

**PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING-DECEMBER 30, 2022 at 6:00PM**

WORK SESSION:

Mr. Earl Cunningham: Wished Happy New Year to all!

Mr. Thomas (Tom) Hogan: Thanked council for appointing him to serve with them on council as it is an honor to serve. Happy New Year to all!

Ms. Alexis Eroh: Happy New Year to all!

Mr. John Thomas: Reports the bucket truck is fixed and back in action! Happy New Year to all!

Mr. Bill Dixon: States that the engineer has told him that the Beade St flood gate valve project will be ready to go out for bid soon. He also wanted to let residents know that Christmas tree pick up will begin on Friday January 6, 2023. Trees must be clear of all decorations, lights and tree stands. Call for pick up. Happy New Year to all!

Mayor Frank Coughlin: Happy New Year to all!

Mr. Ron Kobusky: Reports that the stormwater bills have been submitted for reimbursement. A check for \$20,310. 00 was written to cover the cost of the new Christmas lights.

Bill Dixon added a thank you to Tom Hogan for the help with the Christmas light order.

Tom Hogan in turn added that the Rotary is very grateful to the borough for the help and use of the grant money for the lights.

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The meeting was called to order with the reciting of the "Pledge of Allegiance" and followed by a moment of silence.

Roll was called: All members present: Earl Cunningham, Alexis Eroh, Tom Hogan, Adam Morehart, John Thomas, Bill Dixon and Ron Kobusky

There were no Citizens' requests or comments regarding agenda items.

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AGENDA VOTING:

Motion made to adopt the 2023 Budget as posted.

\*On the question: Mayor reminded all...NO TAX INCREASE! Ron Kobusky added that the new budget included a wage increase of 50 cents per hour for the janitor increasing her hourly wage from \$10.25 to \$10.75, Violet Collins and a \$1.00 per hour for the part time fire truck drivers increasing the hourly wage from \$10.50 to \$11.50.

Motion: Mr. Morehart

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Eroh

Motion passed unanimously – 7 yes

Motion made to approve Resolution 12 of 2022: 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 2023.

WHEREAS, the Borough is required by law to enact a Tax on Real Estate in order to raise revenues by virtue of taxing real estate located in the confines of the Borough of Plymouth;

WHEREAS, the Borough needs this revenue in order to fund in part the expenditures detailed in the Borough's 2023 Budget and the collections rate of real estate taxes has been far below 100% but has increased slightly over 2022;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Plymouth is going to need to tax real estate in order to raise \$850,000.00 to fund in part 2023 general expenditures and based upon the current assessed value of real estate and the collection rate will levy for general purposes at the rate of 6.90 mills on each dollar of assessed value of real estate located within Plymouth Borough;

WHEREAS, the Borough will need \$93,000.00 in revenues for dedicated purposes as outlined in the 2023 Budget, therefore based upon the current assessed valuation of real estate and the collection rate the Borough will need to levy total millage of 0.82 on each dollar of assessed valuation of real estate for dedicated purposes;

WHEREAS, this tax levy is consistent with the applicable law governing millage rates under the Borough Code and is a total of 7.72 mills as set forth below;

NOW< THEREFORE< be it resolved and ordained by the Plymouth Borough Council as follows:

#### 2023 MILLAGE RATES ON REAL ESTATE

Tax rate for general purposes the sum of 6.90 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation anticipated revenues \$850,000.00;

Tax rate recreation purposes, the sum of 0.03 mills of each dollar of assessed valuation anticipated revenues \$3,000.00;

Tax rate for unfunded debt purposes, the sum of 0.70 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation-anticipated revenues \$80,000.00 for police pension debt;

Tax rate for unfunded debt purposes, the sum of 0.09 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation-anticipated revenues \$10,000.00 for general obligation note purchase of police patrol vehicle;

TOTAL-7.72 mills on real estate

This RESOLUTION shall become effective as provided for in the Borough Code for the fiscal year 2023.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 30<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2022 at a Special Meeting of the Plymouth Borough Council.

\*On the question: John Thomas added that the budget keeps the mills the same at 7.72

Motion: Mr. Dixon

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Cunningham

Motion passed unanimously – 7 yes

Motion was made to table the next motion regarding appointing a Maintenance Records keeper for fire department vehicles.

Motion: Mr. Morehart

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Dixon

Motion passed unanimously – 7 yes

Motion made to pay the invoice for Stu Krasavage for emergency repair work to blocked sewer main on High Street in the amount of \$2,500.00.

\*On the question: Mr. Thomas said this was the old Gaylord Rowe section. Mr. Kobusky added that the payment would be reimbursed back to the borough from the WWSA.

Motion: Mr. Morehart

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Thomas

Motion passed unanimously – 7 yes

Motion made to pay the invoice to Downtown Decorations in the amount of \$20,310.00. The invoice is for new light pole decorations for Main St and uses \$20,000.00 in grant money that the borough received from the county.

Motion: Ms. Eroh

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Thomas

Motion passed unanimously – 7 yes

Motion to pay the last of the 2022 General Fund bills: 22-994GF – 22-1003GF

\*On the question: The Mayor mentioned that the last bill on the list was for the 2 new Chevy Tahoes that borough had purchased out of the 2022 budget. The dealer is finishing up on the special up fitting and the borough should have the vehicles shortly.

Motion: Mr. Dixon

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Morehart

Motion passed unanimously - 7 yes

Motion to adjourn made by Ron Kobusky and Earl Cunningham.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Burdulis".

Gail Burdulis, Borough Secretary

Approved at rescheduled regular meeting 1/17/2023