

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

September 14, 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
Ron Trask

Staff: Karen Weiss ----- Manager
Tom Speers ----- Solicitor
Lonnie Manai ----- Woodrow & Associates
Chris Loschiavo ----- Public Works Director
Joe Lawrence ----- Police Chief
John Myrsiades ----- Deputy Police Chief
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director

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

Council went out of the regular order of the agenda in order to handle the following.

Waste Watchers Award - Chris Loschiavo presented the 2014 PA Waste Watchers Award to Plymouth Township for its exemplary performance in Waste Recycling. Mr. Loschiavo thanked Karen Weiss, Council, the Public Works Department and the residents for their assistance with recycling. Several of the Public Works Department employees were present this evening as well.

Unit Citation - Ms. Bruno read the unit citation whereas, on April 6, 2015 while on patrol, Officer Mark Ransom, encountered a shooting victim in a Township business parking lot, and whereas, responding Officers Joseph DiDonato, David Zinni and Jeffrey Conrad assisted in extricating the victim from his car, administering first aid and securing a crime scene, and whereas, Officer Mark Ransom was able to elicit information from the dying victim in the hope of tracking down his killer. The officers are publicly commended for their valiant efforts to preserve life while actively safeguarding evidence and gathering crucial information to assist in the ongoing homicide investigation. 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 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

Unit Citation - Ms. Bruno read the unit citation whereas, on July 18, 2015 Plymouth Township responded to the Black Horse section of the Township for a report of three suspicious males committing a burglary, and whereas, this area along with surrounding neighborhoods in Norristown and East Norriton had been plagued with vehicle break-ins wherein two handguns had been stolen, and whereas, Officers Chad Robinson, Andrew Adams, Andrew Monaghan and John Fullerton converged on the neighborhood, engaged the suspects in a foot pursuit, and apprehended all three suspects, and whereas, the arrest of the actors cleared multiple cases of vehicle break-ins in all three jurisdictions. Now, therefore, be it resolved that that Officers Chad Robinson, Andrew Adams, Andrew Monaghan and John Fullerton be publicly commended for their exceptional teamwork resulting in an outstanding arrest. 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 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

Council then returned to the regular order of the agenda.

Little League Presentation - James Bainbridge, Mike Williams and Larry McLaughlin were present on behalf of the Plymouth Township Little League who were the division champs. Each of the players on the team was introduced and presented with a jacket.

Softball Recognitions - Ms. Bruno read the recognition commending the Plymouth Little League Junior Softball girls team who won the District 22 Tournament. The names of the ten players who made quality contributions were read. Plymouth Township congratulates the team for their achievement and for the honor it brings to Plymouth Township. The 9-10 and 11-12 year old teams also won at the District 22 Tournament.

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 September 8, 2015 - Mr. Simpson announced that an Executive Session was held on September 8, 2015 in order to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

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| a. | Workshop Meeting | August 3, 2015 |
| b. | Regular Meeting | August 10, 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 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

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. Trask. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

ADMINISTRATION

a. 2016 Budget Meeting Dates - Ms. Weiss announced the 2016 Budget Meeting dates as follows: Monday, October 19th, Monday, October 26th and Monday, November 16th. All meetings will commence at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in conference room A.

b. PA Turnpike Corridor Reinvestment Resolution - Mr. Speers stated that Plymouth Township Council has been asked to adopt a resolution endorsing the Montgomery County Planning Commission's Turnpike Corridor Reinvestment Report. Mr. Speers explained the resolution and the various endorsements for Plymouth Township. 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 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

c. Agreement of Sale - 421 Lucetta Street - Mr. Speers stated that the Township has been approached by the property owner of 421 Lucetta Street which is adjacent to JFK Park about purchasing the property. A price of \$155,000 has been negotiated and an agreement of sale will be made subject to an ordinance being adopted. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the agreement of sale and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

Mr. Eisenberger stated that the purchase of 421 Lucetta Street provides an opportunity for the Township to expand the park.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Unit Citation - This item was handled earlier this evening.

b. Unit Citation - This item was handled earlier this evening.

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 610-377-4100, extension 4229.

b. Waste Watchers Award - This item was handled earlier this evening.

c. PADOT Winter Services Agreement - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to the Township adopting a five year Winter Services Agreement with PADOT for salting and plowing roads that are owned by PADOT. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the agreement and was seconded by Mr. Trask. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

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

1) Expiration date February 15, 2016

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

1) Expiration date November 30, 2015

c. S.D. 15-2 Lynda Drive Subdivision

1) Expiration date October 27, 2015

d. L.D. 15-1 WAWA/E. Ridge Pike & Diamond Avenue

1) Expiration date November 5, 2015

e. Extension Requests - ACTION

1) **Metroplex Phase 3 to January 1, 2016** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the extension request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

2) **Danella - Brook Road to January 1, 2016** - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the extension request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trask; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

3) **2928 Walton Road to January 1, 2016** - Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the extension request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in

favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

f. Escrow Releases - ACTION - The Township is in receipt of correspondence from Woodrow and Associates recommending the approval of the following escrow releases:

1) **PECO** - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the escrow release for PECO in the amount of \$168,994.75. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trask; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

2) **The Proving Grounds - Final** - Mr. Eisenberger stated that the land development for the Proving Grounds is complete and the developer is seeking a final escrow release in the amount of 43,000. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the escrow release and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

3) **Tyson Homes - 1406 Colwell Lane** - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the escrow release for Tyson Homes in the amount of \$4,230. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bruno; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

4) **Cold Point Village - Phase I - Final** - Mr. Trask stated that the Township is in receipt of a request from Sal Paone for the release of the balance of escrow in the amount of \$180,737.19 for Cold Point Village - Phase I. Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the final escrow release and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

5) **Cold Point Village - Phase II - Final** - Mr. Trask stated that the Township is in receipt of a request for the release of the balance of escrow in the amount of \$41,526.44 for Cold Point Village Phase II. Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the final escrow release and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

g. Waiver Request - ACTION

1) **Proving Grounds - Land Development Waiver** - Mr. Speers stated that LFT Realty Group desires to add a turf field at the Proving Grounds and are requesting a waiver of land development. The applicant will pay all costs incurred by the Township for engineering and legal reviews and all grading permits will be obtained. The applicant will comply with the review letters from Dave Conroy, the Township Zoning Officer and Woodrow Associates. Mr. Larry Tornetta was present and agreed with the stipulations as read. 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 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

2) **Norris Sales - Landscape Waiver** - Mr. Speers stated that last Spring Norris Sales requested a landscape waiver for the area that abuts the railroad tract. This has been reviewed and staff is recommending that the waiver be granted without the requirement

that the trees have to be planted in another area of the Township. 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 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

h. Cold Point Village

1) Sanitary Sewer Acceptance Ordinance - First and Final Consideration - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the ordinance accepting dedication of the sanitary sewer conveyance system and an easement for public utilities in the Cold Point Village Subdivision. 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 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

2) Deed of Dedication - Mr. Speers stated that this is the deed of dedication provided for by the ordinance.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

a. Records Disposition Resolution - ACTION - Mr. Eisenberger read Plymouth Township's intent to dispose of the following records: Building Plans - various years, twelve cubic feet and Community Center - miscellaneous - 86 boxes. 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 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings - Ms. Bruno announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 21, 2015 commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications: 1) MICHAEL & Jill STURM, 2) MICHAEL F. BORKOWSKI, 3) ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC. (SPRINGHILL SUITES) and 4) DOUG BELLENGER. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

b. Certificate of Appropriateness - ACTION

1. Plymouth Meeting Friends School - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Plymouth Meeting Friends School located at 2150 Butler Pike for the construction of a new roof on an existing social hall. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trask; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a.SDM Bricks and Pavers - Ms. Bruno announced that there are currently brick 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.

c.Multi-Purpose Courts Bid Award - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the bid award for color coating and restriping the multi-purpose courts located at East Plymouth Valley, Colwell and JFK Parks to Top O Court in the amount of \$55,687. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trask; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a.Citizen Board Vacancies - Ms. Bruno announced that there are openings on the Citizens Boards as follows: 1) Building Code Appeals Board - Electrical background required, 2) Property Maintenance Appeals Board, 3) Environmental Advisory Board and 4) Parks Recreation and Shade Tree 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.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Bernie Brady, 1433 Sandwood Road asked if 'Watch Children' signs could be installed at Pastel Lane, Harmon Road and Sandwood Road.

Corbett Piacitelli, 1009 Thomas Road stated that he had a problem with the sewer line in the street located at 47 Church Road. He was advised by Mr. Loschiavo that he was responsible for fixing it.

Ms. Weiss advised that it is her belief that according to the Township ordinance the main is the responsibility of the Township and the lateral is the homeowner's responsibility. After some discussion, Mr. Simpson stated that Lonnie Manai, the Township Engineer and Chris Loschiavo, the Public Works Director will look into this matter and contact Mr. Paicitelli.

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