

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

February 13, 2017

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
	Joe Lawrence -----	Police Chief
	John Myrsiades -----	Deputy Police Chief
	Tim Creelman -----	Finance Director
	Lonnie Manai -----	Woodrow & Associates

Pledge of Allegiance - The 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.

Swearing in Police Officer - Timothy Douglas Stephan - Mr. Eisenberger announced that Officer Stephan has previously served in Philadelphia and will take the oath of office this evening. Council congratulates him for his achievement and wishes him the best as a Plymouth Township Probation Officer. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the appointment of Timothy Douglas Stephan as a Probation Patrolman for the Police Department. 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.

Chief Lawrence stated that after completing all of the requirements as set forth by the Civil Service Commission, Officer Stephan is the next qualified applicant on the current hiring list. He is Act 120 certified and has passed all physical and psychological testing. Chief Lawrence highlighted his accomplishments.

District Judge Francis Bernhardt administered the oath of office.

Swearing in Deputy Fire Marshal - Brandon Stocchi - Mr. Eisenberger asked Mr. Stocchi to come forward for his oath of office for his appointment as Deputy Fire Marshal of Plymouth Township. Mr. Stocchi has obtained the necessary certifications for his appointment this evening.

Promotion - Sgt. Douglas Copestick - Chief Lawrence stated that after completing all the requirements and passing all of the testing as set forth by the Civil Service Commission, he is requesting that Council approve the appointment of Officer Douglas Copestick to the position of Sergeant. Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the appointment 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.

Citizen Board Recognitions

1. Jeffrey Branagh - Mr. Eisenberger stated that volunteers are the Township's most important resource for its citizen boards. He applauds each one for their time and dedication to the community.

Mr. Higgins read the Certificate of Recognition recognizing Jeffrey Branagh for his generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered while serving on the Planning Agency from January, 2009 through December, 2016. Council extends its appreciation to Mr. Branagh who served with commitment and dedication. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the Certificate of Recognition 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. Michael Van Buren - Mr. Manero read the Certificate of Recognition recognizing Michael Van Buren for his generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered while serving on the Environmental Advisory Board from January, 2011 through December, 2016. Council extends its appreciation to Mr. Van Buren who served with commitment and dedication. Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the Certificate of Recognition 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.

Fire Companies Recognitions

1. William Garbacz - Ray Stocchi, Plymouth Fire Company thanked Council for its support of the fire company. He outlined Mr. Garbacz's many accomplishments while serving the fire company and thanked him for his fifty years of service.

Mr. Trask read the Certificate of Recognition recognizing William Garbacz who has served Plymouth Fire Company for fifty years. He joined the fire company in 1965 and has served in many capacities as

read. Plymouth Township Council recognizes Mr. Garbacz for his diligent and valuable services rendered and publicly expresses its appreciation for his dedication and for the honor it brings to Plymouth Township. Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the Certificate of Recognition 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. James Behr - Chairman Eisenberger thanked Mr. Behr for his service to Harmonville Fire Company and for his participation on the Emergency Services Board. Ms. Bruno read the Certificate of Recognition recognizing Mr. Behr for his dedication as a member of the Harmonville Fire Company since October 1, 1987 and for serving as president for twenty-one years. Plymouth Township Council expresses its appreciation to Mr. Behr for helping to make the Township a better place in which to live. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the Certificate of Recognition 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.

Ms. Bruno thanked Mr. Behr for being supportive of Plymouth Township and Harmonville Fire Company.

3. Kevin Lawrence - Mr. Eisenberger stated that Kevin Lawrence started his career almost twenty-five years ago at Harmonville Fire Company, and served as Fire Chief for the past thirteen years. Mr. Eisenberger worked with Mr. Lawrence on the Emergency Services Board and his commitment is without question. His leadership and direction during difficult times proved invaluable for the fire department and the community.

Mr. Higgins read the Certificate of Recognition recognizing Kevin Lawrence who has been a member of Harmonville Fire Company since November 6, 1992. He read his accomplishments with the fire company. In addition, he served with commitment and dedication on the Emergency Services Board. Plymouth Township Council commends Mr. Lawrence for his commitment to Harmonville Fire Company #1 as well as to the businesses and residents of Plymouth Township. Council expresses its appreciation to Kevin for helping to make Plymouth Township a better place in which to live. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the Certificate of Recognition 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.

a. Rep. Kate Harper - Representative Kate Harper recognized Kevin Lawrence and James Behr for their service to the fire company and thanked Council for recognizing their service to the community.

b. Maria Hyland - A Hero's Welcome, recognized Jim Behr and Kevin Lawrence for their outstanding support to the military and veterans.

20 Years of Service Resolution - Christopher J. Loschiavo - ACTION -

Mr. Eisenberger thanked Mr. Loschiavo for the work that he does for the community. His direction and supervision help to make Plymouth Township a great place in which to live and work.

Ms. Bruno read the resolution recognizing Christopher J. Loschiavo who has served the Public Works Department since February 3, 1997, thereby completing twenty years of service. The Township formally recognizes Mr. Loschiavo for his diligent and valuable services rendered. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Higgins. Mr. Higgins complimented Chris on his quick responses to residents' issues. 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.

Employee Recognitions - Rocco Cione & Brad Krenicky - Mr. Eisenberger stated that Council would like to recognize these two employees whose commitment and dedication goes above and beyond on a daily basis.

Mr. Trask read the Certificate of Recognition recognizing Rocco Cione and Brad Krenicky. On January 5, 2017, while collecting trash they noticed an elderly woman who had fallen at her residence. They assisted and went beyond their everyday duties to stay with the ninety-four year until emergency responders arrived. Mr. Cione and Mr. Krenicky went so far as to visit her in the hospital after working hours and salted her driveway. Plymouth Township Council publicly thanks them as well as the entire Public Works Department who helped with their route. Council appreciates their time and dedication.

Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the Certificates of Recognition 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.

Mr. Manero stated that Mr. Cione works for the Township in the day and helps coach kids at night during the Summer. He volunteers his time in the Township and goes beyond his duties as an employee. Mr. Manero thanked Mr. Cione and Mr. Krenicky for their dedication.

Retirement Resolution - Officer Michael Cassidy - ACTION - Mr. Eisenberger stated that it is an honor to recognize a former co-worker and friend who is retiring after thirty-one years of service in the Plymouth Township Police Department.

Mr. Eisenberger read the resolution recognizing Officer Michael Cassidy who has served the Plymouth Township Police Department since December 15, 1985 and has established January 24, 2017 as his retirement date. Plymouth Township Council desires to formally recognize and publicly express its appreciation to Officer Cassidy for thirty-one years of service and commitment.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Session held February 6, 2017

Mr. Eisenberger announced that an Executive Session was held on February 6, 2017 in order to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

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| a. | Reorganization Meeting | January 3, 2017 |
| b. | Workshop Meeting | January 3, 2017 |
| c. | Regular Meeting | January 9, 2017 |

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

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. 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.

ADMINISTRATION

a. Tax Settlements

1) Sharp Corporation -22 Carland Road - Mr. Speers stated that this is a tax settlement between Sharp Corporation located at 22 Carland Road and Plymouth Township. The settlement results in an underpayment of taxes to the Township in the amount of \$328.79 for the years 2012 through 2016. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the tax settlement 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.

2) Sharp Corporation - 23 Carland Road - Mr. Speers stated that this is a tax settlement between the Township and Sharp Corporation located at 23 Carland Road. The settlement results in an overpayment of taxes to the Township for the years 2012 through 2016 in the amount of \$4,074.30. Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the tax settlement 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.

3)SMG Plymouth Meeting, 200 Lee Drive - Mr. Speers stated that this is a tax settlement between the Township and SMG Plymouth Meeting. The settlement results in an underpayment of taxes to the Township in the amount of \$3,967.07 for the years 2011 through 2016. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the tax settlement 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.

4)EM Industry, LP, 1103 Ridge Pike - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to a tax settlement between the Township and EM Industry, LP, located at 1103 Ridge Pike. The settlement results in an underpayment of taxes to the Township in the amount of \$1,486.04 for the years 2010 through 2016. Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the tax settlement 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.

5)Plymouth Meeting, LLC, 651 Fountain Road - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to a tax settlement between the Township and Plymouth Meeting, LLC, located at 651 Fountain Road. The settlement results in an underpayment of taxes to the Township in the amount of \$12,689.08 for the years 2011 through 2016. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the tax settlement 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.Sewer Rent Increase Ordinance - First Consideration - Mr. Speers stated that the Finance Director is recommending a modest increase in the Township's sewer rates. Mr. Speers read the ordinance and Ms. Bruno made a motion for approval 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.

Mr. Eisenberger stated that the Township sewer rates have not been increased in three years.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a.ISO Rating - Mr. Trask stated that in 2016, Plymouth Township underwent a Public Protection Classification Survey conducted by the Insurance Services Office, Inc. The system uses a number designation with one being the best level of fire protection and ten being no protection. The system reviews several items to obtain the rating. Prior to the survey in 2016, the Plymouth Township PPC rating was a four. As a result of improvements in the Township, the rating is now a three. Residential and commercial property owners should contact their insurance companies to see if this rating lowers their insurance premiums.

Mr. Eisenberger stated this information will be put in the Township newsletter and will be included in the sewer bills. Residents and business owners are encouraged to contact their insurance companies to see if they can obtain lower premiums.

b.Civil Service Rules Amendment Ordinance - First Consideration -

Mr. Speers stated that Chief Lawrence is recommending that it no longer be required for police officers to obtain physicals every three years. The psychological exam will still be kept every three years. In addition, a change will be made to require that a psychological and a physical exam be obtained for entry level police officers and for promotions. This ordinance will be forwarded to the Civil Service Commission for their approval. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the ordinance for first consideration 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.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

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

b.BCA Agreement - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to an agreement that will insure that the Township has capacity at the Borough of Conshohocken sewer plant. Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the agreement 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.

Mr. Eisenberger thanked the Township Manager and Council for working so diligently to get this done.

Mr. Higgins stated that this has been an ongoing problem and he is pleased that it has been resolved. He thanked those who helped accomplish this.

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

a.L.D. 17-1 LFT Realty Group, Inc./725 Conshohocken Road

1) Expiration date April 9, 2017

b.Extension Requests - ACTION

1.Plymouth Hospitality to March 16, 2017 - Mr. Manero made a motion to grant 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
inn favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings - Ms. Bruno announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 20, 2017, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building, on the following applications: 1) JAMES HARPER, TRACEY HARPER AND BERNARD J. MURRAY, III, AND 2) ARISTACARE AT MEADOW SPRINGS. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested party may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

PARKS AND RECREATION

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison

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Recording Secretary