

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

SPECIAL MEETING

November 28, 2022

Plymouth Township Council held a Special Meeting this evening at the Greater Plymouth Community Center. The following officials were in attendance:

Council: Chris Manero ----- Chairman
Karen Bramblett ----- Vice Chairwoman
Lynne Viscio (via phone)
Nicholas Whitney

Staff: Karen Weiss ----- Manager
Alex Glassman ----- Solicitor's Office
Kellen Jarrett ----- Finance Director
Rebekah Berry ----- Human Resource Director
Mike Matusheski ----- Fire Marshal

The Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Manero led the pledge.

Public Comment - There was no public comment pertaining to any items advertised on the agenda.

Administration-

1. **Earned Income Tax Increase Ordinance- First and Final Consideration- ACTION-** Mr. Glassman read the ordinance amending Chapter 22, Article IX, earned income tax, to increase the rate to 1.10% for township residents. Ms. Bramblett made a motion to approve this ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bramblett, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Bandish was absent.

Subdivision and Land Development-

1. **1508 Sandy Hill Road 3 Homes on Well Water- ACTION-** Mr. Ed Hughes, Esq. proposed the question if three new homes could be on well water at 1508 Sandy Hill Road. There is an undue hardship since no public water is available. In addition, Mr. Hughes stated the Fire Marshal has concerns about the proximity of a fire hydrant and water main. Mr. Hughes stated both are nowhere near the property. They did look into bringing the line from Aqua closer, but it was too much money.

Ms. Weiss stated there are other means to provide water onsite. Mr. Jones, the owner/developer, stated there are two separate issues at hand. The SALDO requirement to connect to the public water service, which will require a waiver, and the lack of a nearby public fire hydrant.

Ms. Bramblett asked how many feet can a hydrant be to a home. Mr. Matusheski stated 400 ft., but if it has sprinklers up to 600 ft. Ms. Bramblett asked how close away is the hydrant to these proposed houses. Mr. Hughes stated the closest water main is 13,000 ft. away. Ms. Bramblett asked if Aqua could enter PA American Water territory. Ms. Weiss stated she believes they are not allowed to cross territories. Mr. Matusheski stated Riverview Road, which is private, has a hydrant and a main on their road.

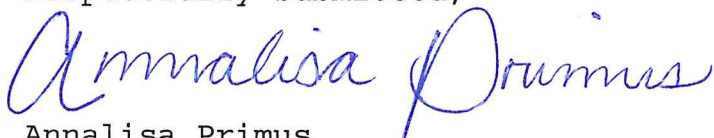
Mr. Matusheski stated having a hydrant is necessary; however, what it can connect to varies. Mr. Matusheski stated it must meet the required fire flow. Mr. Glassman stated they would need to go back and discuss with the Fire Marshal on fire hydrant and protection aspects. Mr. Manero clarified that a well is not incapable of providing water to fight fires. Mr. Matusheski stated well water may meet the fire issue if the well can meet the required fire flow. Council came to an agreement that they did not have any concerns with these three homes on well water. Mr. Hughes stated they will proceed with wells and will work with the Fire Marshal to meet the fire flow criteria.

Miscellaneous- None

Audience Participation- None

Adjournment- The Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annalisa Primus
Recording Secretary