mr. Moyer thanked Plymouth Township for its contribution.

**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 July 7, 2015** - Mr. Simpson announced that an Executive Session was held on July 7, 2015.

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

- a. Workshop Meeting June 2, 2015
- b. Regular Meeting June 8, 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.

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## ADMINISTRATION

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### POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

#### **a. Donation and Sale of Vehicles**

1) **EVOC** - Mr. Speers stated that the Township has prepared two Bills of Sale requested by Chief Lawrence for two police vehicles that are no longer of service to the Township. They will be sold to EVOC for \$1.00 each, "as is" with no warranty. EVOC will, in return, provide free training to Plymouth Police Officers. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the donation 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.

2) **Municipality of Norristown** - The Township would like to sell one of its police vehicles that is no longer of service, to the Municipality of Norristown for \$500, "as is" with no warranty. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the sale 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.

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### PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

**a. Mosquito Control Announcement** - Mr. Trask 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.

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

1) Extension granted to November 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.

#### **c.Waiver Request - ACTION**

1) Rondeau Brothers, LLC - This item was not acted upon this evening.

**d.A Residential Zoning Amendment - First Consideration** - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to the Germantown and Walton Road Rezoning. The property has been approached for commercial and non-residential uses. Ken Amey, Land Planner has drafted an ordinance allowing uses for low level commercial and non-residential uses. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the ordinance for first consideration. 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.

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## CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

**a.Records Disposition Resolution** - Ms. Bruno announced that this is a resolution for the disposition of the following records: Building Plans, various years for a total of fifteen cubic feet, and rental applications from 2001 to 2002, four cubic feet for a total of nineteen cubic feet. 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.

**b.Harmonville Fire Co. Waiver Request** - Mr. Eisenberger stated that this item pertains to a request from Harmonville Fire Company asking that the Township waive its building permit fees in order to install a concrete driveway in front of Station 2. Mr. Eisenberger 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.

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## ZONING

**a. Zoning Hearings** - Mr. Eisenberger announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 20, 2015, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following application: 1) DENNIS W. TOBIN. The Douglas Bellenger application has been postponed until August. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

### **b. Certificates of Appropriateness**

**1) 2015 - 1 Plymouth Meeting Friends School** - Ms. Bruno read the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Plymouth Meeting Friends School in order to install a new buttress wall for an existing classroom building. It follows the recommendation of the HAR Board. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness 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.

**2) 2015 - 2 100 West Germantown Pike** - Mr. Higgins read the Certificate of Appropriateness for 100 West Germantown Pike for a sign permit for an identification sign on their property. It follows the recommendation of the HAR Board. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness 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.

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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 or as an Emergency Responder in Plymouth Township. 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

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### 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.

Ms. Bruno made a motion to appoint Mike McGuire to the Emergency Advisory Board. 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.

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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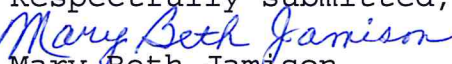
#### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A resident asked about the plans for the Harriet Wetherill Park. Mr. Eisenberger stated that there are five phases to the plan. Phase I has been completed and this included taking down the old house, adding trails, a new driveway, bridge, sewer and water. Phase II will consist of some renovations to the barn building, restrooms, playground, etc. Additional work can be done as grants become available.

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#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Mary Beth Jamison  
Recording Secretary