

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING APRIL 12, 2022 at 6:00PM

The work session began at 6:00pm.

Mr. Ryncavage – Thanked Plymouth Fire Station #1 and Plymouth Neighborhood Watch for the organizing and implementing of the Easter Egg Hunt. Nice job! The Community Yard Sale and Community Day takes place on May 21, 2022. They are looking for vendors. There will be a Shawnee Cemetery Clean-up on May 11, 2022.

Sip to Support is being held again this year at the Goodwill #2 Hose Co. grounds on May 21, 2022. Burning in the Borough can only be done in an enclosed container and you must burn clean wood, NO garbage. Happy Easter.

Mr. Morehart – The Hometown Heroes project is underway. There is a Facebook page set up. The applications can be found there and also at the Administration office at the Borough Building. The TNR group lost their Vet services so the project has been put on hold until they can secure a new one. You can contact the SPCA for issues concerning house cats. Thanked Mrs. Mary Ann Meeker for the homemade Ukrainian flag which is at the library in a display.

Mr. Cunningham – Recognized the 7 crossing guards in town. Thank you for a great job.

Ms. Eroh – Mr. Cunningham is a volunteer crossing guard himself who is at the Borough building every single day and also goes out and assists on the street with code enforcement. Planning Agency awarded the first Mary Barrett award. In the future the award will be given out quarterly. Please continue to submit applications. Thanked the Neighborhood Watch group for the Easter egg hunt. Great job, really enjoyed.

Mr. Dixon – Irene Saunders from Stephanie Drive has been picking up garbage over at the Borough lot across from her house on Nottingham St. for years. She bags it and buys the bags to get rid of it. We need to put cameras in place in that area.

Mr. Kobusky – stated he has field cams if they are needed.

Mayor Coughlin – We need cameras in the upper block of E. Main Street. It is a mess! Hopes once the garbage contract is in place, we can get a handle on this problem. April 23rd is the annual clean-up. Meet at the Borough building at 8:00 a.m. There will be vests, gloves and trash bags available. The clean-up will start at 8:30 run until 12:30 p.m. Last year two PennDot dump trucks were used to haul the trash. Let's all pitch in and help clean up the town.

He spoke with a foreman at PennDot regarding Shawnee Avenue and Girard Avenue and about his concerns regarding potholes and the condition of these roads. At this time, they can only patch. There are no immediate plans for paving. He also inquired about Academy Street. Cannot recall if it was ever paved. The lower half of Davenport, all of Shawnee Avenue, Academy, Main and Bridge streets are all maintained by PennDot as they are state roads.

Wished all a Happy Easter.

Mr. Dixon – The shred event will be held on June 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Asked Jarrid Shulla from DPW to speak about the issue with the intersections in town.

Mr. Shulla – Emergency vehicles and plows are having trouble maneuvering around cars parked at the intersections. The PennDot updated regulation states:

20 ft. from any crosswalk

20 ft. from a firehouse

- 30 ft. from any signs
- 25 ft. from a firehouse driveway
- 15 ft. from any fire hydrant

Mr. Kobusky – School buses also have a hard time with these intersections as well.

Mayor Coughlin – Parking on the street should be in the direction of the flow of traffic. These regulations are a part of a driver’s test, everyone should be aware. The mayor is requesting the police to really start cracking down on violators.

Mr. Kobusky – He and Mr. Dixon will attend a meeting with the engineers regarding the manholes and storm drains on Main Street and also the flap gate issue on Beade St.

Mr. Cunningham – Fire Station #1 will be holding an electronic recycle event on June 18th. No appliances or televisions are allowed however, computers, printers and monitors are accepted.

Regular April meeting was called to order immediately following the work session with the reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

The Roll was called. Council members present were: Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Eroh, Mr. Morehart, Mr. Ryncavage, Mr. Dixon, V.P. and Mr. Kobusky, P. *Mr. Thomas was unable to attend and was excused.

There were no citizen’s requests or comments regarding agenda items: There was an inquiry as to when the shred event was going to be held this year.

Answer: June 4, 2022 from 9am-12pm. Signs will be posted throughout town.

AGENDA VOTING:

After being duly advertised, a motion was made to open the bids for sale of property at 1 West Railroad Street, Plymouth, Pennsylvania. In addition, after reviewing the only bid and finding the bid amount meets or exceeds minimum bid requirements, approving the sale of the property at 1 West Railroad Street.

He was told the property was down by the old Mergo baseball field.

Stu Krasavage bid \$25,000.00. The bid exceeds the minimum required bid amount and had enclosed the required \$1,500.00 deposit.

*On the question: Mr. Ryncavage asked where the property was located?

Motion: Mr. Dixon

Second: Mr. Cunningham

Approved: 6 yes votes *Mr. Thomas was excused

A motion was made to approve Resolution 3 of 2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING A BID AND SALE OF NEW LOT 1 WEST RAILROAD STREET, PLYMOUTH, PENNSYLVANIA.

Motion: Mr. Dixon
Second: Mr. Morehart
Approved: 6 yes votes *Mr. Thomas was excused

Motion was made to approve the regular meeting minutes for: January 11, 2022; February 8, 2022 and March 8, 2022. In addition, the motion included the approval of special meeting minutes for: January 3, 2022 (Organization), January 26, 2022 and February 22, 2022.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
Second: Mr. Morehart
Approved: 6 yes votes *Mr. Thomas was excused

Motion to approve a donation of \$6,500.00 to the Plymouth Public Library.
*On the question: Mr Kobusky explained that the funds come from dedicated tax funds.

Motion: Mr. Dixon
Second: Ms. Eroh
Approved: 6 yes votes

Motion to approve a donation of \$6,000.00 to each of the three Plymouth Borough Fire Departments: No. 1; No. 2 & No. 3. For a total donation of \$18,000.00.
*On the question: Mr Kobusky explained that again the funds come from dedicated tax funds.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
Second: Mr. Ryncavage
Approved: 6 yes votes *Mr. Thomas was excused

Motion to approve the purchase of two basketball backboards and hoops for the Barnes Street basketball court in the amount of \$2,249.60.
On the question: Mr. Dixon said the last hoops were damaged by vandalism.

Motion: Ms. Eroh
Second: Mr. Cunningham
Approved: 6 yes votes *Mr. Thomas was excused

Motion to approve a proposal from Kuharchik Construction Company to repair the loop sensor at Eno and East Main Streets in the amount of \$5,760.00.
*On the question: The sensor was damaged during a water break repair and the Borough has received payment from the PA American Water Company insurance for the repairs. *Mr Ryncavage asked what a "loop sensor" was. Mr. Kobusky explained that it is in the road and sense when a car approaches and changes the light.

Motion: Mr. Dixon
Second: Mr. Cunningham
Approved: 6 yes votes *Mr. Thomas was excused

A motion was made to approve payment of \$5,122.72 to Eckert Seamans Attorneys at Law for professional services.

Motion: Ms. Eroh
Second: Mr. Cunningham
Approved: 6 yes votes *Mr. Thomas was excused

Motion made to approve payment of \$338.45 for property tax reassessment for past 5 years to Hoegen & Associates, council for John P Carson owner of 67 Nottingham: [2017 - \$59.21; 2018 - \$69.81; 2019 - \$69.81; 2020 - \$69.81 & 2021 - \$69.81]=\$338.45

Motion: Mr. Dixon
Second: Mr. Morehart
Approved: 6 yes votes *Mr. Thomas was excused

Motion to approve payment of \$6,406.00 to Ed Krasavage Construction Inc. for sewer repair work to sewer main on Vine Street.

*On the question: Mr Kobusky asked if the work had been completed. Mr Dixon stated that it was a terrible problem on Vine St. and Stu Krasavage had to install double pipe to solve the problem, and he will be back to pave it.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
Second: Mr. Dixon
Approved: 6 yes votes *Mr. Thomas was excused

Motion to approve payment of \$1,500.00 to Raynor Dorr Sales for repairs made to garage door at the Plymouth Borough DPW building, 219 West Shawnee Avenue.

*On the question: This is due to regular wear and tear from road salt.

Motion: Mr. Dixon
Second: Mr. Cunningham
Approved: 6 yes votes *Mr. Thomas was excused

Motion to approve payment of \$1,529.79 to Uline for the purchase of the paper yard waste bags used for the annual yard waste recycle program.

*On the question: Mr Dixon reminded that the cost per bag to residents is \$1.50 and cost is holding same as last year.

Motion: Mr. Morehart
Second: Mr. Ryncavage
Approved: 6 yes votes *Mr. Thomas was excused

Motion to approve payment of \$4,320.93 to Honesdale Fire Equipment for repairs made to Engine #2.

*On the question: Truck had bad valves around the tanks that needed to be replaced. Mr Cunningham thanked all three Fire Companies for pitching in to get the truck repacked to get the engine back in service.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
Second: Mr. Dixon
Approved: 6 yes votes *Mr. Thomas was excused

Motion to accept the Police and Fire reports for February and March of 2022.

Motion: Mr. Dixon
Second: Mr. Morehart
Approved: 6 yes votes *Mr. Thomas was excused

Motion to add to the agenda a motion to pay the monthly bills that were inadvertently omitted from the agenda posted yesterday. The reason for the addition is to avoid payment of interest and other possible penalties by failure to timely pay the bills.

Motion: Mr. Dixon
Second: Ms. Eroh
Approved: 6 yes votes *Mr. Thomas was excused

The bills to be added to the agenda for payment are:

General Fund :	22-249GF – 22-332GF
Liquid Fuels:	22-058LF – 22-079LF
Recreation Fund:	22-016RF – 22-020RF

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
Second: Mr. Dixon
Approved: 6 yes votes *Mr. Thomas was excused

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cunningham.

Respectfully submitted by:



Gail Burdulis, Borough Secretary

*Approved at meeting July 12, 2022