

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

January 11, 2016

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

Council: Dean Eisenberger ----- Chairman
Lenore Bruno ----- Vice-Chairwoman
Marty Higgins
Chris Manero
Ron Trask

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - Mr. Eisenberger 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 - Thomas Marinello - ACTION - Ms. Bruno read the resolution recognizing Thomas Marinello who has completed twenty years of service in the Police Department. The Township formally recognized Officer Marinello for his diligent and valuable service rendered. 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. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.

Volunteer Recognitions - Mr. Higgins stated that as part of the Greater Plymouth Community Center's Get Involved Program, Council would like to present the following volunteers with certificates of appreciation for their services: Andy Innocenti and Target Team Members, Maria Weidinger, Nicki Barr, Kim Pennington, Ryan Langhorn and Jody Langhorn.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Session held January 5, 2016 - Mr.

Eisenberger announced that an Executive Session was held on January 5, 2016 in order to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

- a. Workshop Meeting December 7, 2015
- b. Regular Meeting December 14, 2015

Mr. Robert DeLaCour asked if the November and December minutes could be read this evening since they are not available on the Township website. Ms. Weiss explained that the minutes are not available online until after they are adopted by Council. The November and December minutes will be available on the website tomorrow, January 12th.

Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the minutes without the necessity of reading for the Workshop Meeting. 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. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.

Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting and was seconded by Mr. Manero. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND BILLS: Chairman Eisenberger 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. Higgins. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.

ADMINISTRATION

a. Amusement Tax Amendment Ordinance - First Consideration - Mr. Speers stated that Plymouth Township has an amusement tax that imposes a 10% tax upon gross proceeds of all admissions to certain amusements in the Township. This is split with the Colonial School District, therefore the Township receives 5%. The Township has been requested to modify the amendatory ordinance by the School District. Mr. Speers read the ordinance and Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the ordinance for first consideration. 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. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

a. Snow Announcement - Mr. Trask reminded residents that the Township Snow Policy is in effect and then read the official policy.

b. Liquid Fuel Resolution - ACTION - Mr. Speers read the resolution whereas every year Plymouth Township receives an allocation from the PA Department of Transportation which is to be used for the maintenance and repair of Township roads as specified. Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Manero. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.

c. E-Waste Fee Resolution - ACTION - Mr. Speers stated that in 2014 the Township was required to adopt a resolution for the collection of E-Waste. In 2016 the Township will be paying for the disposal of televisions. Televisions can either be dropped off at the Public Works Electronic Shed for a \$20 fee or for a \$30 service fee, the Township will pick it up curbside on the third Wednesday of the month. Residents desiring to have a television removed must call the Public Works Department by the Friday before the collection date to get the \$30 disposal sticker and to be placed on the list. Once stickers are purchased there are no refunds. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Manero. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.

ENGINEERING

a. Floodplain Ordinance - First Consideration - Mr. Speers stated that this ordinance results from the fact that FEMA has updated the FEMA Floodplain Maps effective March 2, 2016. The Township is required to adopt the new maps and the new ordinance in order for residents to maintain and obtain flood insurance. Mr. Speers read the changes to the ordinance. The Township cannot act on the ordinance until it receives back the DCED review. This is an ordinance for first consideration, not for adoption. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the ordinance for first consideration. 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. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

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

- 1) Expiration date June 30, 2016
- b.S.D.15-2 Lynda Drive Subdivision
 - 1) Expiration date April 27, 2016
- c.L.D.15-2 MONTCO Dept. of Assets & Infrastructure
 - 1) Expiration date April 30, 2016
- d.S.D.15-5 Cold Point Village Pharmacy/CVS
 - 1) Expiration date February 21, 2016
- e.S.D.15-6 601 W. Germantown Pike
 - 1) Expiration date March 9, 2016
- f. Extension Request - ACTION
 - 1) Knights Court to November 15, 2016 - Ms. Bruno made a motion to grant the extension request 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. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.
- g. Escrow Releases - ACTION
 - 1) PECO Training Facility - Mr. Trask stated that the Township is in receipt of correspondence from Woodrow & Associates recommending the release of escrow in the amount of \$25,488.98 for the PECO Training Facility. Mr. Trask Made a motion to approve the escrow 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. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.
 - 2) PARC - 134 Plymouth Road - Mr. Higgins stated that the Township is in receipt of correspondence from Woodrow & Associates recommending the release of escrow in the amount of \$958,934.70 for PARC, located at 134 Plymouth Road. The motion was seconded by Mr. Manero; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.
- h. 1406 Colwell Lane - Maintenance Guaranty - Mr. Speers stated that the public improvements have been completed by Tyson Homes, LLC and AVA Land Holdings, Inc. for 1406 Colwell Lane for a three lot subdivision. There is a requirement that the owner/developer is required to post a maintenance guaranty for eighteen months. The sum is \$2,632.50. There is also a requirement that trees be installed which will be completed by May 30, 2016. The developer will post an escrow in the amount of \$800 for these. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the maintenance guaranty 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. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

- a. Records Disposition Resolution - Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the disposition of building plans, various years in the amount of thirty cubic feet. 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. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.
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ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings - Ms. Bruno announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 18, 2016 commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building, on the following applications: 1) LUCE ARCHITECTS-PHIL STRYBUC FOR DENISE WOLKO AND 2) PREIT SERVICES, LLC (LEGOLAND DISCOVERY CENTER). 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 - Mr. Higgins 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.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a. Citizen Board Appointments

Civil Service Commission - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to appoint Sheldon Simpson to the Civil Service Commission 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. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.

Parks Recreation, & Shade Tree Advisory Board - Ms. Bruno made a motion to appoint Neil Clark, Jason Sugalski, and Jennifer Dow to the 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. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.

Zoning Hearing Board - Mr. Trask made a motion to appoint Dominic Aprile to the Board. 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. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.

Environmental Advisory Board - Ms. Bruno made a motion to appoint David Kavalow-Huie, Greg Ensslin and Bill Sabey to the 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. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.

b. Citizen Board Vacancies - Mr. Manero announced that there are openings on Citizens Boards as follows: 1) Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board and 2) Planning Agency. Anyone interested in serving on one of these boards should contact Karen Weiss, the Township Manager.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Bob DeLaCour - 905 Whites Road asked a question regarding tying his property into the public sewer system that is coming to 903 Whites Road. Mr. Manai will contact Mr. Borkowski regarding this matter.

Amy Kokoles - 10 Mill Creek Road asked if the traffic study that the Township is having done is completed yet. Mr. Eisenberger stated that the Township has not received the study yet but will provide Ms. Kokoles with a copy of it once it is completed.

Rick Schickling - 111 Boulder Road asked about the following locations; Boulder Road, Germantown Pike, Sandy Hill Road, and Hallowell Road. Mr. Eisenberger stated that these locations are being looked at.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Jamison
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Recording Secretary