

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH
WORK SESSION AND COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 27, 2019

THE PLYMOUTH BOROUGH SPECIAL MEETING BEGAN AT 12:00 P.M. AND WAS IMMEDIATELY CALLED TO ORDER BY MR. WILLIAM DIXON, VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

MR. DIXON MR. KOBUSKY MR. THOMAS

MRS. EROH MR. MOREHART MR. RUSESKAS

MR. CUNNINGHAM WAS EXCUSED.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS AND COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

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MEETING AGENDA

1. MOTION: WHEREAS, THE PROPOSED 2020 BUDGET WAS DULY ADVERTISED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 1307 OF THE BOROUGH CODE; WHEREAS, THE 2020 BUDGET HAS BEEN FINALIZED FOR ADOPTION AS ATTACHED; NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE TO APPROVE AND PASS THE ATTACHED 2020 BUDGET AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 1310 OF THE BOROUGH CODE.

MR. THOMAS MADE THE MOTION.

MRS. EROH CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

MR. DIXON SAID TAXES WILL REMAIN THE SAME AND WILL NOT INCREASE. MR. THOMAS ASKED MS. SPECE WHAT THE RATE WAS. SHE STATED THAT IT WAS 6.72.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 10 OF 2019: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, COUNTY OF LUZERNE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE TAX UPON REAL ESTATE IN THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020.

MR. KOBUSKY MADE THE MOTION.

MR. MOREHART CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 11 OF 2019: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION UNDER ACT 71, LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT (LSA) TO THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AGENCY TO MAKE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MAIN STREET.

MR. THOMAS MADE THE MOTION.

MRS. EROH CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 12 OF 2019: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION UNDER ACT 71, LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT (LSA) TO THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AGENCY TO ACQUIRE AND/OR DEMOLISH PROPERTIES ON CHURCH STREET AND EAST MAIN STREET.

MR. THOMAS MADE THE MOTION.

MR. RUSESKAS CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5. RESOLUTION 13 OF 2019: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA TO APPOINT A CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO) FOR THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH PENSION PLANS.

MR. MOREHART CALLED THE MOTION.

MR. KOBUSKY CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

MR. KOBUSKY ASKED WHO THE CURRENT CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER WAS. MR. DIXON SAID MR. COUGHLIN.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6. MOTION: TO PURCHASE A 1991 FORD BUCKET TRUCK FOR A TOTAL COST OF THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,500.00) FROM UNLIMITED AUTO SALES LLC.

MR. KOBUSKY MADE THE MOTION.

MR. RUSESKAS CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

MR. DIXON SAID FOR YEARS THEY WERE BEGGING FOR THE USE OF A BUCKET TRUCK TO PUT UP THEIR CHRISTMAS LIGHTING. MR. DIXON SAID THAT MR. COUGHLIN, MR. KOVACH, MR. THOMAS AND HIMSELF APPROACHED MR. MIKE CEFALO WHO HAD A BUCKET TRUCK AND HE AGREED TO SELL IT TO THEM. HE THANKED MR. THOMAS BECAUSE MR. CEFALO WAS GOING TO CHARGE FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS BUT SINCE HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH MR. THOMAS'S RECORD IN SERVING THE BOROUGH, THEY WERE ABLE TO PURCHASE THE BUCKET TRUCK FOR THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,500.00).

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

7. MOTION: WHEREAS, A CITATION WAS ISSUED TO BERNADINE MOSES REGARDING SAFETY ISSUES PERTAINING TO A PREMISE OWNED BY HERE LOCATED AT 128 WEST MAIN STREET, PLYMOUTH; WHEREAS, ON AUGUST 13, 2019 SHE WAS CONVICTED OF THE VIOLATIONS AND FINED BY MAGISTRATE DONALD J. WHITTAKER; WHEREAS, THE CONVICTION WAS APPEALED BY BERNADINE MOSES TO THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LUZERNE COUNTY; WHEREAS, HEARINGS WERE SCHEDULED AND CONTINUED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING SHE WOULD DEMOLISH AT HER EXPENSE THE STRUCTURES TO ELIMINATE THE BLIGHT AND SAFETY HAZARD WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THE CITATION WOULD BE DISMISSED WITHOUT THE PAYMENT OF ANY FINES OR COSTS; WHEREAS, THE STRUCTURES HAVE IN FACT BEEN DEMOLISHED AS AGREED TO; NOW THEREFORE, I HEREBY MOVE TO AUTHORIZE THE DISMISSAL OF THE CITATION NO R2383771-5, APPEALED IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS WITHOUT THE PAYMENT OF ANY FINES OR PENALTIES DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE BLIGHTED PROPERTY HAS BEEN DEMOLISHED, WHICH WAS THE SOLE

PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THE ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDING INITIALLY ISSUED. I FURTHER MOVE TO AUTHORIZE THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO DISMISS THE CITATION AND RESOLVE THIS MATTER AS STATED HEREIN.

MR. THOMAS MADE THE MOTION.

MR. MOREHART CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

MR. DIXON SAID THAT HE REMEMBERS BACK WHEN MR. KOBUSKY WAS ON COUNCIL THAT THEY WERE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING WITH THIS BUILDING. MR. DIXON THANKED MR. COUGHLIN, MR. THOMAS, AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, MR. LUSHEFSKI. HE THANKED ATTORNEY KOSTELANSKY FOR ALL THE WORK HE PUT INTO IT. HE SAID THAT HE WANTED TO THANK MS. SPECE FOR ALL THE PAPERWORK AND HAVING EVERYTHING READY FOR THE COURT PROCEEDINGS AND ALL THE HARD WORK SHE PUT IN ON THIS PROJECT.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

8. MOTION: TO MAKE PAYMENT OF ONE HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND THIRTY-FOUR CENTS (\$101,258.34) TO FIRST KEYSTONE COMMUNITY BANK TO PAY ON THE POLICE PENSION LOAN.

MR. KOBUSKY ASKED MS. SPECE IF THIS WAS THE FIRST PAYMENT ON THE LOANS. MS. SPECE STATED THAT THIS WAS THE SECOND PAYMENT ON THE LOAN. MR. KOBUSKY ASKED IF IT WAS THE SECOND PAYMENT ON THE NEXT MOTION AS WELL. SHE STATED THAT IT WAS THE SECOND PAYMENT ON THE POLICE EQUIPMENT LOAN.

MR. KOBUSKY MADE THE MOTION.

MRS. EROH CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

9. MOTION: TO MAKE PAYMENT OF TWELVE THOUSAND THREE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$12,003.87) TO FIRST KEYSTONE COMMUNITY BANK ON THE POLICE EQUIPMENT LOAN.

MR. THOMAS MADE THE MOTION.

MR. MOREHART CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

MR. DIXON WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOMED MR. RYNCAVAGE IN JANUARY ON COUNCIL. MR. THOMAS THANKED MR. RUSESAS FOR SERVING ON COUNCIL AND ADDED THAT HE DID A FINE JOB. THERE WAS A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.


10. MOTION: TO ADJOURN.

MR. THOMAS MADE THE MOTION.

MR. MOREHART CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:11 P.M...

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Holly A. Spece", is written over a horizontal line.

HOLLY A. SPECE
BOROUGH SECRETARY & TREASURER
PLYMOUTH BOROUGH