PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING – April 14, 2026, at 6:00PM

A group photo was taken for promotion of the upcoming Parade and Block Party including members of the Parade committee, Plymouth Historical Society, and Plymouth Borough Council.

Mr. Cunningham thanked Mrs. Maryann Meeker for her generous donation of bottled waters for the volunteers of Pickup Plymouth. He shared information he learned at a recent meeting hosted by Hanover Township fire department, specifically different approaches for first responders assisting people with autism.

Mr. Morehart provided an update on the TNR program. Reminding residents that they need to have an appointment first and then can pick up the voucher. If you have a voucher, please use it or return it. He also shared details pertaining to the Electronic Recycle Event held at Plymouth Fire Company No. 1 on April 25th.

Mr. Dixon thanked WVSA for the street sweeping prior to Easter. He reminded residents to be patient with vendors, such as PA American Water and UGI. A lot of issues that come up require collaboration between the vendors, administration and residents. And they're not always right around the corner. He reviewed the procedure for yard waste collection. He thanked the residents for the fabulous job they do with paper recycling. Please remember to break down the boxes. He shared about the upcoming Paper Shred Event on June 13th, 2026, from 9 AM – 12 PM for Plymouth residents, up to three boxes.

Ms. Eroh shared that Borough staff recently went to seminars on grant writing. She thanked the DPW for cutting the fields prior to the kickoff of Plymouth Youth Soccer this Sunday.

Mr. Kobusky shared that training was aggressively budgeted for this year. It is a worthwhile investment with great benefits to the community as members come back with new information to share with everyone. He will be attending a meeting on April 20th with Luzerne County for a Wyoming Valley corridor study along RT. 11. He will reply with more information afterwards. We received the quote for the flooring to be stripped and waxed, same price as last year. All members agree to schedule for first week of May, give or take. He shared that the municipal building will be decorated with buntings and an "America 250" flag, as well as at the library. There are posters available for anyone to take regarding the upcoming parade and block party.

Mayor Coughlin reminded everyone of Pickup Plymouth on Saturday, April 18th. Bags, gloves, vests will be provided to volunteers. He enjoys this annual event, and it gives him great pride in the community to work together and clean things up a little bit. He reported that the police department is still very busy, responding to about 437 calls. The two new officers are working out fine. The police department has been instructed to begin aggressively ticketing abandoned vehicles, expired tags, and parking violations throughout the summer. He urged residents to have patience as Main Street is paved starting down by KMART all the way through the split at the Avondale Mine. Thanks to Mike Carroll with PennDOT for making this a priority. He brought up a discussion to have PennDOT restore Academy St. and consider buyback of that road, stating it never hurts to discuss the possibility.

Regular meeting was called to order, "The Pledge of Allegiance" was recited, and a moment of silence observed with special mention of remembrance for retired Chief Myles Collins.

Roll was called with Mr. Earl Cunningham, Mr. Bill Dixon, Mr. Adam Morehart, Mr. John Thomas, Ms. Alexis Eroh, and Mr. Ron Kobusky present. Mr. Tom Hogan was absent and excused.

There were no citizen's comments regarding agenda items.

Citizens' comments regarding general items were as follows:
Donna LAST NAME – ADDRESS - was advised that if she puts a "Beware of Dog" sign on her property that she is admitting that she has an aggressive dog. Is this true? She doesn't want to be held liable. Members of Council deferred to police who advised her to check with her insurance agency.

James Ziller – 215 Henderson – states that the TNR process is confusing. He requests that we put out step by step instruction. Council agreed to put out a post on site regarding the steps. He shared that Jr. Spartans have online sign ups now. He is requesting that the Borough share that information with the public, as well. He is also wondering what can be done about old satellite dishes. He believes they are an eyesore and maybe even a safety issue. He is wondering if we have an ordinance regarding these. If possible, could the municipality host a collection event for unwanted ones.

Laura Keller – Plymouth Public Library Director – Invited anyone down to the library to sign the "thank you" cards that they send to the Luzerne County 911 dispatchers. This is the third year they have done this and they really love it. During National Library Week they will be having all sorts of celebrations and initiatives culminating with their BBQ for Books fundraisers at Uncle Buck's BBQ on Saturday, April 25th from 5-9 PM. Tickets include half a chicken with sides; take-outs are okay; anything additional is extra. She reminded everyone that the library is a site for the food drive, thanking everyone who donates.

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1. Motion was made to approve Resolution No. 1 of 2026 of the Council of Plymouth Borough, Luzerne County for the responsible destruction of municipal records for years; 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

   OTQ: The resolution explains that this follows the Municipal Records Manual which is outlined in the Borough Code.

   Motion: Mr. Dixon 2nd: Mr. Cunningham Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

2. Motion was made to approve the Addendum to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Borough of Plymouth and the Plymouth Borough Police Association, granting new full time police officers, hired after January 1, 2026, be eligible to receive medical benefits, effective upon date of hire.

   OTQ: This will be in effect for police to receive health benefits as of date of hire. All other departments' eligibility remains the same.

   Motion: Mr. Thomas 2nd: Ms. Eroh Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

3. Motion was made to appoint Frank Meredick as interim zoning officer, as of April 1st 2026.

   OTQ: He is not serving on the Zoning Hearing Board during this appointment. We are looking for an interested person to serve as an alternate.

   Motion: Mr. Cunningham 2nd: Mr. Thomas Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

4. Motion was made to pay All Door Sales Inc. in the amount of $26,000.00 for Invoice #2392.

   OTQ: This is for the four upgraded DPW garage doors.

   Motion: Mr. Morehart 2nd: Mr. Thomas Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

5. Motion was made to approve the purchase and invoice payment for a Graco Line Lazer and paint from Sherwin Williams, not to exceed $6,600.00.

   OTQ: This will be utilized for painting lines on roads and on fields. Aerosol is expensive and this will serve both DPW and Recreation.

   Motion: Mr. Cunningham 2nd: Ms. Eroh Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

6. Motion was made to pay Bill Yenalevitch & Son Plumbing in the amount of $2,661.04 for Invoice #9075 and #8130.

OTQ: This was for the installation of a pressure-reducing valve that finally came in and for an invoice for work done last fall but was never sent.

Motion: Mr. Dixon 2nd: Mr. Cunningham Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

7. Motion was made to pay Aircon in the amount of $2,372.00 for Invoice #731546.

   OTQ: This was the last piece to finish up following the coil freeze out.

   Motion: Mr. Morehart 2nd: Mr. Cunningham Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

8. Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from regular meeting held March 10, 2026.

   Motion: Ms. Eroh 2nd: Mr. Dixon Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

9. Motion was made to accept the monthly police reports for March 2026.

   Motion: Mr. Cunningham 2nd: Mr. Thomas Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

10. Motion was made to pay the following monthly bills:

GENERAL FUND:	26-225GF– 26-296GF
LIQUID FUELS:	26-054LF – 26-073LF
RECREATION FUND:	26-009RF – 26-012RF

    Motion: Mr. Morehart 2nd: Mrs. Eroh Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent
    *Mr. Thomas voted to pay all bills except #26-280GF which he has a contractual personal interest.

11. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cunningham

Respectfully submitted by:

Maryann Lang

Maryann Lang, Plymouth Borough Secretary

Approved May 12, 2026