

**PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING-FEBRUARY 11, 2025 at 6:00PM**

**WORK SESSION:**

Mr. Earl Cunningham: Asks that residents follow the ordinance and shovel those walkways withing 24 hours of inclement weather or snowfall.

Mr. Ron Kobusky added that he understands as we age it is harder to do this yourself, so find another person who can clean the walks, as they do have to be done. He explains that if someone falls on your uncleaned sidewalks, there could be lawsuits filed and it would not be against the borough, but rather the homeowner. Please clean off those sidewalks.

Mr. Tom Hogan spoke on behalf of the mayor who couldn't make it to the meeting because of work. He said that there were 417 police calls that the officers responded to this month. He thanked them for the service the provide in this town.

Mr. Adam Morehart stated that he is very happy with the progress of the Coal Creek Wall Replacement project and again reiterated how important this project is for Plymouth and many other towns on the west side. This will protect the large water main and the water supply of these towns.

Hometown Heros Banners program will resume on April first. The new applications will be updated and available on Facebook and at the borough building during regular business hours.

Mr. Kobusky said he spoke with the engineer this afternoon regarding the Coal Creek Wall Replacement project. There seems to be concern regarding the wall replacement with regards to the waterline. They are talking about putting a concrete floor in the bottom of the creek bed which can be then tied into the sidewalls and offer more support around the pipe. The water company will not get involved at any capacity. If this is the route they choose to go, this will involve another change order of about \$100,000.00.

Ms. Alexis Eroh thanked the firefighters for their swift and efficient work and seeing everyone got out safely at the fire on E. Shawnee Ave. yesterday.

Planning Agency met last week and discussed updates to the website. Special thanks to Lori for all your help.

They are exploring another site provider that would be more cost-efficient and discounted through the PSAB, which we are a member. She states that several local municipalities are using this service and are pleased.

They also discussed the monthly newsletter that would inform residents of resources available within the borough.

They will also meet with the engineer regarding the plans for the Downtown Main Street using funds from the grant. Anyone who would like to join in the process is welcome to attend.

Coal Kickers soccer spring signups to begin so if interested check their face book page.

Mr. Bill Dixon began by thanking Ms. Eroh for all the hard work in coordinating these projects. March 10, 2025 there he and Mr. Cunningham will attend the Hazard Mitigation Planning (HMP). Every few years the plan must be updated so they will discuss that.

The COG fueling station is nearing completion and training will begin soon. The minutes are

available to view at the municipal office.

Please do not throw the snow out onto the roads, or pile along the curbs when cleaning the walks. The sun comes out and melts it and when it gets cold again it freezes and becomes black ice and unsafe. Also do not throw snow on top of the drains. Someone can slip and get hurt. Please be mindful.

Fire Company #3 is asking permission from the council to have fundraisers in the municipal lot. They will have the pizza truck from May 19 thru the 24. They will again have the sub truck September 22 thru 27.

Plymouth and Larksville football have combined and are now known as "The Wyoming Valley Junior Spartans". A sign-up meeting will be at our borough building on February 19<sup>th</sup> and another meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Larksville municipal building.

This year they will begin having flag football and teams will go by grades. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades will be the C Team; 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades will be the B Team and 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades will be the A Team. If you have any questions regarding this football, please call the municipal office and I will get back to you.

June 7<sup>th</sup> the borough will hold the annual shredding event from 9am to 12pm. Will be in WWV lot on side to the borough building.

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Meeting was called to order, and a moment of silence was observed following the reciting of "The Pledge of Allegiance".

Roll called:

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

Absent: Mr. John Thomas -excused

There were no requests or comments regarding agenda items.

Requests and comments regarding general items:

Mr. Stephen Bachert, Harris Street - He has concerns about the fire companies and would like to speak to the council in private. He provided them with his contact information and Mr. Kobusky said they would set up a private meeting.

Mr. Tom Johnston, Church St - asked who was responsible for cleaning the sidewalks at the corner of Eno & Church Streets. Mr. Dixon said it was the boroughs and was overlooked. He apologized and said he would have DPW address it.

AGENDA VOTING:

Motion made to approve Resolution 1 of 2025.

RESOLUTION 1 of 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA, FILING A VACANCY ON THE PLANNING AGENCY

Motion: Mr. Dixon  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Cunningham  
Voting: passed -6 yes \*Mr. Thomas was absent and excused

Motion made to accept the regular meeting minutes from January 14, 2025.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Dixon  
Voting: passed -5 yes \*Mr. Hogan was not present at that meeting so chose to abstain from the vote. \*Thomas was absent and excused

Motion made for submission to the Bureau of Unclaimed Property for unclaimed funds owed to the Borough of Plymouth.

Motion: Ms. Eroh  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Morehart  
Voting: passed -6 yes \*Mr. Thomas was absent and excused

Plymouth Borough was awarded a \$100,000.00 grant for the engineering design of a master plan for Plymouth Borough Downtown Main Street. Motion was made to appoint PennEastern Engineers to draw up a Master Plans for the Plymouth Borough Main Street.

Motion: Mr. Dixon  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Cunningham  
Voting: passed -6 yes \*Mr. Thomas was absent and excused

Motion made to accept the proposal from Kuharchik Construction for the 2025 annual traffic signal preventative maintenance and response maintenance.  
\*On the question: Mr. Morehart inquired as to the cost. Mr. Kobusky informed him that there are two different contracts. One is a response contract locking in an hourly cost when they are called out for a repair to a traffic light. The second contract is for annual maintenance of each of the four signals in town at a cost of \$700 per intersection. The cost stayed the same as last year for both.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Morehart  
Voting: passed -6 yes \*Mr. Thomas was absent and excused

Motion made to accept 2025 SPCA agreement and pay the 2025 intake invoice for SPCA in the amount of \$2,320.00.  
\*On the question: Mr. Morehart made note that this agreement was still more cost-effective for the borough than when it was done per capita.

Motion: Mr. Morehart  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Eroh  
Voting: passed -6 yes \*Mr. Thomas was absent and excused

Motion made to accept the change order #1 from Kriger Construction, Inc for the Coal Creek Wall Replacement project. The order will extend the wall about 40 feet to meet with a wall that is already in place for a cost of \$44,175.00.

Motion: Mr. Dixon  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Cunningham  
Voting: passed -6 yes \*Mr. Thomas was absent and excused

Motion: I hereby move to pay the invoice from Kriger Construction, Inc for the Coal Creek Wall Replacement project in the amount of \$486,807.88.

Motion: Mr. Dixon  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Morehart  
Voting: passed -6 yes \*Mr. Thomas was absent and excused

Motion: I hereby move to submit for payment of Pennsy Supply invoice through the LSA grant in the amount of \$9,441.00. This is the final payment for the Manhole & Inlet Replacement/Repair project.

\*On the question: Mr. Kobusky said these were drains added to the project to use balance of grant money and this project is now complete.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Eroh  
Voting: passed -6 yes \*Mr. Thomas was absent and excused

Motion made to pay gWorks invoice for 2025 Annual Financial Maintenance (FS-NSMP) in the amount of \$1,695.00.

Motion: Ms. Eroh  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Cunningham  
Voting: passed -6 yes \*Mr. Thomas was absent and excused

Motion made to approve payment of \$7,595.00 to AmTrust Financial Services for the 2023 completion of workers comp audit.

Motion: Mr. Dixon  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Morehart  
Voting: passed -6 yes \*Mr. Thomas was absent and excused

Motion made to approve invoice payment of \$9,090.88 to PennEastern Engineers for the Coal Creek Wall Replacement Project.

Motion: Mr. Morehart  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Eroh  
Voting: passed -6 yes \*Mr. Thomas was absent and excused

Motion made to accept the February Fire and Police reports:

Motion: Mr. Cunningham  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Morehart  
Voting: passed -6 yes \*Mr. Thomas was absent and excused

Motion made to pay the following monthly bills:

GENERAL FUND: 25-041GF - 25-155GF

LIQUID FUELS:  
RECREATION FUND:

25-020LF – 25-041LF  
25-006RF – 25-011RF

Motion: Mr. Morehart

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

Voting: passed -6 yes \*Mr. Thomas was absent and excused

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Dixon.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Gail Burdulis, Plymouth Borough Secretary

Approved March 11, 2025