

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

October 12, 2020

Plymouth Township Council held its Regular Meeting via Zoom. The following officials were in attendance:

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

Staff: Karen Weiss ----- Manager
Michael Clarke ----- Solicitor
John Myrsiades ----- Chief of Police
Tim Creelman ----- Director of Finances
Lonnie Manai ----- Woodrow & Associates

Pledge of Allegiance - The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. and Chairman Manero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Swearing in Harmonville Fire Police- Anthony DeNolfi- Mr. Manero presided over the swearing in of Anthony Denolfi as a new member of Harmonville's Fire Police Unit.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Mr. Sabey asked if the township building renovation was on the agenda for tonight. Mr. Manero stated no.

ANNOUNCEMENT- Executive session held October 5, 2020

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

- a. Workshop Meeting ----- September 8, 2020
- b. Regular Meeting ----- September 14, 2020

Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bandish.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Manero in favor.

APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND BILLS: Chairman 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 Ms. Bramblett.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Manero in favor.

ADMINISTRATION

a. Proposed Group Home Ordinance- Mr. Clarke stated one change has been made to this ordinance which is, that group homes and sober living environments are permitted in all residential districts in the Township. Ms. Bramblett asked if group homes were allowed in commercial districts. Mr. Clarke stated no. Chris Saulino- 1641 Gallagher Court- thanked Council for the change to all residential districts. Council agreed to send this to the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

b. 2021 Budget Meetings- October 19th, October 26th, November 16th- 6:00 p.m. - Mr. Manero announced the Budget Meeting dates as follows: October 19th at 6:00 p.m., October 26th at 6:00 p.m., and November 16th at 6:00 p.m.

c. Pension Fund- Allocation of 2020 State Aid Check- ACTION- Mr. Gannon reported that the Township received a check from the State in the amount of \$792,737.15 to help fund the Township Pension Plans. The allocation for 2020 is \$413,601.99 for the Police Pension Plan and \$379,135.16 for the Non-Uniformed Plan. Mr. Gannon made a motion to approve this and was seconded by Mr. Higgins. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Manero in favor.

d. Police Pension Resolution- ACTION- Mr. Gannon made a motion to approve the resolution establishing the contribution rate for the Police Officers at 3% for 2021 as recommended by the Township Actuary. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Manero in favor.

e. Alternate Appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board Resolution- ACTION- Ms. Bramblett made a motion to appoint Ms. Amy Lettich as alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Higgins. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Manero in favor.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC/WORKS/SEWER

a. Addendum to Recycling Contract- Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve a 12 month extension to the recycling consortium's contract with J.P. Mascaro. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gannon. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Manero in favor.

b. Street Light Request for Weymouth Road- Mr. Higgins made a motion to approve the request for an additional street light at Weymouth and Oxford Roads. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Manero in favor.

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

- a. L.D. 17-2 Conicelli Auto Group/906 Ridge Pike**
 - 1) Expiration date February 20, 2021
- b. L.D. 18-4 SMG Hotels/201 Plymouth Road**
 - 1) Expiration date December 31, 2020
- c. S.D. 19-2 3116 Jolly Road**
 - 1) Expiration date December 1, 2020
- d. L.D. 20-3 Proving Grounds Fields 6-8**
 - 1) Expiration date November 30, 2020
- e. S.D. 20-2 Marchese/751 Belvoir Road**
 - 1) Time Limit Waived

CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROJECTS NOT YET RECORDED

a. Extension Requests- ACTION

1) **Tamaro- Fairfield Road to May 7, 2021-** Mr. Gannon made a motion to approve the time extension request and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Manero in favor.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

CODE ENFORCEMENT

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings- Ms. Bandish announced that the Zoning Hearing board of Plymouth Township will hold a meeting via Zoom on Monday, October 19, 2020, commencing at 7:00 p.m., on the following applications:

1) Donna Franzen- 1723 Johnson Road, 2) Anthony Dipaolo, Jr. - 1407 Colwell Ln, 3) Christine Richardson & Michael Rauscher- 1300 Midland Rd, 4) Gregory Costa- 381 School Ln, 5) Treasure Sign (Protecs, Inc.)- 512 E Township Ln Rd, 6) Harmonville Fire Company No. 1- 904 Germantown Pk. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested party may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard. Login details will be available at www.plymouthtownship.org and the Township's Facebook account prior to the hearing.

b. Opposition to PREIT Zoning Hearing Appeal- Council agreed to send the Township Solicitor in opposition to the PREIT application before the Zoning Hearing Board in November. Mr. Higgins made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Higgins, and Mr. Manero in favor.

PARKS AND RECREATION

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a. Citizen Board Vacancy Announcement- Mr. Higgins stated the following citizen board positions are open: two positions on the Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Bill Sabey- 113 Ashley Way- asked Council if they reviewed the email sent today regarding HVAC options for the township building renovation. Mr. Manero stated he is committed to looking at the least carbon footprint, as long as it's financially feasible.

Andy Katronick- 332 Weymouth Way- explained the PowerPoint slides that were sent over. Mr. Higgins asked for a model with a 30 year loan and no carbon tax. Mr. Gannon asked what inflation rate was used. Mr. Katronick stated 1%. Mr. Higgins asked if there are other buildings that have used geothermal. Mr. Sabey stated he knows of 3 sources to contact that have used this method.

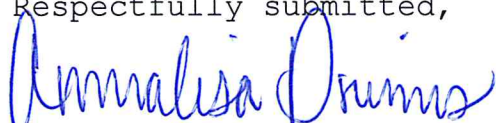
Vivian Lotz- 7 Timberfare Cir- stated two of her neighbors' political signs have been removed from their properties on Ashwood Lane. Ms. Lotz wanted to know if this is happening a lot. Chief Myrsiades stated this has been happening a lot, unfortunately. However, any act of vandalism should be reported to the police, and they will investigate.

Maria Weidnger- 19 Kormar Rd- supports the Environmental Advisory Board's interest with the township building renovations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annalisa Primus
Recording Secretary