

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH  
WORK SESSION AND COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2019

THE PLYMOUTH BOROUGH WORK SESSION BEGAN AT 6:00 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING WAS IMMEDIATELY CALLED TO ORDER BY MR. WILLIAM DIXON, COUNCILMAN.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

MR. CUNNINGHAM      MRS. EROH      MR. THOMAS

MR. DIXON      MS. MANGLAVITI      MR. PETERS

MR. COUGHLIN WAS EXCUSED BECAUSE HE HAD WORK.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS AND COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

THERE WERE NO REQUESTS OR COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS.

CITIZENS REQUESTS AND COMMENTS REGARDING GENERAL ITEMS

MR. THOMAS BAT OF 323 ½ BEADE STREET ASKED ABOUT THE FLOOD EVENT THAT TOOK PLACE ON BEADE STREET AND ASKED IF ANYTHING WAS BEING DONE TO SEE WHAT WENT WRONG. MR. DIXON AND MR. THOMAS EXPLAINED THAT THE ARMY CORPORATION OF ENGINEERS WOULD COME IN A FEW MONTHS TO DETERMINE WHAT WENT WRONG AND WHAT WOULD NEED TO BE DONE TO AVOID IT FROM HAPPENING IN THE FUTURE. MR. DIXON ADVISED MR. BAT TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE WEATHER FORECASTS AND MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

MR. ADAM MOREHART OF 4 EAST RIVER STREET, COMMENDED THE PLYMOUTH BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR FAST RESPONSE WHEN HE CALLED 9-1-1 REGARDING A NOISE COMPLAINT. HE SAID ON NEW YEAR'S EVE ONE OF HIS NEIGHBORS WERE PLAYING EXTREMELY LOUD MUSIC AND IT WAS DISTURBING HIM WHILE HE WAS SICK WITH THE FLU. MR. MOREHART SAID HE APPRECIATED THEIR QUICK RESPONSE.

MRS. TERRI ROMANOSKI, MANAGER OF FIRST KEYSTONE COMMUNITY BANK, CAME TO EXPLAIN THE SPECIAL LOAN PROGRAM THAT IS PROVIDED TO SUPPORT PLYMOUTH BOROUGH'S COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION EFFORTS. SHE EXPLAINED THAT FIRST KEYSTONE COMMUNITY BANK OPENED UP A LOAN SPECIAL FOR BUSINESSES IN PLYMOUTH TO PROVIDE A FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLAR

(\$15,000.00) LOAN AT A TERM OF SIXTY (60) MONTHS WITH A 5% INTEREST RATE. SHE SAID THAT FIRST KEYSTONE WILL WAIVE ALL FEES. SHE SAID SHE WILL JOIN MS. SPECE AND EVERYONE ELSE DOWN AT UNCLE BUCK'S ON MARCH 6, 2019 FOR THE COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION MEETING. MRS. ROMANOSKI SAID SHE HAD FLIERS AND INFORMATION FOR ANYONE WHO WAS INTERESTED.

MR. JOHN FREY OF SHAWNEE AVENUE, SPOKE OF AN ARTICLE THAT WAS IN THE NEWSPAPER REGARDING A YOUNG LADY WHO WAS HIRED IN KINGSTON AS BEING INSTALLED AS THE FIRST WOMAN FIRE DRIVER IN LUZERNE COUNTY. HE SAID BACK IN MARCH COUNCIL HIRED BRIAN OPPELT AS A FULL TIME FIRE DRIVER AND ADDED THAT IT WAS AN EXCELLENT CHOICE. MR. FREY SAID MR. OPPELT IS A VERY GOOD PERSON. HE CONTINUED AND SAID IN JUNE COUNCIL HIRED LORI BOLESTA AS A FULL TIME DRIVER AND ADDED THAT IT WAS ANOTHER EXCELLENT CHOICE. HE SAID COUNCIL PROVIDED THREE REALLY GOOD PEOPLE. MR. FREY SAID THAT THEY HAVE A REALLY GREAT TEAM RIGHT NOW. MR. FREY SAID HE IS NOT TRYING TO SAY ANYTHING NEGATIVE ABOUT THE NEW DRIVER IN KINGSTON BUT MS. BOLESTA WAS HIRED IN JUNE AND THE YOUNG LADY IN KINGSTON WAS HIRED IN DECEMBER. MR. FREY SAID THAT IF SOMEONE IS GOING TO GET RECOGNITION FOR HIRING THE FIRST FEMALE FIREFIGHTER IN LUZERNE COUNTY, THAT IT SHOULD BE PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL WHO GETS THE CREDIT AND THAT MS. BOLESTA SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR BEING THE FIRST FEMALE FIREFIGHTER IN LUZERNE COUNTY. MR. DIXON SAID THAT THEY WILL GET THAT CORRECTED. THERE WAS A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

## **MEETING AGENDA**

1. ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2019: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, COUNTY OF LUZERNE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, WITHDRAWING FROM THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT AMONG THE MEMBERS MUNICIPALITIES OF THE WEST SIDE AND SURROUNDING AREAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION LAW, ACT 177 OF 1996, PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED AS ACT 180 OF 1972.

MR. THOMAS MADE THE MOTION.

MR. PETERS CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

MR. DIXON EXPLAINED THAT PLYMOUTH BOROUGH WAS WITHDRAWING FROM THE WEST SIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BECAUSE COUNCIL HAS OTHER PLANS.

MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED.

2. MOTION: I HEREBY MOVE THAT THE BOROUGH APPROVE A SETTLEMENT STIPULATION, DATED JANUARY 8, 2019, WITH UGI UTILITIES, INC. REGARDING COMPENSATION IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000.00) PAYABLE TO THE BOROUGH RELATING TO AN EMINENT DOMAIN ACTION FILED BY UGI IN LUZERNE COUNTY TO NO. 2018-12249. THIS IS COMPENSATION IS FOR 3,977 SQUARE FEET OF LAND TAKEN BY UGI UNDER THE CONDEMNATION ACTION. I FURTHER MOVE TO AUTHORIZE FRANK COUGHLIN, ACTING PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH AND THE BOROUGH SECRETARY TO ATTEST TO HIS SIGNATURE.

MR. CUNNINGHAM MADE THE MOTION.

MR. THOMAS CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

MR. DIXON EXPLAINED DOWN BY THE CAREY AVENUE BRIDGE IS AN ALLEY THAT UGI WANTS TO PURCHASE.  
THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2019: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION RATE TO THE POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR FULL TIME POLICE OFFICERS FOR 2019.

MR. PETERS MADE THE MOTION.

MRS. EROH CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

MR. THOMAS ASKED IF THAT WAS FIVE PERCENT. THE SOLICITOR AND SECRETARY CONFIRMED. MR. KOSTELANSKY SAID IT WAS A FORMALITY THAT NEEDS TO BE MET EVERY YEAR.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4. MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE TWENTY-FOUR MONTH CONTRACT WITH SOUTH JERSEY/KEY ENERGY.

MR. CUNNINGHAM MADE THE MOTION.

MS. MANGLAVITI CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

MR. DIXON SAID THAT THE BOROUGH PURCHASES ITS ELECTRIC THROUGH A SUPPLIER AND THE RATES ARE CHECKED TO ENSURE THEY ARE GETTING THE BEST RATES.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5. MOTION: I HEREBY MOVE TO CLOSE THE PLYMOUTH BOROUGH SINKING FUND AT FIRST KEYSTONE BANK ACCOUNT NO. 5000532476 AND TRANSFER ALL FUNDS CONTAINED THEREIN TO THE BOROUGH'S GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.

MR. THOMAS MADE THE MOTION.

MR. PETERS CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6. MOTION: I HEREBY MOVE TO TRANSFER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS AND SIXTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$139,971.67) FROM THE PLYMOUTH BOROUGH POLICE PENSION LOAN FUND AT FIRST KEYSTONE BANK TO THE BOROUGH'S GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.

MR. CUNNINGHAM MADE THE MOTION.

MS. MANGLAVITI CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

7. MOTION: TO ACCEPT CROSSIN'S INSURANCE PROPOSAL PROVIDED THROUGH GLATFELTER PUBLIC PRACTICE AND ISSUE PAYMENT OF FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$45,937.00).

MS. MANGLAVITI MADE THE MOTION.

MRS. EROH CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

8. MOTION: TO CLOSE FIRST STREET BETWEEN ORCHARD STREET AND POPLAR STREET DUE TO AN EMERGENCY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

MR. DIXON EXPLAINED THE ROAD BETWEEN ORCHARD STREET AND POPLAR WAS ENDANGER OF COLLAPSING. MR. DIXON SAID A FEW WEEKS BEFORE MR. JOHN THOMAS, MR. JARRID SHULLA AND MR. STU KRASAVAGE WENT THROUGH THE TUNNEL BENEATH ORCHARD STREET AND DOWN TO FIRST STREET TO SEE WHAT WAS CAUSING THE ABOVE GROUND SINKHOLES. MR. DIXON SAID THEY DUG THE ROAD UP. HE SAID THEY NEED TO REPLACE THE FLOOR OF THE CULVERTS AND UNTIL THAT IS DONE THE ROAD WILL REMAIN CLOSED.

MS. MANGLAVITI ASKED HOW WILL THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE THERE GET IN AND OUT. MR. DIXON EXPLAINED THEY COULD GO DOWN BARNES STREET AND COME OUT ON POPLAR STREET. HE SAID POPLAR STREET WILL NOW BE A TWO WAY STREET UNTIL THAT PROJECT IS COMPLETED. MR. DIXON SAID THAT MS. SPECE NOTIFIED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THEY NOTIFIED 9-1-1 WITH THE CHANGES.

MR. PETERS MADE THE MOTION.

MR. CUNNINGHAM CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

9. MOTION: TO INCREASE THE CROSSING GUARDS' WAGES FROM EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$8.50) TO EIGHT DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$8.75).

MR. CUNNINGHAM MADE THE MOTION.

MS. MANGLAVITI CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

10. MOTION: TO INCREASE VIOLET COLLINS WAGES FROM NINE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$9.50) TO NINE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$9.75).

MR. PETERS MADE THE MOTION.

MR. THOMAS CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11. MOTION: TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 13, 2018 AND DECEMBER 11, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.

Mrs. EROH MADE THE MOTION.

Ms. MANGLAVITI CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

12. MOTION: TO APPROVE MONTHLY FIRE, POLICE AND TREASURER'S REPORTS.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM MADE THE MOTION.

Ms. MANGLAVITI CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

13. MOTION: TO PAY JANUARY BILLS.

GENERAL FUND: 19-001-19-066

LIQUID FUEL FUND: 19-001-19-010

RECREATION FUND: 19-001-19-004

Mr. PETERS MADE THE MOTION.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED EXCEPT FOR Mr. THOMAS WHO FAVORABLY VOTED FOR PAYMENT ON ALL BILLS EXCEPT HIS SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCES FOR WHICH HE HAS A PERSONAL INTEREST BECAUSE OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS.

Mr. DIXON ASKED PEOPLE TO NOT THROW SNOW ON THE ROADS. HE SAID PEOPLE ARE CALLING AND SAYING THAT THE DPW NEVER CLEARED THE ROADS WHEN IN FACT THE RESIDENTS ARE THROWING THE SNOW BACK OUT ON THE ROADS. HE ASKED THE RESIDENTS WITH DRIVEWAYS TO FORGIVE THE DPW WHEN THEY PLOW BECAUSE THEY CANNOT CONTROL IT. HE SAID THEIR JOB IS TO CLEAR THE STREETS.

Mr. DIXON ASKED PEOPLE TO NOT THROW FOREIGN OBJECTS IN THEIR TOILETS. HE SAID WHEN THE DPW RECEIVES CALLS REGARDING SEWAGE ISSUES AND THEY CHECK TO SEE WHAT THE ISSUE IS THEY END UP FINDING THE ISSUE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOMEOWNER OR TENANTS. HE SAID THE BOROUGH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAIN LINE AND THE HOMEOWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LATERAL LINE.

Mr. DIXON COMMENDED THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR ALL THEY DO. HE SAID ESPECIALLY DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON WHEN THEY HAVE TO MISS TIME WITH THEIR FAMILIES TO PROTECT THE BOROUGH. Mr. DIXON SAID IT IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

14. MOTION: TO ADJOURN.

MS. MANGLAVITI MADE THE MOTION.

MR. THOMAS CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:34 P.M...

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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HOLLY SPECE

BOROUGH SECRETARY & TREASURER

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH