

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING-AUGUST 10, 2021 at 6:00PM

The work session began promptly at 6:00P.M.

WORK SESSION:

Mr. Alec Ryncavage – We had our first live stream last month and this is now our second. There were some technical difficulties, they have been corrected. Once the homepage of the website is complete, we will move forward with updating all of the other pages. Ms. Eroh will expand upon that when it is her turn to speak.

The DCED has allocated another \$300,000,000.00 (three hundred million) in urban funds specifically for the coal regions. This is a group application so if the County or even PDC were to apply, we could get included, and that could mean some additional money for the borough. We could submit a project or two to the county's application.

Mr. Adam Morehart – the Hometown Heroes project moving along. A website will be set up, not sure by who yet, but it will be used to solicit corporate sponsors to aid in funding the project. The project will include Armed Forces, past and present, along with firefighters, EMS and police officers, etc. The VFW 1425 is holding an event on Sunday August 15th to assist homeless etc, thru an organization called FSB (Forward Support Base). Donations of blankets, toiletries, socks etc. will be accepted as well as monetary. Discussed in detail the TNR (Trap and Release) program and the importance of that program.

Mr. Earl Cunningham – The Fire Chief and the fire stations are in the process of inspections for ISO (Insurance Services Office).

Mr. Ron Kobusky – The higher the ISO rating the better insurance pricing we will receive.

Ms. Alexis Eroh -Planning Agency met on Wednesday. The request for the Mary Barrett historical site has been submitted and should be awarded in January. The website is coming along. Input is needed from the DPW and the police on what information they would like to include and any points they would like highlighted. We are awaiting a response from PDC (Pennsylvania Downtown Center) regarding the grant writing seminar. At this point looks like mid to late September.

Mr. John Thomas – Thanked John Kovach for the additional microphones.

Mr. Bill Dixon- Announced with sorrow the passing of the Borough's Health Inspector, Tracy Bogdon. Asked all to keep family in their thoughts. Congratulated Jarrid Shulla, of the DPW, on his completion and certification of the Rhodes Scholar program through PennDot. This is a good thing for the Borough, especially when we apply for grants. The Planning Commission, the safety committee and other of our groups all make a difference when applying. Please be mindful of our guys on the road and be careful, keep an eye out for them. Thanked all council members for working a 9-5 job and then coming to work for the people of this town.

Mayor Frank Coughlin – Performed another wedding ceremony this evening. Expressed concern over the situation between Vine and the end of town, referencing garbage. There is a festival in town this weekend and people will be coming to town and they see the garbage along that stretch, what a way to greet people. Disgusted with the situation. He picked up 2 bags of garbage himself. Support the Kielbasa Festival this weekend, support the businesses in town and be safe.

Mr. Ron Kobusky – Nothing to add this evening.

The regular council meeting was called to order at 6:17 P.M. by Ron Kobusky, Plymouth Borough Council President. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence followed. Mr. Kobusky asked all to keep the family of Ms. Tracy Bogdan, Borough Health Officer in their thoughts as she passed away the night before.

ROLL CALL: ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:
Ms. Alexis Eroh
Mr. Earl Cunningham
Mr. Adam Morehart
Mr. Alec Ryncavage
Mr. John Thomas
Mr. William Dixon, Vice-President
Mr. Ronald Kobusky, President

There were no citizen's request or comments regarding agenda items.

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AGENDA VOTING:

MOTION: was made to reject a bid that was submitted after the deadline.

The Church St Parking Lot Driveway Installation Project was advertised for bids by the engineer to be accepted at the Plymouth Borough Building until 11:00A.M. on August 10, 2021(copy of ad attached), At 11:05A.M. today, August 10, 2021, a bid

was received from Brandon Balchune Construction. Since the bid was received after the advertised deadline it cannot be considered.

There for I move to remove the bid from being considered since it is untimely for the reasons set forth above and further move that the bid not be opened and returned to the bidder unopened.

MOTION: Mr. William Dixon
SECOND: Mr. Earl Cunningham
PASSED: 7 YES

MOTION: made to open the bids for the Church Street Parking Lot Installation Project that were submitted, and after doing so, to have the engineer review them in order to determine if they meet the bid specifications. After the review is completed, I move to have them placed on the agenda for either rewarding or rejecting the bids within the time period designated in the bid contents. Mr. Andrew Pasonick, from PennEastern Engineers, opened the bids:

<u>NAME OF BIDDER</u>	<u>Total Amount of Base Bid</u>	<u>Bid Bond 10%</u>
Kruger 7 Oakwood Drive Scranton, PA 18504	\$35,600.00	yes

MOTION: Mr. William Dixon
SECOND: Mr. Earl Cunningham
PASSED: 7 YES

*Once the bids were opened, Mr. Pasonic took the bids with him when he left the meeting for review.

MOTION: To reject all bids submitted for the Curbside Garbage Collection due to a mix up in Dates.

Whereas, the Borough advertised to solicit Proposals for Curbside Collection of Municipal Waste and Recyclable Materials,

Whereas, the deadline to submit Proposals for the same was August 9, 2021 no later than 4 o'clock p.m.:

Whereas, the Borough received Proposals from the following Bidders:

Prestige Disposal, no address on envelope packet

Whereas, the Borough received Proposals from the following Bidders:

NAME OF BIDDER

ADDRESS

Prestige Disposal

None given on packet envelope

Whereas, after the Proposal Forms were provided to bidders, some bidders raised questions dealing with the starting date for collection and the date of the bid bond;

Whereas, based on these questions, it was determined at least some prospective bidders received an outdated Proposal Package and Forms and it is unknown if that was the case regarding everyone who requested the Proposal Documents;

Therefore, the only fair and responsible action to take to be fair to the Bidders is to Not open the Proposals/Bids they submitted, reject them all because of the fact that at least some if not all received, who requested one, an outdated Proposal Package;

Therefore, I move, for the reason of fairness to all those who submitted proposals/bids, to reject any and all proposals/bids for the reason that at least some, if not all, received an outdated Proposal Package;

I further move to not open any Proposals/Bids, in fairness to those who submitted a proposal as well as to maintain the integrity of the process and to return their proposals to each person or entity submitting the same unopened;

I further move to prepare a newly Proposal Package, to advertise the same in accordance with the requirements of the Borough Code and after doing so solicit proposals for Waste Collection and Recycling.

MOTION: Ms. Alexis Eroh
Second: Mr. Alec Ryncavage
PASSED: 7 Yes

*Per Mr. Mike Kostelansky, the borough solicitor, the bids should be ready for the October meeting as it has to be advertised two times.

MOTION was made to accept the meeting minutes from regular meeting held July 13, 2021 and special meeting held May 26, 2021.

MOTION: Mr. Earl Cunningham
Second: Mr. William Dixon
PASSED: 7 Yes

MOTION was made to approve payment of \$3,084.88 to Medico Construction for repairs to the skidsteer.

*On the question: Councilman Ryncavage asked if the money for payment was coming from Liquid Fuels, and Councilman Dixon replied yes. Mayor Coughlin added as a side note that the borough got the skidsteer from the West Side COG at no cost to the borough. Councilman Kobusky added that the DPW uses the skidsteer to load the salt onto the trucks in the winter and occasionally does small street cleaning jobs.

MOTION: Mr. William Dixon
Second: Mr. Earl Cunningham
PASSED: 7 Yes

MOTION was made to accept the July fire and police reports:

MOTION: Mr. Adam Morehart
Second: Mr. Earl Cunningham
PASSED: 7 Yes

MOTION was made to pay the monthly bills:

GENERAL FUND:	21-566GF – 21-639GF
LIQUID FUELS:	21-095LF – 21- 108LF
RECREATION FUND:	21-030RF – 21-033RF

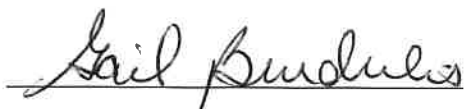
*On the question: John Thomas votes yes to pay all bills except bill #21-638GF2-John Thomas, which is the payment for health insurance for retired police, of which there is a contractual conflict of interest.

MOTION: Mr. William Dixon
Second: Mr. Earl Cunningham
PASSED: 7 Yes

MOTION TO ADJORN made by: Mr. Earl Cunningham

Minutes approved at Special Meeting August 23, 2021.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY;



Gail Burdulis, Borough Secretary