

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES-JANUARY 12, 2021

The Plymouth Borough work session began at 6:02pm and the regular meeting was called to order immediately following the work session by: Ron Kobusky, Council President.

WORK SESSION:

Mr. Adam Morehart – Continues to work on the Hometown Heroes flag project. There will be no safety meetings until March. Heartfelt condolences to the family of Mary Barrett.

Mr. Earl Cunningham – Thanked the 3 fire departments for a job well done on the Beade Street situation. Their work and time spent prevented flooded homes, in addition there were no flooded basements.

Ms. Alexis Eroh – there will be a Civil Service Committee meeting on the 14th at 6:00 PM. There will also be a Planning Commission meeting on the first Wednesday in February.

Mr. John Thomas – Condolences to the Barrett family. Air purifiers were installed in the Borough offices by John Thomas, Bill Dixon and John Kovach. The Police Dept will be the next area for the purifiers to be installed.

Mr. William Dixon – Commended the 3 fire companies on their work at the Beade St flooding situation. There will be a meeting with representatives from Luz Cty Flood Authority to discuss how to stop the flood threat on Beade St. in the future. The river only rose to 23 feet and there should not have been any flooding problem. Jim Romaine and Chris Bielman are going to fix the floodgate flaps Mr. Dixon commended the Police for their work last night at the crime scene on Gaylord Ave. Condolences to the Barrett family.

Mr. Ron Kobusky – Announced that the Beverly Drive project is underway and while they are working through a few problems, barring any weather problems, the project should be finished around the 4th of July.

Mayor Frank Coughlin – Condolences to the Barrett family. The Borough lost 4 part time police officers and one FT officer. PT officers only last for a short time as they find FT positions elsewhere and resign. The Comcast cable contract will expire next year. He has reached out to many cable companies and has been told that we do not have enough residents. He will continue to reach out to others but noted that Council has little control over the cable service.

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. Earl Cunningham
Mr. John Thomas
Mr. Adam Morehart
Mr. William Dixon, Vice-President
Mr. Ronald Kobusky, President

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Mr. Alec Ryncavage - excused

There was no Citizens Input regarding agenda items.

Citizens Input regarding general items:

Mr. Tom Bat, of Beade St., commended the fire companies for their work during the highwater days after Christmas. He noted that there were no homes that took on water. He suggested that next time a procedure be put in place to include door to door notification to residents when the river is rising, to the point of possible flooding, so they can move vehicles. Also asked if the street could be blocked by Borough personnel.

AGENDA VOTING:

MOTION: RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2021. A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FILLING A VACANCY ON THE PLANNING AGENCY

MOTION: Mr. Willian Dixon

SECOND: Mr. Earl Cunningham

PASSED: 6 YES

MOTION: I HEREBY MOVE THAT THE BOROUGH APPROVE A CONTRACT AGREEMENT, CONSISTING OF TWO PAGES, PLUS EXHIBITS A (FOUR PAGES) AND A1 (ONE PAGE), DATED JANUARY 12, 2021, BETWEEN PLYMOUTH BOROUGH AND PENNEASTERN ENGINEERS, LLC TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH AS OUTLINED IN THE AFORESAID AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE BEVERLY DRIVE STORMWATER MAMAGEMENT PROJECT. I FURTHER MOVE TO AUTHORIZE RON KOBUSKY, THE PRESIDENT OF BOROUGH COUNCIL TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH AND AUTHORIZE THE BOROUGH SECRETARY, GAIL BURDULIS TO ATTEST TO HIS SIGNATURE ON THE DOCUMENT.

MOTION: Mr. Willian Dixon

SECOND: Mr. Adam Morehart

PASSED: 6 YES

MOTION: A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE BOROUGH FOR THE YEAR 2021 AS SET FORTH IN AN INSURANCE PROPOSAL FROM GLATFELTER PUBLIC PRACTICE DATED JANUARY 7, 2021, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 16, 2021 AND FURTHER MOVE TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF THE TOTAL ANNUAL PREMIUM OF FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$55,350.00), TO GLATFELTER PUBLIC PRACTICE FOR SAID INSURANCE COVERAGE.

MOTION: Mr. Earl Cunningham

SECOND: Mr. John Thomas

PASSED: 6 YES

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE JANUARY FIRE REPORT:

MOTION: Mr. Earl Cunningham

SECOND: Ms. Alexis Eroh

PASSED: 6 YES

MOTION: TO PAY THE JANUARY MONTHLY BILLS:

GENERAL FUND: 21-001GF – 21-050GF

LIQUID FUELS: 20-001LF – 21-014LF

RECREATION FUND: 20-001RF – 21-005RF

*On the question: John Thomas votes yes to pay all bills except bill #21-047GF-John Thomas, which is the payment for health insurance for retired police, of which there is a contractual conflict of interest.

MOTION: Mr. Willian Dixon

SECOND: Mr. Earl Cunningham

PASSED: 6 YES

MOTION: TO ADJORN made by: Mr. Earl Cunningham

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY;


Gail Burdulis, Borough Secretary