

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

October 11, 2022

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

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**Council:** Chris Manero ----- Chairman  
Karen Bramblett ----- Vice-Chairman  
Kathy Bandish  
Nicholas Whitney

**Staff:** Karen Weiss ----- Manager  
Alex Glassman ----- Solicitor's Office  
Lonnie Manai ----- Woodrow & Associates  
John Myrsiades ----- Chief of Police

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

**Hearing to Vacate a Portion of School Lane-**

a. **Vacation Ordinance- School Lane- First and Final Consideration- ACTION-** Mr. Glassman read the ordinance. Ms. Bramblett made a motion to enact this ordinance and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Viscio was absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** There was no public comment pertaining to any items advertised on the agenda.

**ANNOUNCEMENT-** Executive Session held October 3, 2022

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

- a. Workshop Meeting ----- September 6, 2022
- b. Regular Meeting ----- September 12, 2022

Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Viscio was absent.

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

Ms. Bandish 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 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Viscio was absent.

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#### ADMINISTRATION

**a. 2023 Budget Meetings- October 17<sup>th</sup>, October 24<sup>th</sup>, November 15<sup>th</sup>- 6:00 p.m.** - Mr. Manero announced the Budget Meeting dates as follows: October 17<sup>th</sup>, October 24<sup>th</sup>, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at the GPCC.

**b. Pension Fund- Allocation of 2022 State Check- ACTION-** Ms. Bandish reported that the Township received a check from the State in the amount of \$828,872.29 to help fund the Township Pension Plans. The allocation for 2022 is \$445,518.86 for the Police Pension Plan and \$383,353.43 for the Non-Uniformed Plan. Ms. Bandish made a motion to approve this and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Viscio was absent.

**c. Pension Fund- Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2023 Announcement-** Ms. Bandish said the actuary has determined the Township shall contribute \$1,182,193 to the Police Pension Plan and \$709,870 to the Civilian Pension Plan. The actuary is also recommending that we budget revenue of \$753,174 for the anticipated State Pension Aid in 2023. The net pension cost to the Township for both pension plans in 2023 will therefore be \$1,138,889. This represents an increase of \$32,128 from the 2022 contribution.

**d. Fireworks Law- Amendatory Ordinance- First and Final Consideration- ACTION-** Mr. Manero stated PA changed the fireworks law, allowing municipalities to make restrictions, which this ordinance will include. Mr. Glassman read the ordinance. Ms. Bandish made a motion to approve and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. Ms. Carol Betham- 519 Old Elm Street, asked if she could have a copy of the ordinance. Ms. Weiss stated yes. Mr. Richard Schickling- Boulder Road- asked if it is possible to prohibit the sale of fireworks in our Township. Mr. Manero stated no. Mr. Glassman stated we have to allow the use of fireworks. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Viscio was absent.

**e. Investment Policy Statement for Pension Plans- ACTION-** Mr. Manero stated this is an update from our investment advisors. Ms. Bramblett made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Viscio was absent.

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**POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY**

a. **Kennel Roof- ACTION-** Ms. Bramblett made a motion to award this project to A.K. Petersheim Builders, LLC, in the amount of \$17,583, and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Viscio was absent.

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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 February 20, 2023
- b. **L.D. 18-4 SMG Hotels/201 Plymouth Road**  
1) Expiration date December 31, 2022
- c. **S.D. 20-2 Marchese/751 Belvoir Road**  
1) Time Limit Waived
- d. **L.D. 21-1 Kelman and Magliari Realty, LLC/2070 Butler Pike**  
1) Expiration date December 31, 2022
- e. **S.D. 21-3 David Erb, Jr./ 101 North Lane**  
1) Expiration date March 30, 2023
- f. **L.D. 22-1 1508 Sandy Hill Road/ Riverview Land Development**  
1) Extension granted to January 15, 2023- **ACTION-** Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve this extension and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Viscio was absent.
- g. **L.D. 22-2 Conicelli Autoplex/ 1208 Ridge Pike/Hyundai**  
1) Expiration date February 28, 2023
- h. **S.D. 22-1 Royal Farms/906 Ridge Pike**  
1) Extension granted to November 30, 2022- **ACTION-** Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve this extension and was seconded by Ms. Bramblett. Mr. Greg Piotrowski- 511 Old Elm Street- asked where the entrance and exit would be since traffic in that area is already congested. Mr. Manai stated he does not believe there was a traffic study conducted. Ms. Weiss stated there is a driveway on Ridge Pike, which will be an 'enter only' and no exit. Ms. Weiss stated there will be a double left hand turn onto Alan Wood Road. Mr. Piotrowski asked who would be paying for the road improvements. Ms. Weiss stated the County; however, the Township has committed \$2 million dollars from developers' payments to the Act 209 account. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Viscio was absent.
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**CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROJECTS NOT YET RECORDED**

**a. Extension Requests- ACTION-**

1) 2622 Butler Pike to January 15, 2023- Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve this extension request and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Viscio was absent.

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**PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

**a. Escrow Releases- ACTION**

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**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

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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, October 17, 2022 commencing at 7:00 p.m., on the following applications: 1) Dominic Conicelli, 2) Freedom Fence (Carolyn Beahan), 3) Cherian Verghese, 4) Freedom Fence (Mike Budner), 5) EQT Exeter/Five Radnor Corporate Center (Pool 3 Office PA LLC), and 6) Freedom Fence (Kristen Mahoney). 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. a. Upcoming Events-** Mr. Whitney stated the following are upcoming events: Pool-O-Ween is on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>; Veterans Day Celebration will be on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>; Shredding Event on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>; Swim with The Little Mermaid on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>; Hosting an outdoor vendor market on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>; Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>; Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>; and the Holiday Lights Contest entries are due between November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Whitney stated there will be 10% off passes for the Community Center from Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. In addition, 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. For further information, please visit the Greater Plymouth Community Centers website or by calling (610) 277-4312.

**b. Veteran's Day Celebration Announcement- Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>- 2:00 p.m.** - Ms. Bramblett announced that a Veterans' Recognition Ceremony will be held at the Service and Devotion Monument at the GPCC on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 p.m.

**c. Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony Announcement- Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>- 6:00 p.m.- Corner of Walton Road & Germantown Pike-** Ms. Bramblett announced that the Holiday Tree Lighting will be held on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**d. PECO Green Region Grant Resolution- ACTION-** Ms. Bandish read the resolution and made a motion to approve it. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Viscio was absent.

**e. GPCC Pass and Pavilion Rates- ACTION-** Ms. Bramblett announced there will be an increase for the GPCC pass rates for 2023. Ms. Bramblett stated a single day pass will now be an option for patrons. Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve the 2023 rates and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Bandish, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Viscio was absent.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

**a. Citizen Board Vacancy Announcement-** Mr. Whitney stated the following citizen board positions are open: three positions on the Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board, two on the Historical Architectural Review Board, and one on the East Norriton-Plymouth-Whitpain Joint Sewer Authority Board. Anyone interested in serving on one of these boards can submit a resume or letter of interest to Karen Weiss, the Township Manager.

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#### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Greg Piotrowski- 511 Old Elm Street- stated Fulton Street is not paved once you cross over Old Elm Street. Mr. Piotrowski stated construction trucks come in and out creating dust. Mr. Piotrowski stated he is concerned it will become a health issue. Mr. Piotrowski asked if there is something that can be done, such as paving. Ms. Weiss stated the Township does not own the road; therefore, they cannot use liquid fuel money to pay for paving. Ms. Bramblett asked who owns the street. Ms. Weiss stated abutting property owners. Mr. Manero asked how long the portion of the road is. Mr. Piotrowski stated 500 ft. Chief Myrsiades stated they visited the area when this was brought up initially. One of the owners stated he was going to put down rock to decrease the dust. Chief Myrsiades stated he would visit Fulton Street again and see what can be done.

Ms. Carol Betham- 519 Old Elm Street- stated she spoke to Council about the same issue Mr. Piotrowski brought up a while ago.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annalisa Primus  
Recording Secretary