

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

June 12, 2017

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

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

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

Westrum Conditional Use Hearing

At the request of Commerce Pursuit Capital, LP Plymouth Township Council conducted a Conditional Use Hearing prior to Council's scheduled meeting at 6:30 p.m. The applicant is seeking a Conditional Use to permit elderly housing/assisted living. The property is located at 2261 Corson's Lane and is zoned Interchange Development District.

Following the Conditional Use Hearing, the Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance - Vice-Chairwoman Bruno led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Ms. Bruno 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 - Anthony Costello - ACTION - Ms. Bruno read the resolution whereas Detective Anthony Costello has served the Plymouth Township Police Department since June 9, 1997, thereby completing twenty years of service. Plymouth Township Council desires to formally recognize the diligent and valuable services rendered and publicly expresses its appreciation. Ms. Bruno made a

motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Higgins. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

Ms. Bruno read some of Detective Costello's accomplishments while serving in the Police Department. His training, knowledge and experience make him a true asset to the department and to the Township.

Officer of the Year Resolution - Christopher Schwartz - ACTION -

Mr. Trask read the resolution whereas Detective Christopher Schwartz has performed diligently and faithfully the duties and services required of him by Plymouth Township and whereas a vote has been taken by the Police Department supervisory staff to recognize him as 2016 Officer of the Year for his outstanding contributions. Plymouth Township Council recognizes Detective Christopher Schwartz for his valuable services. 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 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

Ms. Bruno read some of Detective Schwartz's accomplishments which include ninety-one criminal arrests in 2016. Detective Schwartz has maintained a high level of performance throughout his career with the Police Department.

**ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Session held June 5, 2017
Executive Session held June 12, 2017**

Ms. Bruno announced that Executive Sessions were held on June 5, 2017, and June 12, 2017, in order to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Vice-Chairwoman Bruno called for the approval of the minutes.

- a. Workshop Meeting May 1, 2017
- b. Regular Meeting May 8, 2017

Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting 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. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes and was seconded by Mr. Higgins. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND BILLS: Vice Chairwoman Bruno called for the approval of the departmental reports and bills.

Mr. Trask 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 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

ADMINISTRATION

a. Police Pension Resolution - ACTION - Mr. Manero read the resolution providing for the establishment, reduction or elimination rate for the police pension as recommended by the Township Actuary. The resolution establishes a contribution rate of 3% for the year 2017. Mr. Manero 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. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

b. Plymouth Township V. Aegis - Resolution - ACTION - Mr. Speers stated that this item involves a maintenance bond on the Township Line Road reconstruction project that was completed several years ago. The bond was issued in 2012. After completion of the project, Chris Loschiavo, the Public Works Director noticed that the road was deteriorating and made a claim against the bonding company. The resolution tonight is for the approval of a confidentiality agreement with a settlement of the bond with Aegis Company for the benefit of the Township. Mr. Higgins 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. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Stop Sign Ordinance - Red Rowen & Wayland - First and Final Consideration - ACTION - Mr. Higgins read the ordinance amending Chapter 13, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article II. stopping, standing and parking, of the Plymouth Township Code, Ordinance No. 1005, as amended, by establishing a multi-way stop on Red Rowen Lane at its intersection with Wayland Road. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the ordinance for first and final consideration and was seconded by Mr. Manero. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

Mr. Higgins thanked Council and Chief Lawrence for their help in getting the stop sign installed.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

a.S.D. 17-1 Tisons Homes/627 Old Elm Street

1)**Extension granted to September 1, 2017 - ACTION** - Mr. Trask made a motion to accept the extension request and was seconded by Mr. Manero. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

b.S.D. 17-2 James Piacitelli/135 Pleasant Road

1)**Extension granted to January 9, 2018 - ACTION** - Mr. Manero made a motion to accept the extension request and was seconded by Mr. Trask. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

c.Extension Request - ACTION

1)**Plymouthtowne Apartments to June 18, 2018** - Mr. Trask made a motion to approve the extension request and was seconded by Mr. Manero. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

2)**Driscoll Tract to September 30, 2017** - Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the extension request and was seconded by Mr. Trask. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

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

1)**474 Old Elm Street - Final** - Mr. Speers stated that this item pertains to a subdivision for 474 Old Elm Street from 2008. The owner/developer is requesting a final escrow release for the improvement agreement. Mr. Manai has inspected the property and all improvements have been completed. A maintenance guaranty will be required for the next eighteen months in the amount of \$967.50. This release is subject to the applicant accepting this resolution within thirty days. Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the final escrow release and was seconded by Mr. Higgins. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

2)**Be Amazing** - Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the escrow release for Be Amazing located at 3023 Walton Road in the amount of \$317,964.25. The amount remaining will be reduced to \$192,698.49. The motion was seconded by Mr. Trask; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

3)**Knight's Court** - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the escrow release for Knight's Court in the amount of \$129,586.50. The motion was seconded by Mr. Higgins; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

e.Plymouth Park DFC - 10th Amendment to Improvement Agreement - Mr.

Speers stated that this item pertains to a 2002 subdivision in which there have been nine prior amendments to the Improvement Agreement. The improvement bond has been paid down in the ninth amendment to the sum of \$24,000. At that time, the applicant was dealing with Susquehanna Bank. They now however have a new banking relationship and they are asking that the old amendment where Susquehanna Bank was holding \$24,000 be amended, so the \$24,000 cash can be held by the Township in an escrow account and then Susquehanna Bank can be released from the requirements of the Agreement. This will be subject to the applicant accepting the tenth amendment within thirty days. Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the tenth amendment to the Improvement Agreement and was seconded by Mr. Trask. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bruno, Mr. Higgins, Mr. Manero and Mr. Trask in favor. Mr. Eisenberger was absent.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings - Mr. Manero announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 19, 2017, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications: 1) SEAN GREGORY - 24 BURKE AVENUE - 2) WOODSPRING SUITES PHILADELPHIA PLYMOUTH MEETING LLC (PLYMOUTH PARK DFC LLC) - 101 LEE DRIVE - 3) TIMOTHY WEISS - 33 KORMAR ROAD - 4) DR. ROBERT ORSHER, BLUEPEARL VETERINARY PARTNERS (EXETER PROPERTY GROUP) - 625 W. RIDGE PIKE - 5) 421 GERMANTOWN PIKE ASSOCIATES C/O PENNMARK PROPERTIES - 421 GERMANTOWN PIKE AND 6) CHRISTOPHER AND GABRIEL CONICELLO - 733 RENEL ROAD. 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

Jon Paul Jaworski - 536 New Elm Street thanked the Township for the added speed monitoring that was implemented on New Elm Street. He would still like to slow traffic down besides the speed limit sign. He would potentially like to see the speed reduced sooner on Conshohocken Road from forty miles per hour to

twenty-five. Mr. Speers stated that the Township only has the authority to change the speed limit on Township roads and that Conshohocken Road is a State road. Ms. Bruno stated that perhaps the Township could help with support by contacting our State representative regarding this issue.

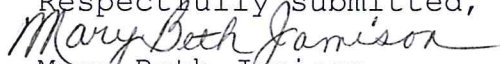
Carol Betham - 519 Old Elm Street mentioned that there are dips in the road on Conshohocken Road. She has contacted the State regarding this but with no success. She asked if the Township could contact PennDOT regarding this. Ms. Weiss stated that the Township will reach out to PennDOT. Ms. Betham also asked if the Township sanitation workers had renewed their contract yet and if there are plans to eliminate trash service in the Township. Ms. Weiss stated that the contract is up for renewal in December, 2016 and that there are no plans to discontinue the trash service.

Sean McIlhenny - 526 New Elm Street thanked Council for the installation of speed signs. He asked what the Township can do to increase safety in this area. Ms. Bruno stated that the Township can look into traffic calming measures but it is difficult to implement since this is a State road. Perhaps Mr. McIlhenny can contact his State representative and organize his neighbors to get together regarding this. Mr. McIlhenny stated that he has a petition and has spoken with Mary Jo Daly's office on this issue. Mr. Manero stated that the Police Department is always looking to step up enforcement regarding speeding.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Beth Jamison
Recording Secretary