

**PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING-JANUARY 11, 2022 at 6:00PM**

WORK SESSION:

Mr. Ryncavage – Had no comments

Mr. Kobusky – Asked Mr. Ryncavage the status of the new website?

Mr. Ryncavage – The status is 2 parts. He received an email regarding an outstanding bill with Golden Business Machines, which will be passed along for review, for setting up email addresses. The home page and the department pages are done. Waiting for content for the rest of the site from the fire departments and the Police. Email addresses will be set up for each individual Council member, police officer, fireman and DPW. There will be a shared address for the office personnel.

Ms. Eroh – Is there any way to just take it out of the hands of those departments? The process may go faster if the council takes control.

Mr. Ryncavage – Yes, we can do it for the police and fire. Discussion followed. Also, the Mayor's signature is needed for the signature box portion of his comment area.

Mr. Kobusky - In agreement that the council take over the content. Asked Ms. Eroh if she would be able to help with that.

Ms. Eroh – Agreed

Mr. Kobusky – Verified that each department would be able to add content and then approve.

Mr. Morehart – No work sessions comments.

Mr. Cunningham – Stay safe. The COVID numbers are getting high again.

Ms. Eroh – The Planning Committee meetings are on hold until the building opens back up. Applications are still being accepted for the Mary Barrett Historic home awards. There have been a lot of submissions so far.

The Civil Service Commission met on 12/29/2021. New officials were elected. Ms. Eroh - Chairperson, Denise Dalley – Vice – Chairperson, Deb Madrack – Secretary. An ad was placed for the police department vacancy. The test date is February 5, 2022. The issue with the rate was corrected online and in newspaper.

Mr. Thomas – reminded residents to clean their sidewalks. Congratulated the DPW on their job done on the streets.

Mr. Kobusky – Agreed with Mr. Thomas' remarks. Our DPW workers do not work in the same conditions as PennDot. They work on hills and do not have the tools that PennDot has. The problems with this kind of storm were discussed.

Mr. Dixon – Reminder: when you get ice and it is below freezing, salt will not work. We are getting calls that the we have not salted, that is simply not true.

Mr. Kobusky – Cars that are parked illegally – call Police and have them towed.

Atty Kostelansky – Away from microphone, response regarding the ability to do that.

Mayor Coughlin – Litter in town is out of control.

Sidewalks are supposed to be cleaned (of snow), there is an ordinance. There should be a good reason for them not being done.

Expressed concern about the garbage situation upper part of town. When you come into town you see the “Welcome to Plymouth” sign and then the next thing you see is all the garbage everywhere. It looks terrible. Something has to be done!

People are parking illegally, on the sidewalks, parked the wrong way. If it continues there will be consequences. Will meet with the police about this issue.

Mr. Kobusky – Asked to be included in that meeting with the police.

Mr. Dixon – have to start citing but you have to cite the landlord.

Mr. Kobusky – Mr. Lushefski will take of that.

Mr. Thomas – Mr. Lushefski is sending out 15 citations/notices out today for sidewalks not cleared.

Mr. Kobusky – explained that the meeting was opened to the public because the hearing on the liquor license transfer must be held at an open meeting.

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

The roll was called:

All council members present: Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Eroh, Mr. Morehart, Mr. Ryncavage, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Dixon & Mr. Kobusky

There was no Citizen’s questions or comments regarding the agenda items.

Citizens questions or comments regarding general items:

Mr. John Frey – expressed concerns over his garbage issue. Bags sitting out and not being picked up. County Waste is either not showing up or bypassing his garbage.

Ms. Eroh – advised that if he ever had any problems to contact her. Ms. Eroh has a direct number to the dispatcher.

Mr. Kobusky – Ms. Eroh got County Waste to come out on New Year’s Day to pick up bags they missed.

The first matter on the agenda is a public hearing in accordance with Section 461 of the Liquor Code on a request by URAJ FOOD, Inc. to transfer PA Liquor License R10741 currently owned by

Konefals' Inc. of Edwardsville to VRAJ FOOD, Inc premises located at 437 East Main Street, Plymouth, PA (Sunoco station).

At this point council President turned the hearing over to the solicitor, Mr. Micheal Kostelanski

AGENDA VOTING:

Motion made to act of Resolution 1 of 2022.

RESOLUTION 1 OF 2022

WHEREAS, Act 141 of 2000, hereinafter the "Act", which amends the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Liquor Code, authorizes the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to approve, in certain instances, the transfer of restaurant liquor licenses across municipal boundaries within the same county, regardless of the quota limitations provided for in Section 461 of the Liquor Code if, as in Plymouth Borough, sales of liquor and malt or brewed beverages are legal in the municipality receiving the license; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires the receiving municipality to issue a resolution approving the inter-municipal transfer of the liquor license from outside the receiving township to within its borders prior to submission of an application for such transfer to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; and

WHEREAS, amendments to the Liquor Code stipulate that, prior to adoption of a resolution by the receiving municipality, at least one (1) Hearing be held for the purpose of permitting interested parties to state their concerns regarding the transfer of the license into the receiving municipality; and

WHEREAS, an application for transfer filed under the Act must contain a copy of the resolution adopted by the municipality approving the transfer of the liquor license into the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, Vraj Food, Inc. has properly requested the approval of the Plymouth Borough Council, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania for the proposed transfer of Pennsylvania Liquor License Number R10741 by Vraj Food, Inc. to facilities within Plymouth Borough to be located at 437 East Main Street, Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania from Konafal's inc., located at 446-448-456-458 Main Street, Edwardsville, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Plymouth Borough Council, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania has held a Public Hearing to receive comments on the proposed liquor license transfer and, after consideration of the issues, finds that the transfer of Pennsylvania Liquor License R10741 into Plymouth Borough by Vraj Food, Inc. will result in job creation and revenue enhancements for the residents of Plymouth Borough, all of which will substantially benefit the local economy and residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Plymouth Borough Council, approves, by adoption of and for the reason stated in this Resolution, the proposed transfer of Pennsylvania Liquor license No. R10741 into Plymouth Borough by Vraj Food, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, transfers, designations and assignments of licenses hereunder are subject to approval by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, this approval is conditioned upon **final** approval of the transfer application of Vraj Food, Inc. by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Motion: Mr. Dixon

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

3 YES votes: Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Kobusky

3 NO votes: Ms. Eroh, Mr. Morehart, Mr. Thomas

Mr. Ryncavage abstained

The mayor voted the tie breaker: Mayor Coughlin- YES

Motion passed-4 yes

Motion was made to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Street Department and Office Personnel, dated January 1, 2022 between the Borough and Teamsters Local 401, which was negotiated between the parties for the contract year commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022. I further move to authorize the President of Council, Ron Kobusky and Councilman John Thomas to sign the agreement on behalf of the Borough and authorize the Borough Secretary, Gail Burdulis to affix the Borough Seal to the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motion: Mr. Dixon

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

Motion passed-7 yes

Motion to appoint Mr. Richard Forsey as a part-time crossing guard, as an at will employee and shall not receive benefits of any type, including but not limited to; sick time, vacation time, holiday pay, or health insurance coverage. Said crossing guard shall be paid an hourly rate of \$8.75 and appointment shall start immediately.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

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

Motion passed-7 yes

Motion to move to appoint Ms. Penelope Long as a part-time crossing guard, as an at will employee and shall not receive benefits of any type, including but not limited to; sick time,

vacation time, holiday pay, or health insurance coverage. Said crossing guard shall be paid an hourly rate of \$8.75 and appointment shall start immediately.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

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

Motion passed-7 yes

Motion to pay Freedom Systems in the amount of \$1,695.00 for the annual NSMP/BRONZE Network Maintenance Support for 2022:

Motion: Mr. Morehart

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

Motion passed-7 yes

Motion to reimburse Stu Krasavage for repairs to the loader in the amount of \$2, 034.24 was tabled so council could review it further.

Motion made to approve the 2022 Borough Insurance proposal from Crossin Insurance Agency for Glatfelter Public Practice.

\*On the question: Frank Crossin goes out of his way to keep costs down for the Borough. In 2022 the cost of all Borough insurance is \$60,426.00 and in 2021 the cost was \$55,000.

Motion: Ms. Eroh

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

Mr. Ryncavage voted NO-reason he said is it should go out for bid.

Motion passed-6 YES

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from:

Regular meeting: October 12, 2021

Special meetings: November 24, 2021; December 1, 2021 &  
December 20, 2021 (Budget meeting)

Motion: Ms. Eroh

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

Motion passed-7 yes

Motion to accept the Fire and Police reports for December was made:

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

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

Motion passed-7 yes

A motion to pay the monthly bills was made:

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

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

Motion passed-7 yes

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cunningham

Respectfully submitted,



Gail Burdulis, Borough Secretary

Approved at regular meeting April 12, 2022