

**PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING-AUGUST 12, 2025 at 6:00PM**

The meeting was opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance" and a moment of silence. Magistrate Donald Whitaker gave the oath of office to Esquire Julian Truskowski, the newly appointed solicitor for Plymouth Borough.

The work session immediately followed the swearing in of the new Borough Solicitor.

Mr. Ron Kobusky did a short review of the special meeting that was held on July 29, 2025. He said that a new solicitor was voted into office at that meeting. He also said that a new secretary was hired at that meeting as well. Both are joining us tonight.

He also said that council accepted the resignation letters of two of our full-time police officers: Ryan Zielinski and James Coslett are leaving our police department to pursue employment at other police departments. In as much as council is to see them progress in their careers, they are also very sad to see them go. Best wishes go with these fine officers.

He thanked all for coming out on this hot & humid evening.

Mr. Earl Cunningham thanked all who worked so hard putting together this year's recent Kielbasa Fest.

Mr. Thomas Hogan thanked all who worked so hard for the Kielbasa Fest.

He also reminded all The Annual Police Community Day will be Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> this year beginning at noon. Please come out and meet the officers and enjoy the festivities.

In closing, he reminded all that school will be starting soon. Please watch out for the children and the buses. Slow down.

Mr. Adam Morehart also thanked all who worked getting the festival together and all who worked all day helping it run so beautifully. He also thanked everyone for all of the public support. Hometown Heros program is still going on. Applications for banners will be accepted until September 1, 2025, and you can pick up an application at the VFW or at the municipal building during business hours.

TNR vouchers from No Nonsense Neutering are back in stock and can be signed out at the municipal building during regular business hours with a valid appointment and id. Keep in mind if you sign out a voucher and are unable to use it, you must return it. These vouchers are property of the borough and have a monetary value to the borough. The program is working, so please follow the rules.

The Coal creek Wall project is completed, and we are now working to close out the grant paperwork, finalizing payments, and providing the audit report.

In closing, he gave a big thank you to Ms. Eroh for all the hard work she has done with Plymouth Alive and keeping everyone on task for the Kfest. Thanks Alexis, great job!

Ms. Alexis Eroh offered big thank you to all who participated in bringing the Kfest to life! Special thanks to Officer Lewis and Officer Reilly for going above and beyond and tending to all the problems that popped up. Also, special thank you to the DPW workers, who came out both days to empty trash and clean up the streets of litter. Great job all who helped to bring this to fruition. Thank you to "Miss Judy" for being a wonderful Grand Marshall!

Reminder: This year's annual "Spooktacular Event" will be on October 26 at Goodwill #2 Hose Company. Please look for updates on times and features.

Mr. John Thomas thanked all who worked hard during and leading up to the Kfest.

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The regular meeting was called to order and the roll was called.

Present: Mr. Earl Cunningham; Ms. Alexis Eroh; Mr. Thomas Hogan; Mr. Adam Morehart; Mr. John Thomas and Mr. Ron Kobusky.

Absent and excused: Mr. William Dixon

\*Citizens' requests and comments regarding agenda items:

Ms. Laura Kellar, Center Ave-spoke of her support for the TNR program and said she recently attended an event on caring for your pets. She would like to hold an event like that in town and asked if this was something that could happen. Council said they would support that.

\*Citizens' requests and comments regarding general items:

Mr. Pat Smith, of the Plymouth Historic Society-thanked council for all their support. Even though they did not get the grant they applied for to host events and a parade next year celebrating our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, and our town's birthday as well, the Historical Society would still like to move forward with holding these events and would like to have a parade somewhere between May and July 4<sup>th</sup>. He said they are looking to bring a large interactive wall full of games and other historic facts to town but has concerns about where such a large thing could be put.

Mr. Kobusky said they could use the paring lot in center of town for such a thing. He added that council would support whatever they decide to do and that the \$10,000 that the borough originally committed to with the grant still stands.

Ms. Jennifer Shepard & Mr. Mike Shepard, Academy St-moms house is empty and for sale.

Neighboring properties have overgrown vegetation and a lot of trash/garbage. They have been working with the borough to elevate these problems, but they persist. Today she went to take picture for realtor and found a large vine full of lantern flies. She will contact DEP to spray on the lantern flies. She also found food containers in the back yard and is concerned that someone is trying to break into the house. She said she is going to put up cameras.

Mr. Kobusky said that Mr. Cunningham would come down to address the trash and high grass again. He will also ask the police to patrol there more.

Ms. Debra Gulvas, Girard Ave-said a while ago the "one-way" sign had fallen off the pole, so she took the borough building and it is still not back up. She is afraid of an accident.

The other day, the garage door where she stores a few of her things was open and she is now missing a bike and \*\*\*\*\*. She called the police, and they did come rather quickly and filed a report. Thank you for that quick response. She is now afraid that her home might be next.

Ms. Laura Kellar, Plymouth Public Library Director-said the summer program is still ongoing and the "Color my World" mural is on display at the library. They will stop the program briefly from August\*\*\* until September \*\*\*\* because she and Ms. Judy Rittenhouse will be busy going to the various local schools to speak about school safety.

September is "library card sign-up month"! Please visit the library to renew your card or sign up for

a new one during this month. The number of members directly affects the government funding we receive. Thank you for your continued support.

Ms. Elisabeth Murtas, 234 Duffy Lane states that ever since Duffy Lane was repaved, she gets rainwater run-off in her basement and would like something done.

Mr. Kobusky said they would look at it and see if maybe this problem can be solved by adding an asphalt curb to divert the water and keep it on the street.

Ms. Chantay Cole, Center Ave-stated that she feels she and her family are being slighted by police. Mr. Kobusky told her to honor her privacy; this matter would not be discussed in public and that she could meet with the mayor and police in private.

AGENDA VOTING:

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes from special meeting held July 29, 2025.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Mr. Morehart  
Vote: 6 yes    1 absent

Motion made to hire Maryann Lang as the new Borough Secretary/Manager/Treasure/Right to Know Officer at an annual salary of \$55,000.00. This will not be a union position but have a contract in place. Once that contract is signed, she will begin assuming the duties of the position and once fully trained she will assume all duties of the position.

\*On the question: Our current Borough Secretary has stated that she would be retiring once a replacement is in place and fully trained.

Motion: Mr. Thomas  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Ms. Eroh  
Vote: 6 yes    1 absent

Motion made to move the following line items:

\$4,000	from	01 410 150	part time police secretary
\$22,000	from	01 410 180	part time police salaries
\$1,500	from	01 410 184	part time police overtime
\$750	from	01 410 187	part time police court pay
\$28,750	to	01 410 700	major equipment

\*On the question: The police received a new truck from a county grant and these funds are being moved to pay for the upfitting needed to the truck for the police.

Motion: Mr. Thomas  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Mr. Cunningham  
Vote: 6 yes    1 absent

Motion made to approve the contract with No Nonsense Neutering for the neutering/spaying of an additional 50 cats this year.

\*On the question: The borough budgeted for 50 cats in this year’s budget, but the response has been overwhelming, and we were out of vouchers in June, so council went to No Nonsense

Neutering and asked for 50 more vouchers so we could continue the program without interruption.

Motion: Mr. Morehart  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Ms. Eroh  
Vote: 6 yes 1 absent

Motion made to approve and pay the invoice of \$12,000.00 to J.H. Williams for the 2024 audit of the borough books.

Motion: Ms. Eroh  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Mr. Cunningham  
Vote: 6 yes 1 absent

Motion made to pay invoice of \$1,850.00 to Stu Krasavage Concrete Construction for repairs made to catch basin at corner of E Shawnee Ave. & High St.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Mr. Thomas  
Vote: 6 yes 1 absent

Motion made to pay the invoice for Medico Construction Equipment in the amount of \$10,697.52 for new drive motor and needed repairs to the borough skid steer.

\*On the question: This will be paid out of Liquid Fuels

Motion: Mr. Morehart  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Mr. Thomas  
Vote: 6 yes 1 absent

Motion made to accept the July Fire and Police reports:

Motion: Mr. Cunningham  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Ms. Eroh  
Vote: 6 yes 1 absent

Motion made to pay the following monthly bills:

GENERAL FUND:	25-511GF – 25-613GF
LIQUID FUELS:	25-139LF – 25- 156LF
RECREATION FUND:	25-034RF – 25-037RF

Motion: Mr. Morehart  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Ms. Eroh  
Vote: \*6 yes 1 absent

\*On the question: Mr. Thomas Hoagn yes to all bills except #25-573GF which he has a personal interest

\*On the question: Mr. John Thomas voted to pay all bills except #25-590GF which he has a contractual personal interest.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Morehart.

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Budulis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully Submitted by:".

Gail Budulis, Plymouth Borough Secretary