

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING-JANUARY 9, 2024 at 6:00PM

Work Session:

Mr. Earl Cunningham wished all a Happy & Safe New Year.

Mr. Thomas Hogan also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Adam Morehart: Said the grant for the impounding dam clean out that he submitted was denied. He was told the description and scope of work did not meet the specific requirements of that particular grant. He will continue to look for other grants.

We have not yet received the TNR vouchers for the cats yet, but he is going to contact Martha to find out when we can expect them.

He said he has submitted for Coal Creek ARPA grant funds that the borough was awarded so we can move forward with that project.

In closing he wished all a Happy & Safe New Years.

Mr. John Thomas wished all a Happy Prosperous New Year. He reported that Jack Kovach and himself are ready to begin the project at the library.

Mr. William (Bill) Dixon wished all a Happy New Year. He said The American Rescue Plan has opened a program withing the county to assist with heat bills up to \$290.00 per resident. He will have information posted. The library is a good source to get assistance with filling out these forms. Concerning snowstorms: please do not shovel snow and cover the storm drains. It blocks the water from going down and can cause flooding.

This Wednesday is the COG meeting and he will attend to get an update on the fuel station.

He said he recently reached out to State Representative to see if we could get help regarding the maintenance of the impounding dams.

He is involved with youth football and recently he was informed that they are working to bring back Plymouth Youth Soccer. He has information regarding the details for sign ups and information. He also has a list with phone numbers for the board of directors if anyone would like to contact them.

Mr. Ron Kobusky spoke about the project surrounding the opening of the bids this evening. He said that we have been replacing those manholes and storm drains that cannot wait for the project. He said that tonight council will vote on changing banks. He said the borough would see better interest and could amount to several thousands of dollars. This would help with property taxes. The much-needed project at Beade Street is beginning. The contract for the purchase of a new Fire Truck is being ironed out. And details for the purchase of the property on Downing Street is just about finalized.

*There were no Citezens' requests and comments regarding agenda items.

*Citizens' requests and comments regarding general items:

Linda Johnston-reported that she has provided a list of the 2024 Neighborhood Watch events schedule and is available on the table in the hallway of the Municipal Building.

Donna Smith-Asked the latest on 48 Pierce Street.

Mr. Kobusky said the building has been condemned and council is in the process of taking all steps to have the building taken down.

Ms. Smith wanted to know if that building falls onto nearby houses, who will pay?

That is the responsibility of the owner of the property.

AGENDA VOTING:

Motion made to open the bids that were received for the Manhole repair/replacement project. Daryl Pawlush from PennEastern Engineers was present and opened the bids.

All bids have been opened and a motion was made to move to Executive Session.

Council came back from the Executive session and after reviewing the bids that were received and opened at this evening's meeting, decided to award the project.

Whereas at the January 9, 2024 meeting bids were received and opened for the 2024 LSA & MTF Inlet Repair and Replacement Project;

Whereas, said bids were reviewed and tabulated by the Borough Engineer;

Therefore, it is awarding to the lowest responsible bidder:

Pennsy Supply-300 Armstrong Rd, Pittston, PA 18640 the work which is outlined in the Bidding Specifications prepared by Penn Eastern Engineering, LLC August 2023 and revised for rebid in December 2023 for an amount of \$193,300.00 With an added Alternate amount of \$30,000.00 for a total bid of \$223,000.00.

*This award is contingent upon the above-named contractor complying with all requirements placed upon the successful bidder as specified in the instruction to bidders within the time period set forth in the bid documents. The Borough Engineer is directed to provide written notice of this award to the contractor specified herein above.

Motion: Mr. Morehart

2nd: Mr. Cunningham

Vote: 6 Yes 1 absent and excused- Ms. Eroh

Motion made to transfer all the Borough Bank accounts from First Keystone Community Bank to branch of the Wayne Bank, located at 734 Sans Souci Parkway, Hanover Township, PA 18706. I further move to authorize the Borough Secretary/Treasurer to make arrangements for the transfer and to open said accounts and authorize the President of Council, Ron Kobusky, to sign and all documents related to this transfer and the opening of the accounts herein referred above. This motion is effective immediately upon passage by Council.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Mr. Morehart
Vote: 6 Yes 1 absent and excused- Ms. Eroh

Motion made to authorize the President of Council, Ron Kobusky to sign the Travelers Cyber Risk Application and all other documents in order to obtain Insurance and bind the same effective January 16, 2024 through January 16, 2025.

I further approve the purchase of the following insurance policies as outlined in an insurance proposal presented by the Frank P. Crossin Agency, Inc. by Don Crossin:
Purchase of a Property Insurance Policy with an annual premium of \$11,917.00;
Commercial General Liability Insurance Policy with an annual premium of \$18,500.00;
Commercial Inland Marine Policy (covering miscellaneous tools) for an annual premium of \$101.00; Business Automobile Liability Policy with an annual premium of \$28,549.00;
a Police Professional Liability Policy with an annual premium of \$38,545.00; and a Cyber Liability Policy with an annual premium of \$1,920.00. Total annual premiums \$105,256.00.

Motion: Mr. Dixon
2nd: Mr. Cunningham
Vote: 6 Yes 1 absent and excused- Ms. Eroh

Motion made to pay Noelle Sweets for refund of assessment of 2023 property taxes in the amount of \$132.40.:

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Mr. Morehart
Vote: 6 Yes 1 absent and excused- Ms. Eroh

Motion to accept the monthly fire and police reports:

Motion: Mr. Dixon
2nd: Mr. Thomas
Vote: 6 Yes 1 absent and excused- Ms. Eroh

Motion made to pay the following monthly bills:

GENERAL FUND:	24-001GF – 24-066GF
LIQUID FUELS:	24-001LF – 24- 012LF
RECREATION FUND:	24-001RF – 24-004RF

*On the question: Mr. Thomas voted to pay all bills except General Fund bill #24-050GF, which is the bill to pay his monthly health insurance as he has a contractual conflict of interest.

Motion: Mr. Dixon
2nd: Mr. Hogan
Vote: 6 Yes 1 absent and excused- Ms. Eroh

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Morehart

Respectfully submitted:



Gail Burdulis, Plymouth Borough Secretary

Approved March 12, 2024