

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING-FEBRUARY 13, 2024 at 6:00PM

Work session began at 6:00pm:

Ms. Alexis Eroh said the new gateway signs will be delivered next week to Brand Graphics. They will have a meeting with Brian Vnuk to discuss placement and installation. Hoping there will be demonstration in March.

Mr. Kobusky said he'd like to look into installing solar lights on them.

Mr. John Thomas reported that Mr. John Kovach, Mr. Earl Cunningham and himself installed ten more Hometown Heros Banners. He wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day.

Mr. Kobusky asked John if he could talk to John Kovach about looking into the latest solar lights for the signs. Mr. Thomas said he could do that.

Ms. Eroh added that they would meet with Mr. Vnuk on Thursday at the Larksville border regarding the sign.

Mr. Earl Cunningham spoke about safety after a snowfall. He asked residents to please shovel the sidewalks.

Mr. Thomas Hogan thanked all who came out to help take down the Christmas lights. He also spoke about the latest scams which claim to be the IRS. Do not fall victim. IRS will not call and threaten you.

Mr. Adam Morehart said he has completed the request for the Coal St. Creek grant award and will be getting that check very soon to deposit into the bank. He said the TNR (Trap and Release) vouchers are available at the office. You must have an appointment scheduled with No Nonsense Neutering to spay/neuter a trapped cat to sign for a voucher. If the voucher is not used you must bring it back to the Municipal Building for another to use. Hometown Heros project will resume April 1st for 2024. We are reviewing and revising the application and it will be posted to the website. You can also stop by the Municipal Building during business hours and pick one up. He spoke with Daryl Pawlush to see when the Coal St. Creek project would begin. The county is pressing for completion by June of this year. That will not happen and we will have to apply for an extension.

Mr. William Dixon (Bill) reports the 2024 yard waste pick up will begin March 18th. Pick up days will remain Mondays and Fridays unless otherwise posted. Remember to call the office by 10AM to get on the pick-up list for the day. If you sweep the front of your house, you can sweep debris into a small pile and call the office to have the street department come and pick that up as well, but please do not put it in a bag. You can put it into a bucket. WVSA (Wyoming Valley Sanitation Authority) has scheduled a street sweeping for mid-April and also in July. Watch for the signs in the area they will sweep and please obey the "No Parking" signs.

There was a meeting regarding the replacement/repair of the W. Nanticoke Bridge. LSVCOG (Lower South Valley Council of Governments) presented arguments for why it should be rebuilt. The county

has \$50+ million set aside towards funding, but that will not be enough. Cost will be closer to \$64 million. They will have to reach outside of the county for assistance. The county will be hosting several town hall meetings in various towns locally. There is a meeting on March 7th in Nanticoke. He urged all to attend. He invited Mr. Morehart to attend the meetings to speak with county manager to discuss possibly Coal St. Creek Project since we received the grant money from the county. He encouraged all to reach out to their officials and representatives to step up and help find funds for the bridge. This is an important project.

Mr. Cunningham added that the ladder truck cannot use the bridge because of weight restrictions. The bridge is integral to surrounding communities.

Mr. Dixon recognized Ms. Megan Kocher in the audience. She is running for the seat in the 119th District.

Ms. Eroh said that County Waste/GFL is out of garbage stickers, but they are working on getting some here by Thursday. There was a fire at the facility that made bags, so they are going back to stickers per bag for a while anyway, and waiting for a shipment from Staples. As a reminder, due to the weather, the routes and pick ups will be delayed a day.

Mr. Ron Kobusky said he has two proposals from Kuharchik Construction. First one for annual maintenance to the traffic signal which is something we do every year. This service is for when there is a problem with the light, if it is out or not working properly. The other one is for annual cleaning and maintenance of the signals at a cost of \$700 per intersection. This one is quite involved. Done once a year and they will inform PennDot. We have 4 intersections with lights so the cost would be \$2,800.00 per year. The signals have not had a good cleaning in 1620 years. The proposal does not include materials but does include inground signals to trip the lights.

There is a good chance the May 14th meeting will be moved to May 7th because our 3 cadets will be graduating from the academy on the 14th and council would like to attend.

The generator has not yet shipped. Delays are directly due to the attacks that have been happening with the shipping business. New ship date is March 12th. Currently we are waiting for a contract from Seagraves for the new fire truck. Some items had to be added to the contract in order to be compliant with the LSA Grant so that we can use the \$183,000.00. Once the contract is signed, it will take 1100 days to build the truck.

We are applying for a one-year extension to the grant for the Main Street project. We have received a verbal OK from the state for the change orders to the contract, so we will not have to rebid that job.

Meeting was called to order and a moment of silence was observed after the "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Roll was called: All 7 council members present:

Mr. Earl Cunningham; Ms. Alexis Eroh; Mr. Thomas Hogan;

Mr. Adam Morehart; Mr. John Thomas; Mr. William Dixon; Mr. Ron Kobusky

There were no comments regarding agenda items.

Comments regarding general items:

Ms. Donna Williams asked if we could black out the "No Parking" that is painted on the street in front of Bouika's Garage, since it is no longer open.

Council said it was up for sale and that the would be up to the new owner if they wished not to have the whole area blacked out for no parking.

Ms. Donna Smith asked what the latest was on the Pierce Street properties (46-48).
Mr. Kobusky explained that the Restricted mailings had been sent to each owner and that we are waiting for responses.

Mr. Dixon said the mayor could not be here tonight due to work, but asked for patience when requesting a police report. They take time and the police are very busy.
Mr. Cunningham added that people need to call 911 for emergencies. Also, when people see something that is not right. They might be able to stop some crime.

AGENDA VOTING:

Motion made to appoint Mr. Thomas Hogan as Trustee for the Pension Plans.

Motion: Mr. Dixon
2nd: Mr. Cunningham
Vote: 6 yes * Mr. Hogan abstained-conflict of interest

Motion to accept meeting minutes:

Regular meeting minutes for: December 12, 2023
Special meeting minutes for: December 31, 2023 & January 2, 2024
(Budget meeting) (Reorganization)

Motion: Mr. Dixon
2nd: Mr. Cunningham
Vote: 7 yes

Motion made to hire Irene Sawicki as a part time Crossing Guard as an at will employee and shall receive no benefits of any type, including but not limited to; sick time, vacation time, holiday pay or health insurance coverage. She will be paid hourly rate of \$9.75 and appointment shall start immediately upon receipt of clearances.

*On the question: Mr. Hogan asked if we still need more guards.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Ms. Eroh
Vote: 7 yes

Motion to approve 2024 Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Aircon for the Municipal Building and Boiler, contract #1038-16 with an annual fee of \$2,780.00.

*On the question? Mr. Morehart wanted to know what is covered. Mr. Kobusky explained that each year they come out and clean the inside of the units, the coils and change the filters. Mr. Morehart asked if there was an increase in price from last year. Information not available at meeting.

Motion: Mr. Thomas
2nd: Mr. Hogan
Vote: 7 yes

Motion to approve the GBM (Golden Business Machine) System Support Maintenance Agreement for 70 hours at a cost of \$4,760.00.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Mr. Dixon
Vote: 7 yes

Motion to approve Generator Change Order Request No. 2 from North End Electric Inc. to provide and install three (3) additional 200 AMP, 3 Phase Square D electrical panels, and one (1) additional 100 AMP, 3 Phase Square D panel. Work to be completed during normal business hours at a cost of \$16,000.00. Also motion to approve Generator Change Order No. 3 from North End Electric Inc. to provide three (3) additional 600 AMP fuses to have on site spares for the main disconnect at a cost of \$1,120.00.

*On the question: Mr. Dixon thought it was a good move to have spares on hand.

Motion: Ms. Eroh
2nd: Mr. Morehart
Vote: 7 yes

Motion made to approve 2024 Maintenance Agreements (2) for Kuharchik to repair when called, the traffic signals and the other is for the annual maintenance of the signals at each of the four (4) intersections in town.

*On the question. Mr. Morehart agreed the maintenance is good idea.

Motion: Mr. Dixon
2nd: Mr. Morehart
Vote: 7 yes

Motion to reimburse Fire Company #3 for the cost of materials to repair and seal the roof of their building on Elm St. The cost of the supplies is \$2,035.79 and they will do the work themselves.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Mr. Thomas
Vote: 7 yes

Motion made to approve payment to James O'Hara Inc. in the amount of \$11,250.00. This is a first request for payment and is to cover costs related to the bond, insurances and shop drawings and is submitted under the mobilization bid item and approved by the engineer.

*On the question: Ms. Eroh asked if this was for the Beade Street Flood Gate Project. Yes

Motion: Mr. Dixon
2nd: Mr. Hogan
Vote: 7 yes

Motion to pay Stu Krasavage invoice of \$1,800.00 for repairs to the storm drain at intersection of Franklin and W Main Streets.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Ms. Eroh
Vote: 7 yes

Motion to accept the January Fire and Police reports.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Mr. Morehart
Vote: 7 yes

Motion to pay monthly bills:

GENERAL FUND:	24-067GF - 24-144GF
LIQUID FUELS:	24-013LF - 24- 032LF
RECREATION FUND:	24-005RF - 24-007RF

Motion: Mr. Morehart
2nd: Mr. Hogan
Vote: 7 yes

Motion to adjourn made by: Mr. Cunningham

Respectfully submitted:



Gail Burdulis, Plymouth Borough Secretary

Approved March 12, 2024