

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING-JANUARY 17, 2023 at 6:00PM

Regular council meeting for January 10, 2023 was rescheduled and held on January 17, 2023 and the work session began at 6PM.

•Ms. Alexis Eroh: Said the Planning Agency will meet on February 1, 2023 and troubleshoot a few issues they are still having regarding the new website.

Plymouth Shawnee Indians will hold a designer purse bingo on May 6, 2023 at the Warrior Run Fire Hall. Tickets are \$25.00.

Plymouth Alive is going to hold a benefit for Tom Jesso on January 28, 2023 at the VFW located on W Main St and the entrance tickets are \$10.00. Tom is battling stage 4 cancer and the proceeds of the benefit will go towards his mounting medical bills.

County Waste/GFL Operations manager Amy Pletscher was present and asked for a few minutes to update some changes at GFL and the use of garbage stickers per bag.

•Amy Pletscher said the garbage sticker per bag program would stay the same for the time being and is being extended indefinitely. The stickers are once again back in some of the local businesses. Please check the Plymouth Borough website for any scheduling changes such as: different pick-up times and days due to holidays or bad weather. In the case of pending bad weather, kindly put your garbage out the night before your scheduled pick-up day as they may get special permission to come very very early.

•Mr. John Thomas: had nothing to add at this time.

•Mr. Earl Cunningham: Wished all a Happy New Year. He mentioned that the Shawnee Cemetery and the Plymouth Historical Society will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser to benefit the Shawnee Cemetery. The dinner will be March 19, 2023 at Happy Pizza, 40 W Main St. and tickets are \$15.00. See Earl or any member of the Historic Society to purchase tickets in advance.

He also thanked "Behold A New Thing", a local business in town for all they do to support the emergency personnel in town. They are located on W Main St., and once a month they open the doors to emergency workers to come in and enjoy a cup of coffee.

He also welcomed another new business to town: Phoenix Lane is a new coffee shop serving coffee, selection of wonderful pastries and other merchandise. It is located on the corner of Downing St and W Main St.

•Mr. Thomas Hogan: Said that the Christmas lights would be coming down in about 2 weeks.

•Mr. Adam Morehart: States that Tom Jesso is a GEM! He asked all to participate in the fundraiser to benefit Tom on January 28th.

He is still waiting to hear something regarding the grant money he submitted for. Thank you to council and a special thanks to Joe Mazur who was extremely helpful in obtaining information about the 2011 flooding here in town.

•Mr. Ron Kobusky: Said he spoke to the engineer who told him the posting for bids on the Beade St flood gate project would go out very shortly.

They are also finishing to draw up bids for the pave projects in town.

The manhole project is still a work in progress but coming along. Because it is a state road, we have applied for an HOP permit are waiting to hear back from PennDot.

•Mayor Frank Coughlin: States that Academy St will be paved by PennDot and he is also trying to get Shawnee Ave paved as well, or at least part of it.

•Ron adds that the borough will have the storm drains on Academy St done before the paving begins.

•Mayor: Said there were 270 police calls last month! The police ask that you call 911 when you see a crime. Going on social media instead does not help combat crime. Call the police.

The meeting was called to order immediately following the conclusion of the work session. The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited and then a moment of silence was observed.

Roll was called and all members present except Mr. Bill Dixon who was excused.

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

Absent and excused: Mr. Bill Dixon

There were no citizens requests or comments regarding agenda items.

Citizens requests and comments regarding general items:

>Ms. Laura Keller, Director of Plymouth Public Library, thanked council, the DPW and the police all they do to keep the library and its occupants safe. They recently installed cameras, fixed the plumbing and lighting. Earl has been an excellent advocate. He will read when there is no one else do so. If anyone is interested in reading aloud to the kids, please reach out and let us know. We would love to have you.

>Mr. Brian Oppelt, Hose Company #3 fire chief, said that in late October he reached out to Kidada, fire alarm company, for donations of smoke alarms. They responded with 1,000 detectors for distribution! He further stated that he and #3 members would install them in homes if needed. Just come to the #3 Elm Hill Fire House and fill out a liability form. The smoke detectors are free of charge and are on a first come basis. He will post times & days for pick up on website, facebook and Neighborhood Watch. The solicitor recommends the borough not be involved with the installation as he feels it is a liability on the borough. Brian further added that he is trying to work with Kidada to come to town to install alarms in as many houses as needed, as they have done this in other towns in the past.

AGENDA VOTING:

Motion was made appoint a Maintenance Records Keeper for the vehicles used by the Plymouth Borough Volunteer Fire Companies.

Whereas, the Borough Council at its discretion has decided that for the year 2023 there is a need for Council to appoint a Maintenance Records Keeper to track monthly to see that the vehicles owned by the Borough and used by the Volunteer Fire Departments are serviced timely and in compliance with the manufactures service recommendations;

Whereas, the contract states that the Maintenance Records Keeper shall be a full-time fire truck driver and compensated \$100 per month to keep the records;

Whereas, said Maintenance Records Keeper shall submit a monthly report to council before the monthly council meeting;

Whereas, the person appointed and the need for the position to be filled are at the sole discretion of Council;

Now Therefore, I move to appoint Lori Bolesta to the position of Maintenance Records Keeper, and will remain so until at Council's discretion to change either the records keeper or the position entirely.

Motion: Mr. Morehart
Second: Mr. Cunningham

Motion carried: 6 YES
Mr. Dixon absent & excused

Motion made to pass Resolution 1 of 2023: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FILLING TWO VACANCIES ON THE PLANNING AGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has adopted Ordinance No. 1 of 2020 creating a Planning Agency to advise council on the items specified therein, consisting of five (5) members;

WHEREAS, Council expanded that membership to seven (six residents of the borough and one council member) by amending Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1 of 2020 by adopting Ordinance No. 4 of 2020;

WHEREAS, Section 2 authorizes the Council to appoint the members of the Planning Agency by Resolution;

WHEREAS, there currently exists two vacancies due to the expiration of term of Paul Reese and DJ Allred, which expired on December 31, 2022;

WHEREAS, both of the aforementioned individuals have performed admirably on the agency and wish to continue to serve and based upon their past performance are deserving to be reappointed;

WHEREAS, the current vacancies as per Ordinance No. 1 of 2020 are both for a four-year term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Borough Council of Plymouth that the Borough hereby approves and appoints to the Planning Agency Paul Reese and DJ Allred, each to fill one of the vacancies for a term to begin effective immediately for four years and which will expire on December 31, 2026.

Adopted at a rescheduled regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, held on this 17th day of January, 2023.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
Second: Ms. Eroh

Motion carried: 6 YES
Mr. Dixon absent & excused

Motion made to re-appoint John Kovach as Zoning Officer.

Motion: Mr. Thomas
Second: Mr. Cunningham

Motion carried: 6 YES
Mr. Dixon absent & excused

Motion made to approve the 2023 Borough Insurance proposal of \$69,648.00 from Crossin Insurance Agency for Glatfelter Public Practice.

Motion: Mr. Morehart
Second: Mr. Thomas

Motion carried: 6 YES
Mr. Dixon absent & excused

Motion made to pay Stu Krasavage invoice of \$2,500.00 for repair/replace sewer manhole at intersection of Poplar Street and Shawnee Avenue.

Motion: Ms. Eroh
Second: Mr. Thomas

Motion carried: 6 YES
Mr. Dixon absent & excused

Motion made to pay Rittenhouse Brothers Construction invoice of \$7,600.00 for purchase and installation of entrance door with panic bar closer for the front of the DPW garage.

*On the question: This was scheduled a year ago because the doors at the garage were rotted on the bottom, but took this long for the doors in.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
Second: Mr. Thomas

Motion carried: 6 YES
Mr. Dixon absent & excused

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes for the following meetings:

- a. Special meeting December 30, 2022 (Budget meeting)
- b. Regular meeting December 13, 2022

Motion: Ms. Eroh
Second: Mr. Morehart

Motion carried: 6 YES
Mr. Dixon absent & excused

Motion made to accept the December Fire and Police reports:

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
Second: Mr. Thomas

Motion carried: 6 YES
Mr. Dixon absent & excused

Motion made to pay the following monthly bills:

GENERAL FUND:	23-001GF – 23-064GF
LIQUID FUELS:	23-001LF – 23- 16LF
RECREATION FUND:	23-001RF – 23-004RF

Motion: Ms. Eroh
Second: Mr. Morehart

Motion carried: 6 YES
Mr. Dixon absent & excused

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Cunningham

Respectfully submitted:

Gail Burdulis, Plymouth Borough Secretary

Approved February 14, 2023

