

**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 11, 2019**

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

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<b>Council:</b>	Marty Higgins -----	Chairman
	Chris Manero -----	Vice-Chairman
	Karen Bramblett	
	Lenore Bruno	
	David Gannon	
<b>Staff:</b>	Karen Weiss -----	Manager
	Michael Clarke -----	Solicitor
	Joe Lawrence -----	Chief of Police
	Lonnie Manai -----	Woodrow & Associates

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**Pledge of Allegiance** - The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. and Mr. Higgins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**March 11<sup>th</sup> - 5:45 p.m. - Executive Session** - Mr. Higgins announced that an Executive Session was held 5:45 p.m.

**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.

**1)Swearing in of Police Officer - Jonathan Marinelli** - Chief Lawrence stated that Jonathan Marinelli is present this evening to be sworn in as a Police Officer for Plymouth Township. Chief Lawrence read a list of his accomplishments. He has earned the Act 120 Certification and has passed all of the Civil Service requirements. Judge William Maruszczak presided over the swearing in of Officer Marinelli. Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the appointment 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.

**2)Swearing in of Fire Marshal - Michael Matusheski** - Mr. Higgins stated that Fire Marshal, Andy Mount will be retiring in July and Michael Matusheski will be sworn in this evening as the new Fire Marshal for Plymouth Township. Mr. Higgins presided over the swearing in.

**3)Swearing in Fire Police - Tanya Zekovitch** - Mr. Higgins presided over the swearing in of Tanya Zekovitch as a new Fire Police for Plymouth Fire Company.

**4)Citizen Board Resolutions Ratification - ACTION**

**a.David Kavalow-Huie - Environmental Advisory Board** - Ms. Bramblett read the resolution in grateful recognition to David Kavalow-Huie for his generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered while serving on the Environmental Advisory Board. Mr. Kavalow-Huie volunteered with commitment and dedication from June, 2011 through December, 2018. Plymouth Township Council hereby expresses its appreciation to David Kavalow-Huie. Ms. Bramblett 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.

**b.Kim Pennington - Parks, Shade Tree and Recreation** - Ms. Bruno read the resolution in grateful recognition to Kim Pennington for her generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered while serving on the Parks, Recreation, and Shade Tree Advisory Board. Ms. Pennington volunteered with commitment and dedication from September, 2004 through December, 2018. Plymouth Township Council hereby expresses its appreciation to Kim Pennington. 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Session held March 4, 2019**

Mr. Higgins announced that an Executive Session was held on March 4, 2019 in order to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

- a. Workshop Meeting ----- February 4, 2019
- b. Regular Meeting ----- February 11, 2019

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

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

Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve the departmental reports and bills 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.



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## ADMINISTRATION

**a. Contractor Registration Ordinance - First Consideration -** Mr. Clarke read the ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Code of Ordinances of Plymouth Township for the licensing of contractors and sub-contractors. All contractors shall be licensed to perform work in Plymouth Township by the Code Enforcement Department and shall provide insurance certificates, including workers' compensation or an exemption and submit a fee. Mr. Gannon made a motion to approve the ordinance for first consideration. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bramblett.

Ms. Bruno stated that she is opposed to this ordinance. She believes that the fees will be passed onto the consumer and that it allows for certain entities to see who the sub-contractor is on each project.

Ms. Bruno also stated that in her opinion it is a solution in search of a problem that the Township does not have.

Mr. Gannon stated that he believes by passing the ordinance that every contractor will be treated the same and that it is an equality issues. Fees are not a factor.

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. Civil Service Qualification Ordinance - First Consideration -**

Mr. Clarke read the ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Code of Ordinances by amending the Civil Service Commission rules and regulations on the general qualifications. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the ordinance for first consideration. 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 current officers who are sworn into the Police Department must have Act 120 Certification. The ordinance will delete this stipulation and it should help the department to obtain a more diverse pool of applicants.

Chief Lawrence stated that due to the current Act 120 Certification requirement, the pool of applicants for the Police Department has decreased. With the passing of the new ordinance it is hoped that the department will have more applicants to choose from.

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## POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

**a. Bill of Sale - Vehicle Donation to EVOC -** Mr. Manero stated that this item pertains to two police vehicles that are no longer

of use to the Police Department. The vehicles will be given to Montgomery County for the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) for training. The vehicles are a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria and a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria. They will be given to the County in "as is" condition and the Township will be released from any claims. The vehicles will be given at a cost of \$1.00. Mr. Manero made a motion to approve the bill of sale 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.

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## **PUBLIC/WORKS/SEWER**

**a.Snow Announcement** - Ms. Bruno reminded residents that the Township Snow Policy is in effect and then read the official policy.

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## **ENGINEERING**

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### **SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

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

1)Expiration date April 20, 2019

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

1)Time Limit Waived

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

1)Time Limit Waived

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

1)Expiration date June 3, 2019

**e.S.D. 18-3 Travis & Nicole Lick/1929 Johnson Road**

1.Expiration date April 19, 2019

**f.L.D. 18-6 Colonial Middle School/Colonial School District**

1.Time Limit Waived

**g.S.D. 18-5 Glasgow, Inc./1100 & 1200 Conshohocken Road**

1) Extension granted to May 1, 2019 - **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.

**h.S.D. 19-1 Alba Family, LLC/Fairfield Road**

1)Extension granted to July 7, 2019 - **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.

**i.Extension Requests - ACTION**

1)Lilvin - 820 Brook Road to May 31, 2019 - Mr. Gannon made a motion to grant the extension 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.

**j.PADOT Resolution for Driscoll Tract - ACTION** - Ms. Bramblett stated that this is a resolution whereby the Township Manager is authorized and directed to submit an application to PADOT and to sign the application on behalf of the municipality. Ms. Bramblett 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. Weiss explained that as part of the Driscoll Tract Subdivision a school flasher sign on Plymouth Road needs to be moved and a PADOT permit is needed. The Township needs to sign the permit application, the developer will pay for the work.

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## **CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH/ZONING**

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### **ZONING**

**a.Zoning Hearings** - Mr. Manero announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 18, 2019, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications: 1)JOHN PACK (HOW PROPERTY INVESTMENTS, LLC) - 2122 SIERRA ROAD, 2) JAMES & MARGARET HILDEBRAND - 10 HARVARD ROAD, 3) PREIT SERVICES, LLC, AUTHORIZED AGENT - 500 W. GERMANTOWN PIKE, 4) AK BLUE BELL OWNER, LLC - 518 TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD, AND 5) RODNEY AND CHERRY JOY ABARY - 630 WAYLAND ROAD. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested party may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

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## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

**a.SDM Announcement** - Ms. Bramblett 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 or emergency services. In addition, the Parks and Recreation Department is still seeking monetary donations from businesses.

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## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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## **MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS**

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### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Carol Betham - 519 Old Elm Street asked why her side of Fulton Street can't be blacktopped by the Township.

Ms. Weiss stated that she would need to look at the line when PennDOT did the condemnation for the Blue Route. Some of the land was acquired by PennDOT. Ms. Weiss will look into this and let Ms. Betham know.


Ms. Betham thanked the Public works Department for the work that they did plowing her street.

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### ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Mary Beth Jamison  
Recording Secretary