

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

May 8, 2023

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

Council: Chris Manero ----- Chairman
Kathy Bandish
Lynne Viscio
Nicholas Whitney

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

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

6:00 p.m. - Conditional Use Hearing- Keystone Property Group/502 W. Germantown Pike

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

Citizens Police Academy Resolution- ACTION- Ms. Viscio read the resolution recognizing five members of our community who rose to the challenge of a ten-week, hands on course of study. Ms. Viscio made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Bramblett was absent.

20 Years of Service Resolution- David Phillips- ACTION- Ms. Bandish read the resolution recognizing David Phillips for his generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered while serving in the Police Department since May 5, 2003, thereby completing 20 years of service. Council extends its appreciation to David Phillips who served with commitment and dedication.

Plymouth Township Council desires to recognize the diligent and valuable services rendered by David Phillips. Ms. Bandish made a motion to approve this resolution and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Bramblett was absent.

20 Years of Service Resolution- Brian Wagner- ACTION- Mr. Whitney read the resolution recognizing Brian Wagner for his generous and outstanding service and contributions rendered while serving in the Police Department since May 5, 2003, thereby completing 20 years of service. Council extends its appreciation to Brian Wagner who served with commitment and dedication. Plymouth Township Council desires to recognize the diligent and valuable services rendered by Brian Wagner. Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve this resolution and was seconded by Ms. Viscio. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Bramblett was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENT- Executive Session held April 10, 2023
Executive Session held May 2, 2023

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

- a. Workshop Meeting ----- April 3, 2023
- b. Regular Meeting ----- April 10, 2023

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

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

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

ADMINISTRATION

a. **National Opioid Settlement Ratification-** Mr. Manero made a motion to ratify participation in the National Opioid Settlement and was seconded by Mr. Whitney.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Bramblett was absent.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

a. National Police Week Resolution- ACTION- Mr. Whitney read the resolution declaring the week of May 14th-20th, 2023, as National Police Week, and thanking the Police Department for its valor, service, and dedication to the Township. Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve this resolution and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. Council appreciates the service the officers give to our residents while keeping our Township safe. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Bramblett was absent.

b. Officer of the Year Resolution- Andrew Murdock- ACTION- Ms. Viscio read the resolution whereas, Officer Andrew Murdock has performed diligently and faithfully the duties and services required of him by the Township of Plymouth, and whereas, the performance of Officer Andrew Murdock was in the highest standard of the Law Enforcement profession, and whereas, a vote has been taken by the Police Department supervisory staff to recognize Officer Andrew Murdock's outstanding contributions. Now, therefore be it resolved that Officer Andrew Murdock is hereby commended for his diligent and valuable service. Ms. Viscio made a motion to approve this resolution and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Bramblett was absent.

PUBLIC/WORKS/SEWER

a. National Public Works Week Resolution- ACTION- Ms. Bandish read the resolution declaring the week of May 21st-27th, 2023, as National Public Works Week. Council commended the Public Works employees for doing so much more than their jobs by going above and beyond every day. The department leadership and the employees are an integral part of this Township. Ms. Bandish made a motion to approve this resolution and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Bramblett was absent.

Resident- Mr. Rich Schickling commended and thanked the Police and Public Works Departments.

b. Highway Materials Bid Award- Ms. Viscio made a motion to award the bid to Glasgow Inc., the low bidder, and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Bramblett was absent.

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

- a. L.D. 17-2 Conicelli Auto Group/906 Ridge Pike**
1) Extension granted to November 20, 2023- **ACTION-** Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve this extension and was seconded by Ms. Viscio. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Bramblett was absent.
- b. L.D. 18-4 SMG Hotels/201 Plymouth Road**
1) Expiration date December 31, 2023
- 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, 2023
- e. L.D. 22-1 1508 Sandy Hill Road/Riverview Land Development**
1) Expiration date July 15, 2023
- f. S.D. 22-1 Royal Farms/906 Ridge Pike**
1) Expiration date to June 30, 2023- **ACTION-** Mr. Clarke read the resolution. Ms. Viscio made a motion to approve this resolution and was seconded by Mr. Whitney. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Bramblett was absent.
- g. S.D. 23-1 The Miller Residence/2516 Butler Pike**
1) Expiration date June 30, 2023
- h. L.D. 23-1 Plymouth Mtg. KPG III, LLC/502 W. Germantown Pike**
1) Extension granted to July 31, 2023- **ACTION-** Ms. Viscio 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. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Bramblett was absent.
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CONDITIONALLY APPROVED PROJECTS NOT YET RECORDED

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

a. Escrow Release- ACTION-

1) **Tamaro Subdivision- Fairfield Road #1-** Mr. Whitney stated this communication is from Woodrow & Associates, stating sufficient work has been completed to release \$143,250.25. Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve this release and was seconded by Ms. Bandish. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Bramblett was absent.

2) **Tamaro Subdivision- Fairfield Road #2-** Mr. Whitney stated this communication is from Woodrow & Associates, stating sufficient work has been completed to release \$47,836.00. Mr. Whitney made a motion to approve this release and was seconded by Ms. Viscio. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Bramblett was absent.

3) **Corsair Default Resolution- ACTION-** Mr. Clarke read the resolution. Ms. Bandish made a motion to approve this resolution and was seconded by Ms. Viscio. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Bramblett was absent.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

ZONING

a. Zoning Hearings- Mr. Manero announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 15, 2023 commencing at 7:00 p.m., on the following applications: 1) 305 Killybegs Lane- Residential, 2) Pets Supplies Plus- Sign, and 3) PREIT. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested party may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

PARKS AND RECREATION

a. Upcoming Events- Ms. Bandish stated the following are upcoming events: Summer day camp and one week specialty camp registration is now being accepted; Birding for Beginners

Thursday, May 18th; Outdoor Boot Camp Tuesday, June 6th; BBQ Bingo Thursday, June 8th; Outdoor Movie: The Bad Guys Wednesday, June 14th; Concert: FuseBox Wednesday, June 21st; Summer Pool Party Friday, June 23rd; Outdoor Movie: Sonic the Hedgehog 2 Wednesday, June 28th, and Save the Date: National Night Out Tuesday, August 1st. Ms. Bandish stated there is always an opportunity for sponsorship. For further information, please visit the Greater Plymouth Community Center's website or by calling (610) 277-4312.

b. Plymouth Township Day- Ms. Viscio announced that Plymouth Township Day will be held on Saturday, June 3rd from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at East Plymouth Valley Park.

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, one on the Historical Architectural Review Board, one on the Human Relations Commission, one on the Parks Recreation and Shade Tree Advisory Board, and one on the Civil Service Commission. Anyone interested in serving on one of these boards can submit a resume or letter of interest to Karen Weiss, the Township Manager.

Mr. Manero made a motion to appoint Harshal Dear for the Parks Recreation and Shade Tree Advisory Board. Ms. Viscio made a motion to second it. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0 with Ms. Bandish, Ms. Viscio, Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Manero in favor. Ms. Bramblett was absent.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

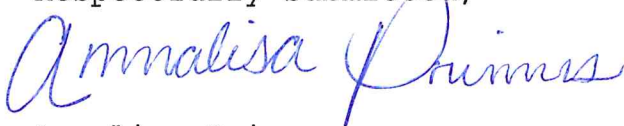
Rennie Volpe- stated there are numerous unhoused individuals asking for assistance throughout Plymouth Township. Ms. Volpe stated a young man was staying in a tent in the woods across from her house. Ms. Volpe reached out to the Police but they have their hands tied with limited housing resources to offer. Ms. Volpe stated she, CAARSEA, and others are here tonight to advocate and voice our support for a unified plan in Plymouth that involves more affordable and subsidized housing for our neighbors. She is asking Council to implement a zoning ordinance that offers affordable housing to our residents of all ages. Mr. Manero asked if she looked into elderly affordable housing. Ms. Volpe stated they do have elderly housing in Whitemarsh and Conshohocken.

Mr. Manero asked Mr. Clarke if the Township has the authority to adopt an ordinance with a required number of affordable housing units when approving a general housing development. Mr. Clarke stated the Township is allowed to set certain incentives, but the MPC does not allow us to require a specific number of units to be at a certain income level. Mr. Manero asked Ms. Volpe if she had a number that she considers affordable housing. Ms. Volpe stated she does not know the specifics, but the County pays 70% while the resident pays 30%. However, she stated she hopes that is something the Township can provide.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Annalisa Primus
Recording Secretary