

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

August 13, 2018

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

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- 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 Creelman ----- Finance Director  
Tim Woodrow ----- Woodrow & Associates
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**Pledge of Allegiance** - The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Higgins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition - Plymouth Little League Softball - ACTION**

**12U** - Mr. Manero read the Certificate of Recognition whereas, the 12U Wildcats Plymouth Little League Softball Team went undefeated in winning their divisional championship on their home field at East Plymouth Valley Park after an 11-1 regular season record, and whereas, after their divisional championship win, the 12U Wildcats Plymouth Little League Softball Team went on to play and defeat a team from Upper Moreland, and whereas, the following thirteen players received significant playing experience and made quality contributions: Bridget Carbone, Savannah Cassidy, Ella Gibbons, Kasey Johnstone, Natalie Kern, Caelin Kosvitch, Riley Logan, Emily Lupo, Haley O'Hara, Marissa Perez, Julie Price, Charley Tassoni and Olivia Teeters. Whereas, Head Coad Mike Perez and Assistant Coaches Phil Kosvitch, Lori Logan and Bill Price led the team to victory. Now, therefore be it resolved that the 12U Wildcats Plymouth Little League Softball Team is to be congratulated for its high achievement, and Plymouth Township Council extends its appreciation for the honor which the team brings to Plymouth Township.

Mr. Manero 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. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr.

Higgins, and Mr. Manero in favor.

**10U** - Ms. Bruno read the Certificate of Recognition whereas, the 10U Blue Diamonds Plymouth Little League Softball Team went undefeated in winning their divisional championship on their home field at East Plymouth Valley Park after a 10-1-1 regular season record, and whereas, after their divisional championship win, the 10U Blue Diamonds Plymouth Little League Softball Team went on to play and defeat a team from Horsham, and whereas, the following twelve players received significant playing experience and made quality contributions: Addison Antenucci, Olivia DeGideo, Ana McEvoy, Maddie McLaughlin, Camille O'Brien, Joslyn Perez, Anna Grace Powel, Libby Racich, Olivia Scheer, Riley Wheeler, Mariah Williams and Sophia Wittig. Whereas, Head coach Nancy Perez and assistant coaches Mike Antenucci, Dennis Dobrowolski and Dave McEvoy lead the team to victory. Now, therefore be it resolved that the 10U Blue Diamonds Plymouth Little League Softball Team is to be congratulated for its high achievement, and Plymouth Township Council extends its appreciation for the honor which the team brings to Plymouth Township.

Ms. Bruno 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.

**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.

**30 Years of Service Resolution - Karen Franck - ACTION** - Mr. Higgins read a brief biography of Ms. Franck. Mr. Higgins then read the resolution recognizing Karen Franck for her generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered while serving in the Parks and Recreation Department beginning on August 1, 1988, thereby completing 30 years of service. Council extends its appreciation to Karen Franck who served with commitment and dedication. Plymouth Township Council desires to recognize the diligent and valuable services rendered by Karen Franck. 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. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

Ms. Bruno thanked Ms. Franck for helping to make the Township parks so nice and stated that the community appreciates it.

Ms. Bramblett thanked Ms. Franck for her services to the Township.

Mr. Manero thanked Ms. Franck for helping with the parks and programs at the Community Center.

Mr. Gannon stated that the parks in the Township would not be in the condition that they are in without Ms. Franck's diligence,

particularly in applying for grants.

Mr. Higgins stated that the Community Center would not be the gem it is today without Ms. Franck.

**20 Years of Service Resolution - Mary Ann Bevan - ACTION** - Ms. Bramblett read the resolution recognizing Mary Ann Bevan for her generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered while serving in the Parks and Recreation Department beginning on August 10, 1998, thereby completing 20 years of service. Council extends its appreciation to Mary Ann Bevan who served with commitment and dedication. Plymouth Township Council desires to recognize the diligent and valuable services rendered by Mary Ann Bevan. Ms. Bramblett 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.

Mr. Higgins thanked Ms. Bevan for the terrific programs that are being run at the Community Center especially with the physical fitness program.

**ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Session held August 6, 2018**

Mr. Higgins announced that an Executive Session was held on August 6, 2018 in order to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairman Higgins to call for the approval of the minutes.

- a. Workshop Meeting ----- July 2, 2018
- b. Regular Meeting ----- July 9, 2018

Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the minutes without the necessity of reading. The motion 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.

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

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

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**ADMINISTRATION**

**a. Budget Meeting Dates** - Mr. Gannon announced the Budget Meeting dates as follows: October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The October Meeting dates for the Workshop and Regular Meetings will be October 1<sup>st</sup> and October

8<sup>th</sup>. The November Workshop and Regular Meetings will be on November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup>. All meetings will take place on Monday evenings. General Election Day is Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**b. Responsible Contractor Ordinance - Final Consideration - ACTION -**

Mr. Clarke read the ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Code of Ordinances by amending and restating Section 2-25A. Same-Responsible Contractor Ordinance to the Code of Ordinances. Mr. Gannon made a motion to approve the ordinance for final consideration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Manero.

Ms. Bruno stated that she believes that this ordinance does nothing for the hard working residents of the Township and she does not support it. Ms. Bruno recommends tabling action on it until additional information is obtained as to how residents feel about it. She thinks it should be called the Irresponsible Contractor Ordinance.

Mr. Higgins asked for comments from the audience.

Rick Laird - 803 Erlen Road is a non-union painter who has done work in the School District. He stated that the apprenticeship program blocks him from doing work in the Township. He maintains a very stringent practice. Mr. Laird is a resident of the community and he is opposed to the adoption of the ordinance.

Mr. Gannon stated that Mr. Laird is not blocked from completing projects in the Township that are under \$150,000. He also advised that the union apprenticeship program is not the only avenue that he has.

Mr. Higgins stated that it is very rare that any projects in the Township would be bid for over \$150,000 so local contractors would qualify.

Benjamin Gibbons - 3018 Sheffield Drive stated that he is opposed to the apprenticeship program. He believes that it excludes local contractors. He mentioned that a similar ordinance was adopted in the Township in 2010 and was then repealed in 2012. He asked why Council is considering adopting it again.

Mr. Higgins stated that the ordinance was adopted by a previous Council. The current Council members wished to look into the original ordinance and provide updates. Council believes it should be re-considered.

Ms. Bramblett stated that the Township Solicitor acts at the direction of Council and assists Council in drafting items that are legally sound.

Mr. Higgins stated that in the near future Council is going to be making decisions on updating the Township Building. This is a huge undertaking and Council wants to have quality workmanship.

Ms. Bramblett stated that there are no studies that show that the Responsible Contractor Ordinance will raise costs to taxpayers. There is evidence that it can increase on the job safety. Council wants highly qualified workers when improvements are made to the Township building.

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.

**c. Sewer Rate Ordinance - First and Final Consideration - ACTION -**  
Mr. Clarke read the ordinance amending Chapter 23. Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Article II. Sewers and Sewage Disposal, Division 3. Rates and charges, Section 24-43(a). Rentals or rates, to increase the rentals and rates for sanitary sewage for metered and nonmetered water users within the Township. Mr. Gannon made a motion to approve the ordinance for first and final consideration. The motion 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.

Rick Schickling - Boulder Road mentioned a recent news report that discussed not flushing wipes into the sewer system.

**d. HRC Appointment -** Ms. Bramblett made a motion to appoint Amardeep Singh as the fourth and final member to the Human Relations Commission. 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.

Mr. Higgins stated that Council would like to start getting the Human Relations Commission together and provide training so that they can complete their duties.

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## **POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY**

**a. Hazard Mitigation Plan Update -** Ms. Bruno read the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Resolution for the Township which is a prerequisite to receiving post disaster Hazard Mitigation funds. This is the official plan for Plymouth Township. Ms. Bruno made a motion to adopt the plan 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.

Ms. Bruno mentioned the problem with the divider on Colwell Lane turning onto Ridge Pike. She asked Chief Lawrence if delineators could be installed. Chief Lawrence will ask PADOT for this.

Ms. Bruno asked Chief Lawrence if there were problems in the Township with the heavy rain today. Chief Lawrence stated that there were some issues but that things were getting back to normal. The Public Works Department helped with cleaning some of

the inlet grates that were clogged.

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### **PUBLIC/WORKS/SEWER**

**a. Handicap Parking Space** - Mr. Higgins stated that last month Council approved the installation of a handicap parking space at 454 New Elm Street. Council has received new information from the Public Works Department that this may have been an error. Council now would like to rescind the resolution that was previously adopted. Mr. Higgins made a motion to rescind the handicap parking space 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.

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### **ENGINEERING**

Tim Woodrow mentioned that there was a mud issue for two businesses on Ridge Pike caused by the failure of erosion control measures at the Plymouhtowne Apartments. Everything should be back in order by tomorrow.

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### **SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

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

1) Expiration date October 20, 2018

**b. L.D. 18-1 1113 Ridge Associates, LLC/Bimbo Bakeries, USA -**

1) Expiration date September 11, 2018 - **ACTION** - Mr. Clarke read the resolution approving the conditional/final land development plan, L.D. 18-1 for 1113 Ridge Associates, LLC/Bimbo Bakeries, USA to subdivide a 20.01 acre lot into two lots, under and subject to the conditions read. Ms. Bruno 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. 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) Extension granted to December 31, 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.

**d. L.D. 18-3 Paone Assoc./2418 Butler Pike**

1) Expiration date October 15, 2018

**e. S.D. 18-1 Paone Assoc./2424 Butler Pike**

1) Expiration date October 15, 2018

**f. L.D. 18-4 SMG Hotels/201 Plymouth Road**

1) Expiration date October 18, 2018

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CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

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ZONING

**a. Zoning Hearings** - Mr. Manero stated that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 20, 2018, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building, 700 Belvoir Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA on the following applications: 1) ARTHUR R. AND MARY JO GOLOMBOSKI, JR - 700 CLOVER LANE AND 2) EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD CHURCH - 3050 WALTON ROAD. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested party may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

**b. Danella Billboard Extension** - Mr. Gannon stated that Danella has received approval from Council to construct an offsite outdoor advertising sign on Conshohocken Road. The approval will expire within six months if no building permit is obtained. The Township is in receipt of correspondence from Danella requesting an extension until September 12, 2019 in order to obtain the required permit. Mr. Gannon made a motion to approve the extension and was seconded by Mr. Manero.

Tyler Mullen, Esquire was present this evening and stated that the reason for the extension request is that Danella is in negotiations with various contractors to construct the billboard.

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.

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PARKS AND RECREATION

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

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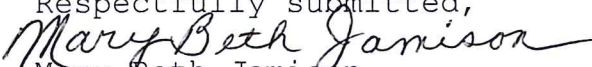
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mary Beth Jamison  
Recording Secretary