

**PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**SPECIAL-BUDGET MEETING-DECEMBER 31, 2023 at 6:00PM**

No work session for this special meeting.

---

Meeting was called to order at 11:00AM by Council President, Ron Kobusky. A moment of silence followed the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Roll was called: Members present: Mr. Earl Cunningham; Mr. Thomas Hogan; Mr. John Thomas; Mr. William Dixon and Mr. Ron Kobusky

Members absent and excused: Ms. Alexis Eroh and Mr. Adam morehart

There were no citizen's requests or comments regarding agenda items.

There were no citizen's requests or comments regarding general items.

AGENDA VOTING:

Motion made to adopt the 2024 Finalized Budget as attached:

Whereas, the proposed 2024 Budget was duly advertised for public inspection as required by Section 1307 of the Borough Code;

Whereas, the 2024 Budget has been finalized for adoption as attached;

Now Therefore, I move to approve and pass the attached 2024 Budget which has income projected to be \$2,811,570.00 and expenditures estimated to be \$2,811,570.00 as outlined by department and line item, as authorized by Section 1310 of the Borough Code.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

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

Vote: 5 Yes - 0 No

Motion made to approve and pass Ordinance 7 of 2023: AN ORDINANCE 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 2024.

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is required by law to enact a Taxing Ordinance 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 for in order to fund in part the expenditures detailed in the Borough's 2024 Budget and the collection rate of taxes has been below 100%;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Plymouth is going to need to tax real estate in order to raise \$900,000.00 to fund in part 2024 general expenditures and based upon the current assessed value

of real estate and the collection rate will levy taxes for general purposes at the rate of 7.13 mills on each dollar of assessed value of real estate located within Plymouth Borough;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough will need \$90,827.00 in revenues for dedicated purposes as outlined in the 2024 Budget, therefore based upon the current assessed valuation of real estate and the collection rate the Borough will need to levy total millage of 0.59 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:

**2024 MILLAGE RATES ON REAL ESTATE**

Tax rate for general purposes the sum of 7.13mills on each dollar of assessed valuation - anticipated revenues \$900,000.00;

Tax rate for recreation purposes, the sum of 0.02 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation - anticipated revenues \$3,000.00;

Tax rate for unfunded debt- purchase of fire truck, the sum of 0.17 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation - anticipated revenues the sum of 0.17 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation - anticipated revenues \$26,745.48;

Tax rate for unfunded debt - Beade St. project, the sum of 0.20 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation - anticipated revenues \$30,541.20;

Tax rate for unfunded debt purposes -purchase of Downing Street real estate, the sum of 0.20 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation - anticipated revenues \$30,541.20;

TOTAL - 7.72 mills on real estate

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption for the fiscal year 2024.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2023 at a Special Meeting of the Plymouth Borough Council.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

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

Vote: 5 Yes - 0 No

Motion made to approve the loan proposal from Wayne Bank, dated December 19, 2023, copy hereto attached, regarding financing of a) purchase of a fire truck, b) for work on the Beade Street Flood Gate Project, c) purchase of real estate located at 128-130 Downing Street, Plymouth, PA.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

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

Vote: 5 Yes - 0 No

Motion made to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the Borough of Plymouth and the Plymouth Borough Police Association dated December 31, 2023 which was

negotiated between the parties for the Contract years commencing January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026. I further move to authorize the President of Council, Ron Kobuski to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Borough and authorize the Borough Secretary, Gail Burdulis to attest to the President's signature and affix the Borough seal to the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motion: Mr. Thomas  
2nd: Mr. Dixon  
Vote: 5 Yes - 0 No

Motion made to pay the last of the bills for 2023:

GENERAL FUND: 23-945GF – 23-958GF  
LIQUID FUELS: 23-178LF

Motion: Mr. Thomas  
2nd: Mr. Dixon  
Vote: 5 Yes - 0 No

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Cunningham

Respectfully submitted by:



Gail Burdulis,  
Plymouth Borough Secretary

Approved February 13, 2024