

**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**October 14, 2019**

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  
John Myrsiades ----- Chief of Police  
Lonnie Manai ----- 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**a. 30 Years of Service Resolution- James Schultz- ACTION-** Mr. Manero read the resolution recognizing James Schultz for his generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered while serving in the Public Works Department since October 20, 1989, thereby completing 30 years of service. Council extends its appreciation to James Schultz who served with commitment and dedication. Plymouth Township Council desires to recognize the diligent and valuable services rendered by James Schultz. 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.

**b. 20 Years of Service Resolution- Doris Blide- ACTION-** Mr. Gannon read the resolution recognizing Doris Blide for her generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered while serving in the Building and Grounds Department since September 7, 1999, thereby completing 20 years of service. Council extends its appreciation to Doris Blide who served with commitment and dedication. Plymouth Township Council desires to recognize the diligent and valuable services rendered by Doris Blide. Mr. Gannon 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.

**Citation for Heroism- Kevin Ambs-** Ms. Bruno read the citation for heroism recognizing Kevin Ambs. On the evening of Friday, September 20, 2019 there was a vehicle crash in the area of 255 W. Germantown Pike in Plymouth Township. One of the vehicles involved in the crash caught fire and immediately began to be consumed by flames. The vehicle driver, Charlene Washington, was disoriented as a result of the crash and airbag deployment. As a result, Ms. Washington was unable to exit her vehicle. Firefighter Kevin Ambs, was off duty, traveling in the area where the crash occurred.

Firefighter Ambs, having observed the vehicle on fire, stopped his personal vehicle, jumped the median along Germantown Pike and pulled Ms. Washington to safety just prior to the car becoming fully engulfed in flames. We thank Kevin Ambs for his quick actions, without regard for his own personal safety. Though his efforts, Kevin saved the life of Charlene Washington. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the citation for heroism 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 October 9, 2019**

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

- a. Workshop Meeting ----- September 3, 2019
- b. Regular Meeting ----- September 9, 2019

Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the minutes. 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.

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

Mr. Gannon made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bramblett and passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

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**ADMINISTRATION**

a) **2020 Budget Meetings- October 21<sup>st</sup>, October 28<sup>th</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>- 6:00 p.m.** - Mr. Gannon announced the Budget Meeting dates as follows: October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m., October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., and November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The October Council meeting dates are the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The November Council meeting dates are the 6<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> due to General Election day on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**b.) Pension Fund- Allocation of 2019 State Check- ACTION-** Ms. Bramblett reported that the Township receives an allocation from the State to help fund the Township Pension Plans. The allocation for 2019 is in the amount of \$798,797.85.

The Township actuary has recommended that the funds be allocated as follows: 1) Police Pension Plan - \$419,880.92 and 2) Non-Uniformed Pension Plan - \$378,916.93. Ms. Bramblett made a motion to accept the recommendation of the actuary 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.

**c.) Police Pension Resolution- ACTION-** Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve the resolution establishing the contribution rate for the Police Pension at 3% for 2020 as recommended by the Township Actuary. 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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**POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY**

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**PUBLIC/WORKS/SEWER**

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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 December 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 December 31, 2019

**e.S.D. 19-2 3116 Jolly Road**

1)Expiration date December 1, 2019

**f. L.D. 19-1 PR Plymouth Meeting Limited Partnership/500 W. Gtn. Pike**

1) Expiration date November 10, 2019- **ACTION-** Mr. Clarke read the resolution approving the land development plan 19-1, PR Plymouth Meeting Limited Partnership, located at 500 W. Germantown Pike and subject to the conditions read. The applicant is proposing two restaurants near the former Macy's store. Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve this 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. Mr. Manero stated he was happy to see Miller's Ale House very busy.

Mr. Manero also stated he hopes that these new developments will continue to benefit all of us.

**g.L.D. 19-2 Jon Williams/100 Lee Drive**

1) Extension granted to January 10, 2020

**h. Extension Requests- ACTION**

1) PHI Belvoir Road to January 22, 2020- Mr. Gannon made a motion to approve the time extension request for 700 Belvoir Road. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bramblett and passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins and Mr. Manero in favor.

2) Glasgow to November 15, 2019- Mr. Gannon made a motion to approve the plan extension request. 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.

**i. Escrow Release Requests- ACTION**

1) Arbour Square- Mr. Higgins stated this communication is from Woodrow & Associates, stating sufficient work has been completed to release \$27,987.50. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve 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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**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

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**ZONING**

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**PARKS AND RECREATION**

**a.) GPCC Pass and Rental Rates-** Ms. Bramblett stated the proposed 2020 annual increases for GPCC as follows: a \$10 increase for the annual passes, \$2 increase for day passes, \$10 for pavilion rentals, and \$5 for room rates. Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve 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.

**b.) Parks Ordinance- First Consideration-** Ms. Bramblett made a motion to table this Parks Ordinance. 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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**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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**MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Citizen Board Vacancies-** Ms. Bruno stated the following citizen board positions are open: two spots on the building code appeals board, one on the property maintenance code appeals board, and two spots on the environmental advisory board.

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**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Rich Schickling- 111 Boulder Road- Mr. Schickling showed Mr. Higgins a sketch regarding the water run off at the Butler Pike closure. Mr. Higgins asked for Mr. Schickling to write an email or letter so he can forward it to the appropriate person.

Carol Betham- 519 Old Elm Street- Ms. Betham stated she applied for a sanitation job in 1979 and never received a call back. Mr. Higgins stated although he was not here, if you were qualified you should have been given an opportunity.

Sarah Derr Sterious- 1421 Sandwood Road- Ms. Sterious thanked Chief Myrsiades for his town hall meetings. Ms. Sterious also stated she talked to residents lately, and they have concerns about taxes. Also, Ms. Sterious wanted to know in planning for the Township building, if the potential sale of the sewer system will be on the upcoming agenda. Mr. Higgins stated they will be making a decision on the selling on the sewer system in the upcoming months. Mr. Manero stated he personally is against selling the sewer system. Ms. Bramblett asked how long it has been since there was a tax increase; the answer is 29 years. Mr. Higgins stated the dilemma regarding the Township building is, he does not want to just see what's needed now and then in five years be in the same position as today.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annalisa Primus  
Recording Secretary