

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING-FEBRUARY 12, 2021

The Plymouth borough work session began at 6:00pm and the Regular meeting was called to order immediately following the work session by: Mr. Ron Kobusky, Council President.

WORK SESSION:

Mr. Adam Morehart – thanked all who attended the Memorial for Mary Barret last month. Hometown Heroes flag project is progressing.

Mr. Alec Ryncavage – Plymouth has received preliminary approval for a grant for trees to be planted in the town. A representative was in town and made suggestions on the planting location of the trees and, also, the type of trees. The organization would provide the trees, but the Borough would be responsible for planting and maintaining them.

Mayor Frank Coughlin suggested calling WWV HS to see if they would be interested in assisting as a part of their Earth Day activities.

Ms. Alexis Eroh – The borough will be conducting Civil Service testing on February 27th for the full time Police officer position applicants. The application process closed today, February 12th and there are 3 applicants to be tested. The new chairman of the Planning Commission is Barbara Harvey, Laura Hudak is Vice Chair. Ms. Eroh shared compliments from residents as well as passersby who commented on the snow clearing job.

Mr. John Thomas – Commended the street department for the snow removal/clearing.

Mr. Ron Kobusky – commended DPW on a great job. Thank you for the new exit signs and to John Thomas and John Kovach for installing them.

Mayor Frank Coughlin – Wished everyone a Happy Valentines and Presidents Day. Announced he will be performing a wedding ceremony on February 14th. Thanked the DPW for their work during the recent snowstorms. Asked residents who live near fire hydrants to be sure to clear the snow away from them. Spoke about the continued struggle to hire part time police officers and cited article in paper where Dallas Brough was raising taxes to upgrade their police department. They, too, are having difficulty filling vacant positions. The Borough will not be raising taxes this year. The Mayor continues to search for cable tv service providers so the residents in town will have a choice of services. He announced that he recently met with a developer who has shown interest in some sites in town. The Mayor is hoping to hold a town clean up as in years prior to Covid.

Mr. Alec Ryncavage – pointed out that Chambers now has a working disinfecting machine to clean the air in the room. There is also a microphone and camera. Thanked John Thomas and John Kovach for the installation. This equipment will be used in the implementing of ZOOM meetings, tonight is a trial run. Spoke of the possibility of having a historical marker in front of Mary Barrett's home. The family suggested it since it is the site of the first town hall and fire house. Reported that Rep Gerald Mullery is helping with the project and will act as a sponsor for its' placement.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance and a moment of silence immediately followed.

ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Alexis Eroh
Mr. John Thomas
Mr. Alec Ryncavage
Mr. Adam Morehart
Mr. Ronald Kobusky, President
COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:
Mr. Earl Cunningham
Mr. William Dixon, Vice-President

There was no Citizens Input regarding agenda items.

Citizens Input regarding general items:

Ms. Brandy Vest from Vine St, addressed Council with concerns about parking issued in her neighborhood. Ms. Vest included pictures demonstrating the difficulty she has getting out of her driveway. Council will send people down to the site, to take a look, and see what, if anything, can be done.

Mr. Ron Kobusky – please send someone to look at the situation

Mr. John Thomas – stated that the house was condemned years ago. There is no cooperation from the new owners.

AGENDA VOTING:

MOTION MADE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 2 OF 2021. A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RATIFYING THE LUZERNE COUNTY MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN ADOPTED ON JANUARY 12, 2021.

*On the question: This is a 10 year plan

MOTION: Mr. Adam Morehart

SECOND: Mr. Alec Ryncavage

PASSED: 5 YES

MOTION MADE THAT THE BOROUGH APPROVE PAYMENT TO UMBRIC TRUCKING, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$215,698.50) FOR THE WORK COMPLETED ON THE BEVERLY DRIVE STORMWATER PROJECT.

*On the question: This project is 95% completed and is being paid through the Grant monies the Borough received.

MOTION: Mr. John Thomas

SECOND: Ms. Alexis Eroh

PASSED: 5 YES

MOTION MADE THAT THE BOROUGH APPROVE PAYMENT TO PENNEASTERN ENGINEERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,135.00 FOR THE SERVICES RENDERED IN THE BEVERLY DRIVE PROJECT.

MOTION: Ms. Alexis Eroh

SECOND: Mr. Adam Morehart

PASSED: 5 YES

MOTION MADE THAT THE BOROUGH APPROVE PAYMENT TO PENNSY SUPPLY FOR THE BALANCE DUE ON THE 2019 CBDG PAVE PROJECT.

*On the question: this was for paving of Lee and High Streets, and is being paid out of Grant monies.

MOTION: Mr. John Thomas

SECOND: Mr. Adam Morehart

PASSED: 5 YES

MOTION MADE TO APPROVE THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT AND OFFICE PERSONNEL.

MOTION: Ms. Alexis Eroh
SECOND: Mr. John Thomas
PASSED: 5 YES

MOTION MADE TO APPROVE THE 2020 MINUTES FOR:
SPECIAL MEETING APRIL 4, REGULAR MEETING JULY 14, REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 10, SPECIAL
MEETING DECEMBER 29.

MOTION: Mr. Adam Morehart
SECOND: Mr. Alec Ryncavage
PASSED: 5 YES

MOTION MADE TO ACCEPT THE POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS.

MOTION: Ms. Alexis Eroh
SECOND: Mr. John Thomas
PASSED: 5 YES

MOTION MADE TO PAY THE FEBUARY MONTHLY BILLS.

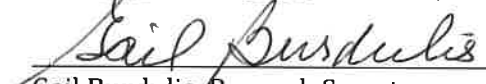
GENERAL FUND:	21-051GF – 21-116GF
LIQUID FUELS:	21-015LF – 21-0028LF
RECREATION FUND:	21-006RF – 21-009RF

*On the question: John Thomas votes yes to pay all bills except bill #21-105GF-John Thomas, which is the payment for health insurance for retired police, of which there is a contractual conflict of interest.

MOTION: Ms. Alexis Eroh
SECOND: Mr. Alec Ryncavage
PASSED: 5 YES

MOTION TO ADJORN made by: Ms. Alexis Eroh

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY;


Gail Burdulis, Borough Secretary