

**PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING-APRIL 9, 2024 at 6:00PM**

WORK SESSION:

Mr. Cunningham stated that since Mayor Frank Coughlin could not be in attendance this evening, he asked Earl to remind all about the town clean-up. Be here at 8:30 to pick up supplies and sign in. It will be until approximately noon.

He spoke to owners of Harrold's Pharmacy and Luzerne Discount pharmacy regarding the closing of our CVS in town. Harrold's will deliver prescriptions for free and will also administer immunizations in a fire hall or any building for residents. Luzerne Discount Pharmacy will also be willing to deliver to the residents.

Mr. Hogan had nothing to report this evening.

Mr. Dixon asks that only leaves and grass are put in the yard waste bags. If there are rocks and dirt in those bags and the processing machinery at Earth Conservatory gets damaged, we will be banned from taking out yard waste there.

Met with Jeff Colella from the WWSA stormwater management team. They will be going 3 drains, one on Templeton Lane, one on Orchard St and one on Coal St.

Mr. Kobusky asked Bill if they normally do 4 drains.

Mr. Dixon replied yes, they do. They will be doing an additional 3 and include a state road so we are thinking Academy St.

The WWSA street sweeper will be in town on April 29th thru May 6<sup>th</sup>. In addition to Main St, they will also be doing a few side streets. Signs will be posted prior to so please move your vehicles. If they are not moved, citations will be issued.

We have LSA grant money to fix manholes and storm drains and the start date for that work will start on May 15th. Please be mindful of this date and adjust travel as necessary.

Mr. Kobusky the work will begin on Main St. But it will also involve some side streets & intersections. The project will go on for most of the summer.

The generator project is 95-96% completed. After tonight we will have paid out \$140,000.00 toward the \$165,000.00 cost. Next Thursday, the engineer will be here for the generator start up. This will be the tie into the generator only.

Regarding the Beade St. Project, we are waiting on the flood gate to be completed. This grant project requires that all materials are made by American manufacturers. Once the gate is completed, that project will move forward.

Ms. Eroh said that at last month's meeting it was suggested that we contact EIO garbage removal. We did that and were advised that they are not able to service our area.

The planning agency met with Mike Amato from Penn Eastern Engineering. The agency is looking to construct a park for children at the corner of Eno and Church in the empty lot. We are thinking of some playground equipment etc. Mike will reach out to some of his vendors to gather some pricing. He estimated that the cost would be around \$150,000.00, which we do not have in the budget this year. However, the agency can work on finding a grant next year to help with the cost, and plan for it in next year's budget.

The Welcome to Plymouth signs are coming along. Poles are set and once the weather cooperates, the signs will be installed.

Alexis spoke with Michelle Sparich, who she believes is the county grant writer. Plymouth Borough was granted \$20,000.00 grant when SCI closed the facility on RT 11. The money was earmarked for improvements on RT 11 (our Main St). Ms Sparich said that the money had to be used to pay for planning costs and not for execution of ideas, but Alexis explained that the planning phase has already been paid for by the borough and we would like to use the money to get garbage cans for Main Street. Alexis is working with Ms. Sparich and the DCED to take pone of those goals rather than the visioning. There are certain goals we need to reach and so we are concentrating on achieving those goals.

The planning agency created an annual service award and will be presenting the first award this evening by the president of the planning agency, Laura Hudak. Laura will be presenting the award to Judy Rittenhouse for all her donated time and work with the Plymouth Public Library and the children's programs.

Ron announced that the May meeting will be moved to May 7. The 3 new police cadets will be graduating on May 14, which is the date of the original scheduled council meeting. Council would like to attend the graduation on the 14<sup>th</sup> and show support of our new police officers.

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Regular meeting for April 9, 2024 was called to order by council president Ron Kobusky. "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited and a moment of silence was observed afterwards.

Roll was called: Ther were 5 council members present:

Mr, Earl Cunningham; Ms. Alexis Eroh; Mr. Thomas Hogan; Mr. William Dixon and Mr. Ron Kobusky.

Absent and excused were council members: Mr. John Thomas and Mr. Adam Morehart

There were no comments or requests concerning agenda items.

Citizens questions and comments regarding general items:

Ms. Linda Johnston – Neighborhood Watch – 47 Church St. The community yard sale will be on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Due to the site construction at the WWV campus The Neighborhood Watch is looking for an alternative place to hold the annual Night Out. She is looking for any suggestions.

Resident – 438 E. Main St. - concerns about the no parking sign in front of his house. It is a bus stop, but he keeps getting citations for parking there just to take his child in or to drop off groceries. Inquiring about what can be done.

Mr. Kobusky – will have the traffic committee go down and take a look to see what can be worked out. Requested that the resident fill out a complaint form in the lobby so there is documentation.

#### AGENDA VOTING:

Motion made to accept and approve:

Regular meeting minutes for: March 12, 2023

Special meeting minutes for: March 26, 2024

Motion: Mr. Dixon

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Eroh

Vote: 5 yes

Absent & excused: Mr. Adam Morehart and Mr. John Thomas

Motion made to accept resignation letter from Allura Dixon as Police Department Secretary.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Dixon

Vote: 5 yes

Absent & excused: Mr. Adam Morehart and Mr. John Thomas

Motion made to amend original agenda which read \$3,000.00 for each Fire Company, but should have read \$6,000.00 for each Fire Company.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Dixon

Vote: 5 yes

Absent & excused: Mr. Adam Morehart and Mr. John Thomas

Motion made to approve annual donations to the following:

A. \$6,000.00 for each of the 3 Plymouth Borough Fire Companies

- Fire Company #1
- Goodwill Fire Company #2
- Elm Hill Fire Company #3

B. \$7,000.00 to the Plymouth Borough Public Library

C. \$1,500.00 to the Plymouth Borough Historical Society

D. \$1,500.00 to the Shawnee Cemetery Preservation

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Dixon

Vote: 5 yes

Absent & excused: Mr. Adam Morehart and Mr. John Thomas

Motion made to approve payment of \$12,200.00 to Rutkoski Fencing for replacement of fencing at Wadham Creek and W Main Street.

Motion: Mr. Dixon

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Eroh

Vote: 5 yes

Absent & excused: Mr. Adam Morehart and Mr. John Thomas

Motion made to pay the 4<sup>th</sup> pay request invoice for North End Electric in the amount of \$43,962.75 for the Generator Project.

Motion: Mr. Dixon

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Cunningham

Vote: 5 yes

Absent & excused: Mr. Adam Morehart and Mr. John Thomas

Motion made to approve two invoices for a total of \$14,545.40 (\$9,090.87 & \$5,454.53) to PennEastern for the engineering fees for The Coal Street Wall Replacement Project.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Eroh

Vote: 5 yes

Absent & excused: Mr. Adam Morehart and Mr. John Thomas

Motion made to approve two invoices for a total of \$3,100.00 (\$2,000.00 & \$1,100.00) to PennEastern for the engineering fees for The Beade Street Valve Project and the Coal St Creek Project.

Motion: Mr. Dixon

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Eroh

Vote: 5 yes

Absent & excused: Mr. Adam Morehart and Mr. John Thomas

Motion made to pay Eagle Point Gun invoice of \$5,224.09 for purchase of gun ammunition for the Police Department.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Eroh

Vote: 5 yes

Absent & excused: Mr. Adam Morehart and Mr. John Thomas

Motion made to pay invoice to Patrol PC in the amount of \$12,548.24 for purchase of two computers for Police Tahoe.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Hogan

Vote: 5 yes

Absent & excused: Mr. Adam Morehart and Mr. John Thomas

Motion made to accept the March Fire and Police reports:

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Eroh

Vote: 5 yes

Absent & excused: Mr. Adam Morehart and Mr. John Thomas

Motion made to pay the following monthly bills:

GENERAL FUND:	24-246GF – 24-310GF
LIQUID FUELS:	24-129LF – 24-141LF
RECREATION FUND:	24-011RF – 24-013RF

Motion: Mr. Dixon  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Cunningham  
Vote: 5 yes  
Absent & excused: Mr. Adam Morehart and Mr. John Thomas

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Earl Cunningham

Respectfully submitted for approval by:



Gail Burdulis, Plymouth Borough Secretary

Approved May 21, 2024