

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

June 11, 2018

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

Council: Marty Higgins ----- Chairman
Chris Manero ----- Vice-Chairman
Karen Bramblett
Lenore Bruno
David Gannon

Staff: Karen Weiss ----- Manager
Michael Clarke ----- Solicitor
Joe Lawrence ----- Chief of Police
Tim Woodrow ----- Township Engineer

Pledge of Allegiance - The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and Mr. Higgins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hearing - MS4 - 6:30 p.m. - A MS4 Hearing was held at 6:30 p.m. to review the Pollution Reduction Plan revisions.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Mr. Higgins 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 - Zip Rota - ACTION - Mr. Manero read the resolution recognizing Zip Rota for his generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered while serving in the Plymouth Township Maintenance Department beginning on June 22, 1998 thereby completing 20 years of service. Council extends its appreciation to Zip Rota who served with commitment and dedication. Plymouth Township Council desires to recognize the diligent and valuable services rendered by Zip Rota. Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

Mr. Manero stated that in this day and age it is not easy to find someone who is as committed to his job with such pride and dedication and who also has perfect attendance.

Ms. Bruno thanked Mr. Rota for his service and dedication to the Township.

Mr. Higgins also thanked Mr. Rota for his service.

GPCC Employees Recognition - Ms. Bramblett read the Certificate of Recognition whereas, employees Shawn Mazei, Regina Rotenbury and James Dailey performed life saving procedures on a patron who had become ill, and whereas, because of the quick action of Shawn Mazei, Regina Rotenbury and James Dailey and their use of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), they were able to stabilize the patron until emergency personnel arrived, and whereas, because of the immediate actions of Shawn Mazei, Regina Rotenbury and James Dailey in this life-threatening situation, the patron is alive today. Now therefore be it resolved that Plymouth Township Council does publicly thank and congratulate Shawn Mazei, Regina Rotenbury and James Dailey for their compassion and dedication to their jobs and to Plymouth Township. Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve the Certificate of Recognition and was seconded by Mr. Manero. Mr. Higgins thanked the employees for their dedication. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

Mr. Higgins thanked the employees for their hard work.

Officer of the Year - Ms. Bruno stated that Officer Joseph Epright is a veteran of the Plymouth Township Police Department. He has served in the Highway Patrol Unit and is a member of the Montgomery County Task Force. Officer Epright consistently helps to keep the Township safe. Ms. Bruno believes that Officer Epright has been chosen for Officer of the Year due to his work ethic. She thanked him for his service to the Township.

Mr. Gannon also thanked Officer Epright for his dedication to the Township.

Mr. Higgins, on behalf of Council thanked Officer Epright for all he does to make the Township safe and stated that Council is proud to honor him as Officer of the Year.

Ms. Bruno read the resolution whereas, Officer Joseph Epright has performed diligently and faithfully the duties and services required of him by the Township of Plymouth, and whereas, the performance of Officer Joseph Epright was in the highest standard of the Law Enforcement profession, and whereas, a vote has been taken by the police department supervisory staff to recognize Officer Joseph Epright's outstanding contributions. Now, therefore be it resolved that Officer Joseph Epright is hereby commended for his diligent and valuable service. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Gannon. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr.

Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

Retirement Plaque Presentation - Sgt. Michael Haig - Mr. Gannon read the resolution whereas, Michael S. Haig has diligently served the Plymouth Township Police Department since February 20, 1989, and whereas, Michael S. Haig has established June 3, 2018 as his retirement date, and whereas, Plymouth Township desires to formally recognize and publicly express its appreciation for his services. Now, therefore, be it resolved that Michael S. Haig is hereby commended for more than twenty-nine years of dedicated service to Plymouth Township. Be it further resolved that best wishes are extended to Michael S. Haig for a productive and happy retirement. Mr. Gannon made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Bruno.

Mr. Gannon thanked Sgt. Haig for his accomplishments and stated that he believes the police department is the best around.

Chief Lawrence stated that it is his pleasure to recognize Officer Epright as Officer of the Year.

The Chief said that he has worked with Sgt. Haig for almost thirty years and it has been a pleasure and honor to work with him. Chief Lawrence said that Sgt. Haig has been looked up to by other officers, Sergeants, and himself and he will be greatly missed.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Manero in favor.

PW Indoor Color Guard Recognition - Mr. Manero read the Certificate of Recognition whereas, the Plymouth Whitemarsh Indoor Color Guard finished their season by winning the Gold Medal Championship of the Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network Color Guard Scholastic Local A Division on Saturday, April 21, 2018 with an impressive score of 84.510, and whereas, the Plymouth Whitemarsh Indoor Color Guard, rehearsing twice a week as well as Saturdays from December through April, also won 4 of the 5 competitions they participated in this season. Mr. Manero read the names of the sixteen students who made quality contributions. Under the direction of Bobbey Biddle, Amber Franko, Sami Kessler, Joseph Heining and Lexi Ashton the Indoor Color Guard was led to victory. Plymouth Township Council extends its appreciation for the honor which the ensemble brings to Plymouth Township.

Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the Certificate of Recognition and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Manero in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Session held June 4, 2018

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Higgins called for the approval of

the minutes.

- a. Workshop Meeting ----- May 7, 2018
- b. Regular Meeting ----- May 14, 2018

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. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND BILLS: Chairman Higgins called for the approval of the departmental reports and bills.

Mr. Gannon made a motion to approve the departmental reports and bills and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

ADMINISTRATION

a. Responsible Contractor Ordinance - First Consideration - Mr. Clarke read the ordinance for first consideration. The ordinance includes establishing pre-qualification requirements for contractors who will be eligible to bid on proposed projects. The contractor must be a responsible contractor including OSHA requirements and employ craft employees who have participated in a Class A Apprentice Program for the past three years for each separate trade and will continue to participate for the duration of the project. Mr. Gannon made a motion for approval and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett.

Ms. Bruno stated that she is not going to support this ordinance. She does not believe it to be good for contractors or the Township.

Mr. Gannon believes that it is the responsibility of the Township to look at contractors who have trained for the future with the proper qualifications. It is the responsibility of Council to look into this ordinance and safeguard the future for residents.

Ms. Bramblett stated that she thinks it is important to have a skilled labor force working in the Township for future projects. She believes in the importance of having an apprenticeship program.

Mr. Manero stated that he is in favor of the ordinance and supports local businesses as well.

Bernard Griggs spoke representing the Building Trades Council of Philadelphia. The council represents forty-four unions. Mr. Griggs supports the amendments to the Responsible Contractor Ordinance. It will ensure that the Township has a qualified workforce for projects in the Township. Skilled labor is in high demand and in short supply. He believes that it is important to put local trades

to work. Mr. Griggs stated that the Building Trades Council supports the enactment of the ordinance 100% and is asking that Council carefully consider it.

Bob Harris spoke representing the Steamfitters Local 420. He is a retired, fifty-two year member. He believes strongly in the apprenticeship program. All of the trades need to have qualified workers. He asked that Council take a serious look at adopting this ordinance.

Michael Lapore, Belvoir Road stated that he is in support of having qualified contractors in the Township and is in favor of the ordinance.

Lindsay Tice asked a question about the ordinance which was answered by Mr. Griggs.

Richard Schickling of Boulder Road stated that he has received union training and has worked in both the apprentice and journeymen program. He is in favor of the ordinance.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-1 with Ms. Bramblett, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Bruno was opposed.

b.HRC Appointments - Ms. Bramblett stated that Plymouth Township previously passed an HRC Ordinance. As part of the ordinance, a Human Relations Commission must be established in the Township which consists of four members. Council is in receipt of three applicants to date. Ms. Bramblett made a motion that Council appoint the following people to fill the positions. 1) Maria Weidinger - 19 Kormar Road, 2) Kathleen Kempfer - 7 Loretta Lane and 3) Joretha Bourjolly - Timberfare Lane. The motion was seconded by Mr. Manero and passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Manero in favor.

Mr. Higgins mentioned that Ms. Weidinger has previously served on Township Council.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC/WORKS/SEWER

a.Handicap Parking Space Resolution - Hallowell Road - ACTION -
Mr. Manero read the resolution for the installation of a handicap parking space at Plymouth Rock Apartments on Hallowell Road. Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Gannon. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr.

Manero in favor.

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

a.L.D. 17-2 Conicelli Auto Group/906 Ridge Pike

1)Expiration date July 22, 2018

b.L.D. 18-1 1113 Ridge Associates, LLC

1)Extension granted to September 11, 2018 - ACTION - Mr. Gannon made a motion to approve the extension and was seconded by Mr. Manero. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

c.L.D. 18-2 Lilvin Enterprise, LLC/800-820 Brook Road

1)Expiration date August 21, 2018

d.Extension Requests - ACTION

1)Metroplex Phase 3 to December 31, 2018 - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the extension request and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

2)2928 Walton Road to December 31, 2018 - Ms. Bramblett 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. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

3)Plymouth Hospitality to July 30, 2018 - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the extension request and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

4)135 Pleasant Road to October 10, 2018 - Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the extension request and was seconded by Mr. Gannon. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

5)Arbour Square to September 30, 2018 - Ms. Bramblett 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. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

6)Woodspring Suites to August 31, 2018 - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the extension request and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

7)Exeter 527 Plymouth Road to February 11, 2019 - Mr. Gannon 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. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

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

1) Craft Custom Homes - 1790 Butler Pike - Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the escrow release in the amount of \$12,192.05 for Craft Custom Homes located at 1790 Butler Pike. The motion was seconded by Mr. Manero; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

2) LFT Realty - The Proving Grounds - Mr. Gannon made a motion to approve the escrow release for LFT Realty - The Proving Grounds in the amount of \$826,474.59. The motion was seconded by; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

3) Joseph DelMonte - Plymouth Road - Mr. Clarke read the resolution whereas the Township previously approved the subdivision and land development application for Joseph DelMonte, and whereas, the Township entered into an improvement agreement and whereas, Joseph Delmonte is requesting that the escrow funds be released in the amount of \$32,784.00. The Township desires to release the final balance of the escrow fund under the improvement agreement under and subject to the conditions read. Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the escrow release and was seconded by Mr. Gannon; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings - Ms. Bruno stated that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 25, 2018, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building, 700 Belvoir Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA on the following applications: 1) DAVID & PATRICIA DIEHL - 3108 PLYMOUTH ROCK ROAD, 2) LEONARD KREISHER - 707 CLOVER LANE, 3) JOHN AND DENISE MCKNIGHT - 101 PROGRESS DRIVE, 4) ELIO & MARTA DEGISI - 1706 MONTEREY DRIVE, 5) STEVEN C HART/ELEANOR K. HART - 3002 TERRACE ROAD, AND 6) PREIT SERVICES, LLC, AUTHORIZED AGENT - 500 WEST GERMANTOWN PIKE. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested party may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a. Movies and Concerts Announcement - Mr. Manero announced that

the Plymouth Township Parks and Recreation Department will be having the following 2018 movies and concerts: 1) Wednesday, June 20th - Movie - Ferdinand - 2) Wednesday, June 27th - Concert: Deja Groove - and 3) Wednesday, July 11th - Movie - LEGO Batman. 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 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison
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Recording Secretary