

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

January 13, 2020

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

Council: Chris Manero ----- Chairman
Karen Bramblett ----- Vice-Chairman
Kathy Bandish
David Gannon
Marty Higgins

Staff: Karen Weiss ----- Manager
Michael Clarke ----- Solicitor
John Myrsiades ----- Chief of Police
Tim Woodrow ----- Woodrow & Associates

Pledge of Allegiance - The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Manero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Mr. Manero asked if there was any public comment pertaining to any of the items advertised on the agenda:

ANNOUNCEMENT- Executive Session held January 7, 2020

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

- a. Workshop Meeting ----- December 2, 2019
- b. Regular Meeting ----- December 9, 2019

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

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

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

ADMINISTRATION

a. IT Backup Server at DVIT to protect against Ransomware- Mr. Higgins read the memo from Mr. Hess requesting permission to purchase a server and install it at DVIT in Horsham. Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve this request and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, and Mr. Manero in favor.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Request to Purchase 3 Budgeted Patrol Cars- Ms. Bramblett read the request from Chief Myrsiades seeking authorization to purchase three new vehicles. Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve this request and was seconded by Mr. Higgins. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, and Mr. Manero in favor.

PUBLIC/WORKS/SEWER

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

b. Liquid Fuels Authorized Expenditures Resolution- ACTION- Mr. Gannon made a motion to approve the resolution listing the authorized expenditures of liquid fuel tax money and was seconded by Mr. Higgins. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, and Mr. Manero in favor.

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENTS UNDER REVIEW

- a. L.D. 17-2 Conicelli Auto Group/906 Ridge Pike**
 - 1) Expiration date April 20, 2020
- b. L.D. 18-3 Paone Assoc./2418 Butler Pike**
 - 1) Time Limited Waived
- c. S.D. 18-1 Paone Assoc./2424 Butler Pike**
 - 1) Time Limited Waived
- d. L.D. 18-4 SMG Hotels/201 Plymouth Road**
 - 1) Expiration date April 30, 2020
- e. S.D. 19-2 3116 Jolly Road**
 - 1) Expiration June 1, 2020

CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROJECTS NOT YET RECORDED

a. Extension Request- ACTION

1) **Verizon- 700 Belvior Road to March 22, 2020-** 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 5-0 with Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, and Mr. Manero in favor.

2) **Alba Family/Tammaro to March 7, 2020-** Mr. Gannon read a letter from Shawn Tammaro requesting an extension. Mr. Gannon made a motion to grant the extension and was seconded by Mr. Higgins. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, and Mr. Manero in favor.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

a. Escrow Release- ACTION

1) **Danella- Alan Wood Road-** Mr. Clarke read the close-out resolution for Mr. Danella's maintenance facility on Alan Wood Road. Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve this resolution and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, and Mr. Manero in favor.

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearing- Ms. Bramblett announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 20, 2020, commencing at 7:00 p.m., at the Plymouth Township Building on the following application: 1) Shawn and Lori Lafferty- 23 Malvern Road. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested party may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a. Service and Devotion Monument Bricks and Pavers- Mr. Manero 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.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a. Citizen Board Vacancies- Mr. Higgins stated the following citizen board positions are open: two positions on the Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board, and one on the Historical Architectural Review Board.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Carol Betham- 519 Old Elm Street- asked who is receiving the \$100.00 per household fire service fee. Mr. Manero stated it goes to the funding for the two fire companies. She also asked about the \$61.00 apparatus tax. Ms. Weiss stated that is the fire service fee. Ms. Betham also asked how much the paid firefighters make. Mr. Manero stated they serve the Township but are not Township employees. Ms. Betham addressed a pot hole that has been on Belvior Road for two months. Ms. Weiss stated Belvior Road is a State Road and will pass it along to the correct person at PADOT.

Ms. Bramblett announced that Chief Myrsiades is now presenting additional town halls at the Community Center. The first event will take place on January 15th at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Rich Rafferty- Whitemarsh Township Resident- asked Council to adopt a redistricting and reform resolution. Ms. Nina Sabins, 4 Princeton Road, addressed the gerrymandering that has been going on. Ms. Monica Salvia, 2 Princeton Road, also expressed her concerns for gerrymandering and wants to make sure her vote counts. Ms. Bramblett asked Mr. Rafferty if the remedy that Fair Districts seeks, requires a constitutional amendment or if it can be done by statue. Mr. Rafferty explained yes and no, only statue is needed to draw U.S. Congressional district lines, but the PA Constitution must be reformed or changed to draw State districts.

Ms. Jessica Ram- Conshohocken Borough Resident- expressed her concerns regarding Covanta. Ms. Ram stressed the idea of a clean air ordinance. Ms. Ram stated some residents would like to contact the Department of Public Health. Ms. Ram does not support going to the Department of Health. Ms. Bramblett asked how can you advocate for Covanta to be shut down if we don't have the information that could allow the State to take action? Ms. Ram also stated it's been two months and we do not have access to their monitors on their website. (Note: Continuous emissions monitoring has been on the Covanta Plymouth Website since December 30, 2019.)

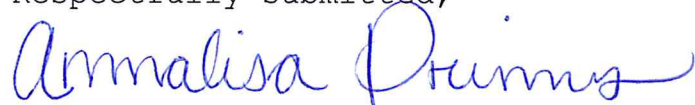
Mr. Gannon stated we cannot shut Covanta down as a Township since it is regulated by the DEP and the County leases the land Covanta resides on. Mr. Clarke explained why the Township cannot pass a clean air ordinance as suggested by various environmental groups.

Mr. Clarke also explained that DEP has made it clear that when you pass an ordinance like the one that has been presented, it requires monitoring, data collection, and stack testing, which creates an improper air pollution program. Mr. Clarke stated DEP has made it clear that it is unenforceable. Ms. Ram states that there are four municipalities that have passed a clear air ordinance. Mr. Gannon asked if these municipalities have been able to enforce their ordinances. Ms. Ram stated she will collect the information on that.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annalisa Primus
Recording Secretary