

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

September 12, 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
Chris Loschiavo ----- Public Works Director
Joe Lawrence ----- Police Chief

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

Chairman Eisenberger asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of 911 and also for Officer Brad Fox who was killed in the line of duty.

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.

30 Years of Service Resolution - Peter Prosock - ACTION - Ms. Bruno read the resolution for Peter Prosock who has worked in the Plymouth Township Public Works Department faithfully since September 2, 1986, thereby completing thirty years of service. Plymouth Township desires to formally recognize the diligent and valuable services rendered by Mr. Prosock and publicly expresses its appreciation. 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.

Mr. Eisenberger thanked Mr. Prosock for his years of service and stated that it is an honor to give him this recognition.

Mr. Gallagher who has worked with Mr. Prosock thanked him for his dedication and stated that he is an asset to the Township.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Session held August 8, 2016
Executive Session held September 6, 2016

Mr. Eisenberger stated that Executive Sessions were held on August 8, 2016 and September 6, 2016 in order to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

- a. Workshop Meeting August 1, 2016
- b. Regular Meeting August 8, 2016

Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the minutes without the necessity of reading. 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.

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. 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.

ADMINISTRATION

a. 2017 Budget Meeting Dates - Mr. Manero announced the 2017 Budget Meeting Dates as follows: Monday, October 17th, Monday, October 24th and Monday, November 21st. These meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. There will be a Workshop Meeting on Tuesday, October 4th beginning at 6:00 p.m. and a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 10th beginning at 7:00 p.m. General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 8th.

b. Plymouth Meeting Historical Society Agreement of Sale - Mr. Speers stated that for several months the Township has been negotiating with the Plymouth Meeting Historical Society for the Township to purchase 6.3 acres of land between Sierra Road and Chemical Road that contains several historical structures. The purchase price is \$135,000. An agreement of sale has been prepared but there are several issues that need to be resolved. The purpose this evening is for Council to approve the agreement of sale subject to the approval of the Township Manager and the Solicitor. Mr. Trask 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 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.

Mr. Higgins stated that the location of the historical structures is behind the gas station at Germantown Pike and Chemical Road. Mr. Higgins stated the purchase will be a tremendous asset for the Township.

Ron Plant - 11 Blue Ridge Road asked if the site will be maintained as an historical site or be used for something else. Mr. Eisenberger stated that the majority of the site will remain for Township use.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Towing Contract Award - Mr. Trask made a motion that the Township award the towing contract to EVB Towing for a period of three years as recommended by Chief Lawrence. 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.

b. Towing Fee Resolution - ACTION - Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the resolution to amend the existing towing fees as read. 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.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

a. Extension Requests - ACTION

1) **Cold Point Village Pharmacy requested to October 31, 2016** - Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the extension request 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.

2) **601 W. Germantown Pike requested to December 9, 2016** - Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the extension 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. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.

b. Escrow Releases - ACTION - The Township is in receipt of correspondence from Woodrow and Associates recommending the

following escrow releases.

1) **1800 Johnson Road** - Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the escrow release in the amount of \$11,000, leaving a balance of \$32,784. 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.

2) **Danella - Alan Wood Road** - Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the escrow release in the amount of \$685,709.20 leaving a balance of \$235,220.92. 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.

3) **Conicelli Honda** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the escrow release in the amount of \$631,907.55, leaving a balance of \$403,925.45. 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.

c.Vist Bank - Maintenance Guaranty Release - Mr. Speers stated that in 2011, Council approved the construction of a Vist bank on Ridge Pike. The bank was completed in 2013 with a maintenance guaranty posted. The Public Works Director has approved that all items installed under the maintenance guaranty are in good shape. The purpose of this evening is to release the maintenance guaranty. Mr. Trask 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. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

a.Records Disposition Resolution - ACTION - Mr. Higgins stated that this is a resolution authorizing the disposition of the following records: Miscellaneous records - 21 cubic feet. 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.

ZONING

a.Zoning Hearings - Ms. Bruno announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 19, 2016, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications: 1) KEY BANK (PLYMOUTH TFC)- 401 PLYMOUTH ROAD, 2) NICHOLAS JACQUES - 722 TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD, 3) JAMES R. SAYRE (G.L. SAYRE, ING.) - 1231 RIDGE PIKE, 4) KELMAN & MAGLIARI REALTY, LLC - 1790 BUTLER PIKE, 5) STORAGE PARTNERS OF CHEMICAL RD, LP - 2035 CHEMICAL ROAD AND 6) DOUG BELLENGER - 2775 NARCISSA ROAD. Any citizen of Plymouth

Township or interested party may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

b.Opposition - Ms. Bruno made a motion that Council oppose the Kelman & Magliari Realty, LLC.- 1790 Butler Pike Application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trask. Mr. Eisenberger asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience.

Mr. Zucker, Attorney, was present on behalf of the applicant and asked that Council remain neutral and not oppose the application.

Ms. Bruno stated that many people have signed the petition in favor of the variances requested, however there are just as many people who are opposed.

Mr. Eisenberger called for a vote on the motion to send opposition and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a.SDM Bricks and Pavers - Mr. Manero 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.

b.Germantown Pike Sidewalk Bid Award - Mr. Higgins explained that this item pertains to the installation of sidewalks from Jolly Road to Walton Road. The Township is in receipt of a memo from Rick Carbo stating that nine bids were received and he is recommending that the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Ply-Mar Construction in the amount of \$82,755. The work is being funded by a PennDOT Multi-Model Grant. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the award and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. Mr. Eisenberger called for questions or comments on the motion.

Mr. Higgins stated that this is a dangerous area to not have sidewalks. He believes the sidewalks will make the area much safer.

Mr. Eisenberger stated that the installation of sidewalks in the Township is part of Council's vision for inter-connecting neighborhoods. Council's granting waivers for the installation of sidewalks is virtually non-existent. The sidewalks will contribute to making the Township a more walkable community.

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. EPV Field 4 Bid Award - Ms. Bruno stated that five bids were received for the EPV Field 4 work. All of the bids were higher than what was budgeted for the project. Mr. Carbo is recommending that all of the bids be rejected and the project will be re-evaluated and recommendations made at a later date. Ms. Bruno made a motion to reject the bids 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.

Mike Williams - 3116 Plymouth Rock Road, President of Plymouth Little League thanked Council for their support. Mr. Williams stated the he believes the project was budgeted at \$85,000 of which Plymouth Little League offered to contribute \$20,000. He asked if the bid and the bidders list could be explained. Mr. Eisenberger read the list of the prospective bidders. The bids ranged from \$111,000 to \$190,000 which is too high for the project. Mr. Eisenberger explained that Council is not rejecting the project, just the bids and that perhaps Council will be able to move forward within the next thirty days after the work has been re-evaluated.

Mr. Manero stated that he is in favor of moving forward with the work as well. The field is due to have work done on it and that the Fall is a good time to start.

d. HWP Ribbon Cutting - Mr. Trask announced that a ribbon cutting ceremony for Harriet Wetherill Park will be held on Monday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison
Recording Secretary

