

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING-AUGUST 13, 2024 at 6:00PM

WORK SESSION:

Work session began promptly at 6:00PM.

Mr. Cunningham – thanked everyone for coming to the Kielbasa festival.

Mr. Morehart – thanked everyone who came to the Kielbasa festival for their support. The Hometown Heroes banners orders are being accepted until September 15th, that is the deadline.

Mr. Morehart inquires on progress with Coal Creek project.

Mr. Kobusky – still on schedule to go out for bid next fall.

Ms. Eroh – thanked the police department for their presence at the Kielbasa festival. Thanked the fire departments for the help with setup. The banners were taken down today by #3 fire department and put into storage. Also, thanked the DPW for their timely clean up after the festival. There will be another event held on October 27th at the Goodwill #2 fire company grounds called Shawnee Spooktacular. There will be activities for the kids. Kids are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes. This is an outside event.

The civil service commission needs to meet on Friday to renew the civil service list for another year.

Mr. Thomas – thanked everyone for their support at the Kielbasa festival.

Mr. Kobusky –States the Beade Street floodgate has been installed and is operational. There has been training with the DPW and fire companies and there will be additional training. Residents living in the area have been invited to come and see how it works and how it will help.

There is an issue on Nesbitt Street with water. The water company has done pave cuts but they deny that there is water running. They will be coming on Thursday and the contractor will start cutting and making repairs.

Mayor Coughlin – thanked the police department for their work during the Kielbasa festival. They worked long hours, but the police presence was felt.

Police Community Day will be held on September 14th from 1 to 5. He encouraged residents to come out, bring their kids to meet the police and to support the event.

There were 454 police calls in August.

A card was received from Linda Pick to thank us for the repair of the flagpole at St. Mary's cemetery. As the summer is coming to the end, please remember school will be starting. Please be careful while driving through town and watch for children and stop for the buses.

He had some complaints from people who received parking violations. They say that they always parked there. There are new officers on the job and they were trained to follow the law/ordinances. Just because things have always been done one way does not mean that it will continue. If anyone

knows anyone who thinks this, please advise them.
In closing the mayor wished all a Happy Labor Day.

Mr. Kobusky added that the Main Street project is almost done. There are a couple of small things to be done.

Mayor Coughlin said that PennDot will be paving Main St from the township line all the way to Kmart next year.

The meeting was called to order, the "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited, and a moment of silence was observed.

Roll was called:

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

Absent and excused: Mr. Thomas Hogan and Mr. William Dixon

There were no citizens' questions or requests regarding agenda items.

Citizens' questions or requests regarding general items:

Linda Johnston – PNW –reports there will be yard sale on the same day as the Police Community Day 9-2. Would like to use the parking lot for yard sale vendors. Council ok with that. October will be the annual Trunk or Treat.

Rich Karlovsky, 68 Pearce St. – there's a hole on Durbin St near where it was last time. Requested that someone come to look at it. He is having some trouble with parking on his street. He explained the issue to council. He asked if it is legal to put a trailer on the street if it had a license plate. Mr. Kobusky – he conferred with Officer Baloga and it was stated that the trailer could not be parked on the street.

AGENDA VOTING:

Motion made to appoint Coleen Evans to the Planning Agency to fill a vacant board seat

Motion: Ms. Eroh

2nd: Mr. Morehart

Voting: 5 yes 2 members were absent

Motion made to hire Christopher Fox as a part time summer worker with the street department as an at will employee and shall receive no benefits of any type, including but not limited to; sick

time, vacation time, holiday pay or health insurance coverage. Said street department worker shall work no more than 29 hours per week and be paid an hourly rate of \$12.50 per hour. Appointment shall start immediately.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Mr. Thomas
Voting: 5 yes 2 members were absent

Motion made to accept and approve the sales agreement between Plymouth Borough and Goodwill #2 fire Company for purchase of 2011 F350 4X4 Utility Body vehicle, at a cost of \$11,599.00. In addition, I move to approve an additional \$1,000.00 to Wilkes-Barre Spring for upgrade to suspension to said vehicle.

*On the question: The borough will split cost of vehicle with Fire Company #2. Borough will withhold funds due to Fire Company #2 from Plymouth Twp. Fire coverage until the fire companies' half of vehicle is satisfied.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Ms. Eroh
Voting: 5 yes 2 members were absent

Motion made to pay James O Hara, Inc. for the invoice submitted in the amount of \$402,760.00 for the work that has been completed so far on the Beade Street Flood Gate Project.

*On the question: Mr. Kobusky states that there is very little left to complete that job. They have yet to install an automatic motor to move that gate up & down. Probably using a generator.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Mr. Morehart
Voting: 5 yes 2 members were absent

Motion made to approve payment of invoice to Stu Krasavage in the amount of \$8,635.00 for repairs/replacing of total of x7 catch basins. These are additional catch basin repairs, not included in the Manhole replacement project.

Motion: Mr. Thomas
2nd: Ms. Eroh
Voting: 5 yes 2 members were absent

Motion made to approve payment of two invoices totaling \$5,649.00 (\$1,902.00 & \$3,747.00) from Central Clay Products for grates & risers for the catch basins that were repaired by Stu Krasavage.

Motion: Ms. Eroh
2nd: Mr. Morehart
Voting: 5 yes 2 members were absent

Motion made to approve payment of invoice to PennEastern Engineers in the amount of \$5,454.53 for the Coal Creek Replacement Project.

Motion: Mr. Morehart
2nd: Mr. Cunningham
Voting: 5 yes 2 members were absent

Motion made to pay invoice in amount of \$7,576.45 to Otis Elevator for repairs made to the elevator doors.

*On the question: Mr. Morehart asked if there was a maintenance agreement with Otis and does it cover any of this repair? Mr. Kobusky answers yes we do and no this repair is not covered. The door sensor was gone and not allowing the elevator to close.

Motion: Mr. Thomas
2nd: Ms. Eroh
Voting: 5 yes 2 members were absent

Motion made to approve payment of \$6,663.00 to Golden Business Machine for X3 new computers for the front offices.

*On the question: Mr. Kobusky said that these computers came with; monitors, keyboards, licensing programs, battery backups and firewalls. Old computers were here over 10 yrs. Mr. Morehart added that the prior computers were so old they were a hinderance to getting work done efficiently.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Mr. Morehart
Voting: 5 yes 2 members were absent

Motion made to pay invoice for \$3,155.00 to Bayard Printing for Police Tickets.

*On the question: We were just about out of tickets and these new tickets should last about 3 to 4 years. The ordinance was updated, and the fine amounts changed.

Motion: Mr. Thomas
2nd: Mr. Morehart
Voting: 5 yes 2 members were absent

Motion made to accept the July Fire and Police reports:

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Ms. Eroh
Voting: 5 yes 2 members were absent

Motion made to pay the following monthly bills:

GENERAL FUND:	24-580GF – 24-641GF
LIQUID FUELS:	24-189LF – 24-208LF
RECREATION FUND:	24-026RF – 24-032RF

*On the question: Mr. Thomas voted yes to pay all bills except 24-616GF which is his supplemental insurance of which he has a personal interest because of a contractual agreement. He turned in a Conflict of interest slip for the record.

Motion: Mr. Morehart
2nd: Mr. Cunningham
Voting: 5 yes 2 members were absent

As an added note, the mayor asked if there is any updates on the fueling station with the COG? We have submitted a list for vehicles and cards. Road into station not yet paved. It's getting close.

Mr. Kobusky explained to the audience what the fueling station was about and that we should get fuel for our vehicles cheaper.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Cunnungham.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Burdulis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gail Burdulis, Borough Secretary

Approved October 8, 2024