

**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**September 9, 2019**

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

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- Council:** Chris Manero ----- Vice-Chairman  
Karen Bramblett  
Lenore Bruno  
David Gannon
- Staff:** Karen Weiss ----- Manager  
Alex Glassman ----- 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 7:04 p.m. and Mr. Manero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Manero asked the audience for a moment of silence in memory of Officer Brad Fox as the seventh anniversary of his death approaches on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**1. Retirement Resolution - Andrew Mount- ACTION-** Ms. Bramblett read the resolution recognizing the retirement of Andrew Mount who has diligently served the Plymouth Township Police Department as the Fire Marshal faithfully since January 26, 1998. His retirement date will be October 1, 2019. Plymouth Township wants to publicly recognize Andrew Mount for his 20 years of service in keeping Plymouth Township a safe place to live and work. Andrew Mount is to be commended for his outstanding leadership and dedication to the department. Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Bruno.

Ms. Bruno thanked Mr. Mount for all his service to Plymouth Township and to the residents.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

**2. Swear-In 2 Deputy Fire Marshals-** Ms. Bruno made a motion to hire Christopher Heleniak as Deputy Fire Marshal and was seconded by Mr. Gannon.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent. Mr. Manero swore in Chris Heleniak to the position of Deputy Fire Marshal.

Ms. Bramblett made a motion to hire Michael Sturm as a Deputy Fire Marshal and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent. Mr. Manero swore in Michael Sturm to the position of Deputy Fire Marshal.

**3. Little League Recognitions-** Mr. Manero read the Certificate of Recognition whereas, the Minors Division Plymouth Little League Softball Team went through District play dominating their opponents for the District 22 Banner and went on to the great accomplishment of two victories in Sectionals to earn a spot in the Section 8 Championship game; and whereas the following thirteen players received significant playing experience and made quality contributions: Addison Antenucci, Katie Dean, Emily Dobrowolski, Morgan Hegarty, Julia Lentz, Chloe Manning, Julia Maxwell, Ava McEvoy, Ellie McKernan, Joslyn Perez, Anna Grace Powel, Maddie Swift, and Sophia Wittig. Whereas, Manager Nancy Perez and Coaches Mike Antenucci, Dennis Dobrowolski, and John Dean led the team to victory. Now, therefore be it resolved that the Minors Division 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. Gannon made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. Bruno. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

Mr. Manero read the Certificate of Recognition whereas, the Little League Division Plymouth Little League Softball team went through District play dominating their opponents for the District 22 Banner; and went on to the great accomplishment of two victories in Sectionals to earn a spot in the Section 8 Championship game; and whereas the following thirteen players received significant playing experience and made quality contributions: Lindsay Baradziej, Marissa Caroluzzi, Kalina Childers, Ella Gibbons, Caelin Kosvitch, Riley Logan, Haylie Lindley, Madison Moran, Marissa Perez, Julie Price, Samantha Skivo, Livie Teeters, and Alexa Walton. Whereas, Manager Mike Perez and Coaches Ryan Lindley, Alex Skivo, and Lori Logan led the team to victory. Now, therefore be it resolved that the Little League Division 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 and was seconded by Mr. Gannon.

Mr. Manero congratulated Plymouth Little League for all their efforts hosting the state tournament. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

**4. Environmental Advisory Board Plaque Presentation-** Mr. Bill Sabey thanked Council for adopting the Ready 100 Transition Plan, in doing so the Environmental Advisory Board presented the plaque they received at the conference to Council.

**ANNOUNCEMENT- Executive Session held September 3, 2019**

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

- a. Workshop Meeting ----- August 5, 2019
- b. Regular Meeting ----- August 12, 2019

Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gannon and passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

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

Ms. Bruno made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gannon and passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

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**ADMINISTRATION**

**a. Budget Meeting Dates Announcement-** 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. Memorandum of Agreement with Police Officers-** Mr. Manero stated Plymouth Township and Plymouth Police Officers are involved in a bargaining agreement that will expire on December 31, 2019. Plymouth Township and the Police Officers reached an agreement for three years, starting January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. A 3.5% salary increase will take effect for all three years. Ms. Bramblett made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Bruno.

Mr. Manero stated Council is very pleased to approve this agreement tonight and looks forward to working together to keep this community safe.

Ms. Bruno and Ms. Bramblett thanked the bargaining committee officers in reaching this agreement. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

**c. Pension Fund- Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2020- ACTION-** Ms. Bramblett reported that this item pertains to the amount that the Township must budget to contribute to the employee pension plans for 2020. The Township actuary has determined the following amounts: 1) Police Pension Fund - \$1,582,745 and 2) Non-Uniformed Employees - \$1,001,349 for a total of \$2,584,094. Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Gannon. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

**d. Lafayette Street Dedication Ordinance- First and Final Consideration- ACTION-** Mr. Glassman read the ordinance opening Lafayette Street as a public street, private access easement and drainage easement. The motion to approve was made by Ms. Bruno and seconded by Mr. Gannon.

Mr. Richard Schickling- 111 Boulder Road- asked when the street will be open to traffic. Ms. Weiss stated the County says late October of this year.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

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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

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

1) Extension granted to January 10, 2020- **ACTION-** Ms. Bruno read an email from W & A Engineering granting an extension. Mr. Bruno made a motion to accept the extension and was seconded by Mr. Gannon. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

**h. Extension Requests- ACTION-**

1) PHI Belvior Road until October 21, 2019- Mr. Gannon read a letter from Nicolas Cuce requesting an extension. Mr. Gannon made a motion to grant the extension and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

2) Lilvin Enterprise until November 30, 2019- Mr. Gannon read a letter from Randy Wolf requesting an extension. 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 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

3) Colonial Middle School until December 9, 2019- Mr. Gannon read a letter from Michael Clarke requesting an extension. Mr. Gannon made a motion to grant the extension and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

4) Alba Family until December 7, 2019- Mr. Gannon read a letter from Sean Tamero requesting an extension. Mr. Gannon made a motion to grant the extension and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

**i. Escrow Release Requests- ACTION**

1) Arbour Square- Ms. Bramblett read the letter from Mr. Manai, Woodrow & Associates, stating that sufficient work has been completed to release the amount of \$107,587.50 and by releasing this amount the remaining balance will be \$2,044,254. Ms. Bramblett made a motion to release \$107,587.50 and was seconded by Mr. Gannon. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bruno, Mr. Gannon, and Mr. Manero in favor. Mr. Higgins was absent.

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**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

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## ZONING

a) **Zoning Hearings-** Ms. Bramblett stated the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Building, 700 Belvior Road, on the follow applications: 1) Alessandro Pileggi- 405 Park Drive, 2) Charlotte A. Boscaino- 345 Jefferson Street, and 3) Matt Outdoor (PECO) - 1330 Conshohocken Road.

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## PARKS AND RECREATION

a. **SDM Bricks and Pavers Announcement-** Mr. Manero announced that bricks and pavers are still available for purchase for those who want to honor a loved one who has served in the armed forces. In addition, the Parks and Recreation Department is still seeking monetary donations from businesses.

b. **Parks Comp Plan Meeting September 30<sup>th</sup>- 6:00 p.m.-** Ms. Bramblett stated there will be a meeting for Council to review the Park & Rec Open Space Plan on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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## MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a. **Citizen Board Vacancies-** Mr. Gannon stated the following citizen board positions are open: two spots on the building code appeals board and one on the property maintenance code appeals board.

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## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Richard Schickling- 111 Boulder Road- asked if more green time could be allotted to Butler Pike at the Ridge Pike signal due to the fact that traffic backs up. Ms. Weiss stated she will have to check to see if that is Whitemarsh's jurisdiction and also Penndot will have to approve it. Chief Myrsiades stated if it is Whitemarsh's he will gladly let them know. Also, Mr. Schickling asked if Butler Pike will re-open up on Plymouth Road any time soon.

Mr. Manero stated the last update the County gave was it will still be another year and a half. Mr. Schickling asked if they could extend Chemical Road with a new underpass.

Mr. Manai stated the study it would take, would take twice as long. Mr. Shickling also asked if it's possible to get an air monitoring station at the Plymouth Fire Company for Covanta, since the air gets foul in the middle of the night. Mr. Manero stated we will look into that.

Kathy Bandish- 206 Kings Road- stated she has been watching people getting off buses on Germantown Pike and feels someone is going to get hurt. Ms. Bandish stated there are no sidewalks nor pedestrian crossings.

She also stated she spoke with Plymouth Meeting Friends School, who allow people to walk through their property since there are no sidewalks. Mr. Manero asked Chief Myrsiades if there are crosswalks at Chemical Road and Germantown Pike. Chief Myrsiades stated there is a crosswalk. Mr. Manero asked if there is a long term plan for cross county trail to build a bridge.

Ms. Weiss stated it's in a plan, however they applied for a grant but were not successful.

Mr. Schickling asked why Plymouth can't ask Septa's L bus to do a loop into the Metroplex; the chance of a pedestrian getting hurt would be less. Ms. Bruno stated some of the people need to obey the lights. Ms. Bramblett stated Chief Myrsiades will be hosting four town halls for residents' concerns, such as this one, on September 25<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annalisa Primus  
Recording Secretary