

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING-AUGUST 9, 2022

The work session for the August 9, 2022 regular meeting began at 6:32pm.

Mr. Ryncavage – Thanked Plymouth Neighborhood Watch on a successful National Night Out held last Tuesday. All 3 fire departments, a representative from Hosey Insurance and Kristen from Luzern County 911 all attended. The Plymouth Neighborhood Watch is looking to form a subsidiary group that will act like an auxiliary to our first responders. There is no name as yet but if you have any suggestions please reach out. This group will respond when there is an incident in town and aid the first responders if they need water, food or whatever. Each fire station would have a representative assigned to them. Earl has been working with the group.

There will a grand opening of a new business in town called “Behold a New Thing”. It will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday. Anyone that can make it please do.

Mr. Morehart – Spoke to the Luzerne County Manager regarding grant. They are in the process of hiring a company who will oversee and facilitate grants. We will need to reapply. He has all of the information saved so it should not be big deal. He contacted Sandy Orth re: the flood grant but there were no updates on the status of that grant.

There are now 127 Hometown Heros banners to date. He thanked Bill Dixon, John Thomas, Earl Cunningham, Bob Lushefski and Jack Kovach for their assistance in hanging the banners on Main Street.

Mr. Cunningham – Thanked the street department and commented on the job well done with painting the lines and crosswalks.

Mr. Kobusky – Agreed that Main St. Looks clean and neat. Will shine for Kielbasi Fest this weekend.

Ms. Eroh – The Civil Service exam will be held Saturday August 20, 2022, with a deadline to apply of August 12th by 4 p.m.

Kielbasa Fest is this weekend Friday and Saturday. She thanked Council for helping. Thanked the street department for the great job. Also thanked the Police department and the 3-fire companies for all of their assistance as well.

Mr. Thomas – There are 17 Hometown Heroes banners to be hung tomorrow. Once they are done, they will start to work on replacing electrical lines for the Christmas lights.

Mr. Kobusky – Asked if he had the material needed, and Joh told him that the materials were purchased in April.

Mr. Dixon – Thanked Street department for all of their hard work. They receive all kinds of calls during the day. Water breaks, gas line work must have pave cuts done. Please be patient with the department as they are very busy with many duties.

Mr. Kobusky – Received a letter from the County addressed to the Mayor and Council advising that Plymouth Borugh received a grant for \$480,000.00. This is a new grant, and he thanked Bill Dixon, John Thomas and Mike Amato for their assistance in getting this grant through.

Paving streets will take place next year with this grant. It does not expire until next year.

Crossing guards – Need to hire a few guards for the upcoming school year. It is 1 hour in the morning at 8 a.m. and 1 hour end of session in the afternoon. Gail and the office have the applications.

We received the electrical drawings for the generator downstairs that must be replaced as this is a public building. The propane tank will be removed, wiring and panels replaced and the new unit will be outside. Will be sending out for bids and a decision will be made once those bids are returned. No definite cost as yet until we get the bids.

Beade St project – repair to the flap gate will start in late summer or early fall.

Main St – manholes and storm drains will be worked on at about the same time as the Beade St. Project.

Rain tax- money is deposited into a separate account - \$4300.00 per quarter. Since we have not used that money yet, there is about 37 –38 thousand dollars. This account must be used for storm drains or anything storm related. This money comes from the rain tax not the Borough taxes.

Mr. Dixon – WWSA also repairs/replaces some storm drains in addition to the money we receive from the rain tax. They also come out and fix some sewer issues.

Mayor Coughlin - Suggested looking at the streets to be paved to see if any of the drains on those streets need to be repaired/replaced before paving. Example: Academy St.

Mr. Kobusky- 2 drains on Academy St. Have already been fixed.

Mayor Coughlin – speaking of the Christmas lights. This has been a Rotary Project for many years. Have heard complaints about their placement etc. Instead of complaining why not reach out to some of the groups to see if you can help. Certain decorations can't go on certain poles because they do not fit in between other stuff on the poles.

Police report – From July 1 to July 31 there were 242 calls to the police. Reminded of what goes into answering these calls especially if there is an arrest. Also, reminded that the department is short 2 officers. Many towns are hiring police and are probably offering more money than we can. If the fire department goes out so do the police. Academy St. Slated to be paved in 2023, however, it may happen sooner. Will advise Council if that happens so they can make preparations.

The Kielbasi Fest is this weekend come out and enjoy!

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Ron Kobusky, Council President immediately following the work session. The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Roll was called and all members of council were present: Earl Cunningham; Alec Ryncavage; Alexis Eroh; Adam Morehart; John Thomas; William Dixon & Ron Kobusky.

There were no citizens' request or comments regarding agenda items.

Citizens' requests or comments regarding general items:

Mr. Paul Thomas from Palmer St. - Owns the property that burned recently. He offered to give the Borough the property for one dollar. Suggested maybe a park or playground for kids. Mr.

Kobusky – Will speak with our solicitor and get back to Paul. Council will need to get a legal opinion first. Paul added that someone wants to buy it but wanted to offer to the Borough first.

Theresa Bradley – Thanked all for getting the crosswalks painted.

Heather Northrup – Owner of the new business in town called Behold a New Thing. Advised opening and hours. Ribbon cutting is at 10:00 a.m. Friday morning.

Claudia Grain – Where do you get the applications for the civil service test?

Ms. Eroh – They are available at the Borough office during business hours. You can also get one tonight.

Claudia Grain – Thanked all for their service, loves this town.

Mrs. Mary Ann Meeker – Asked why are there no storm drains on her street? Can they get them?

John Thomas said that the area was built by a private development and no storm drains were built in.

Mary Ann Meeker said her house was the third house built in that development.

Bill Dixon said that drains could be put in but it would be very expensive, hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Ron Kobusky said they could look into it.

Mrs. Meeker moved on – Years ago when there was a Neighborhood Watch, there used to be stickers that you put in your window to show you were a member. Can we get those? Also, can the sidewalks on Main St. across from North St be fixed?

Alec Ryncavage – Plymouth Neighborhood Watch is a private group.

Ron Kobusky – We receive complaints about those sidewalks that Mary Ann was asking about. He states that cars are parking on the sidewalks causing the damage. They do that because there is no parking on Main St. The sidewalks are the responsibility of the homeowner.

Mary Ann asked why are there no signs letting residents know they cannot park there?

Ron Kobusky said ee can get some signs and send letters to the homeowner.

Mary Ann Meeker if the borough still had the American flags that hung on Main St and they be put back up?

Adam Morehart – a lot of them are in disrepair. Next year we will put here and there. It has been very busy with the new banners.

AGENDA VOTING:

A motion made to open any proposals received on or before 4:00P.M. on August 8, 2022, regarding the curbside collection of Municipal Waste and Recycling Materials by use of a sticker system to pay the cost of collection and disposal. I further move to table any bids received for review to determine compliance with the proposal requirements. TABLED

A motion was made to “TABLE” the motion.

*On the question: Alexis spoke with Green for Life aka County Waste and was told that the situation with the garbage in Plymouth has become a “health hazard”. Residents are making the bags too heavy for workers to lift safely.

Motion: Mr. Ryncavage

Second: Mr. Cunningham

Vote: 7 Yes

A motion to accept the July 12, 2022 regular council meeting minutes.

Motion: Ms. Eroh

Second: Mr. Dixon

Vote: 7 Yes

Motion to accept the AmTrust proposal for Workers Compensation Insurance for the coming year.

Motion: Mr. Dixon

Second: Mr. Ryncavage

Vote: 7 Yes

Motion to accept the proposal from Freedom Systems for \$1,895.00 for year-end processing.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
Second: Mr. Ryncavage
Vote: 7 Yes

Motion made to accept the monthly fire and police reports for July 2022.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
Second: Mr. Morehart
Vote: 7 Yes

Motion made to pay the monthly bills:

General Fund	22-551GF – 22-644GF
Liquid Fuels	22-118LF – 22-133LF
Recreation Fund	22-038RF – 22-040RF

Motion: Mr. Ryncavage
Second: Mr. Morehart
Vote: 7 Yes

*On the question: Mr. John Thomas votes yes to all bills except his health insurance reimbursement which he feels a conflict of interest.

Motion to adjourn was made by Earl Cunningham

Respectfully submitted by:



Gail Burdulis, Plymouth Borough Secretary

Approved at regular meeting 10/11/2022