PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING – July 14, 2026, at 6:00PM

Mr. Cunningham thanked the fire, police, and public works departments for their assistance with the areas of flooding and down trees during the heavy rainstorms. He informed that the Borough recently had inspections on the dams and it went well.

Mr. Morehart shared that the TNR changes are complete and we will have a new application starting tomorrow. Some updates are a thirty-day limit on vouchers and a 48-hour window for appointments. He reminded that trapping locations should be within the borough.

Ms. Eroh stated that the Planning Agency met on July 1st, 2026, and they are accepting nominations for the Historic Home award.

Mr. Kobusky discussed the purchase of a compact wheel loader, explaining that our skid steer requires costly repairs and this is a more versatile option. He recommends that Council go with the lower of the two quotes and purchase the additional items on the other quote at a later date. He reminded residents of the upcoming paving projects, with Pennsy Supply marking up Main St. today and New Enterprise able to start on Shawnee Ave. August 4th, 2026. We have been in contact with both vendors on multiple occasions to stress the impact on the Kielbasa Festival.

Mayor Coughlin shared that the Police Department was once again very busy over the month with 533 calls coming in. He invited Captain Thomas to share, stating that the small calls are not always logged, so it's more. Residents are reminded to call 9-1-1 and to participate in the community crime watch meetings.

Regular meeting was called to order, "The Pledge of Allegiance" was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Roll was called with Mr. Earl Cunningham, Mr. Thomas Hogan, Mr. Adam Morehart, Mr. John Thomas, Ms. Alexis Eroh, and Mr. Ron Kobusky present. Mr. Bill Dixon was absent and excused.

There were no public comments regarding agenda items.

James Ziller of 215 Henderson shared appreciation for the updates to the TNR program. He inquired about our recycling programs. He states that the Ordinance for the trash haulers requires them to do it but he doesn't know of anyone coming into town for recycling. He just wanted an update and to make sure we don't get any trouble as a mandated municipality.

Pat Smith of Plymouth Historical Society presented a proclamation that was made by Luzerne County and was given to him at an event he attended there. He wanted to give it to the Borough. Mayor Coughlin took a moment to read it to the public.

Joe Weiberth of 128 Nottingham was seeking an update on the sewage issue that he brought up at the previous meeting. He stated nothing has been done to rectify the problem yet. He also shared that the neighbor put up a stockade fence and it blocks access for fire and emergency medical services. He suspects they did not get zoning. But he is frustrated that they have money to install a fence but not to fix this sewer problem. Borough solicitor Julian Trokowski advised the resident that the second and final abatement letters were sent recently and they have thirty days otherwise the Borough can levy fines. A meeting will be set up between the three affected property owners, the Borough and WVSA, as needed.

Ms. Laura Keller of Plymouth Public Library thanked the Plymouth Police Department for their diligence and response while the library was having issues with their security system over 4th of July. She provided an update that they have fifty sign ups for the summer program, sponsored by Plymouth Alive. She shared upcoming events happening at the library, additional details on their website. They will be sending fundraising letters, if anyone is interested in joining their mailing list. Also, they are accepting donations of raffle baskets for their fundraising efforts during Kielbasa Festival.

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1. Motion: I hereby move to accept the resignation of Matt Odgen from the position of part-time code enforcement officer.
   Motion: Mr. Thomas 2nd: Mr. Morehart Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

2. Motion: I hereby move to sell six scales from Plymouth Borough Police Department to Newport Township Police Department for a total of $1,800.00.
   OTQ: These are scales that go underneath tractor trailer axels to weigh them. They have been on loan to other municipalities for years, as we do not utilize them.
   Motion: Mr. Cunningham 2nd: Ms. Eroh Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

3. Motion: I hereby move to purchase Case 321G Compact Wheel Loader from Medico Construction Equipment Inc.
   OTQ: This is just for the original quote, we will purchase the attachments later, hopefully with funding from grants.
   Motion: Mr. Cunningham 2nd: Ms. Eroh Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

4. Motion: Whereas, in accordance with Ordinance NO. 4 OF 1998, insurance monies in the amount of $48,947.60 were escrowed with the Borough to ensure that the fire damaged property at 28 North St, Plymouth, PA was repaired;
   Whereas, on July 6, 2026, BHW Construction Consultation Services Inc., inspected the property and verified the structure was repaired to satisfactory condition;
   Now therefore, I move and approve that the escrowed funds of $48,947.60 be distributed to George Becker for the property at 28 North St, Plymouth, PA fulfilling the Borough's obligation of the escrowed monies.
   Motion: Ms. Eroh 2nd: Mr. Thomas Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

5. Motion: I hereby move to pay Rhyle Mae and Gary Stull for refund of assessment of 2026 property taxes in the amount of $1,020.38.
   OTQ: Downing St property next door had taxes paid when due but now it is off the tax rolls and they get reimbursed for the time since we purchased it.
   Motion: Mr. Cunningham 2nd: Mr. Morehart Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

6. Motion: I hereby move to pay Kathleen Jesso for refund of assessment of 2026 property taxes in the amount of $431.78.
   OTQ: This is due to status as disabled veteran, so reimbursement is due.
   Motion: Mr. Morehart 2nd: Mr. Thomas Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

7. Motion: I hereby move to make final payment of Invoice # 2-159016 in the amount of $6,200.00 to Mesko Glass for the handicap door opener at Plymouth Public Library.
   OTQ: This is part of a greater project for ADA accessibility, currently it is just an automatic door opener on the exterior entry door.
   Motion: Mr. Thomas 2nd: Mr. Cunningham Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

8. Motion: I hereby move to pay K Rowlands Enterprises for Invoice #17752 in the amount of $1,937.00 for installation of power for automatic door opener at Plymouth Public Library.
   Motion: Mr. Thomas 2nd: Ms. Eroh Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

9. Motion: I hereby move to pay Paper Eaters LLC in the amount of $1,500.00 for Invoice #19886.
   OTQ: This is for the Community Shred Event that was held in June.
   Motion: Ms. Eroh 2nd: Mr. Thomas Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

10. Motion: I hereby move to approve the meeting minutes from regular meeting held June 9, 2026.
    Motion: Mr. Morehart 2nd: Mr. Thomas Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

11. Motion: I hereby move to accept the monthly fire and police reports for June 2026.
    Motion: Mr. Cunningham 2nd: Ms. Eroh Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

12. Motion: I hereby move to pay the following monthly bills:

GENERAL FUND:	26-452GF– 26-524GF
LIQUID FUELS:	26-113LF – 26-131LF
RECREATION FUND:	26-028RF – 26-033RF

Motion: Mr. Morehart 2nd: Mr. Hogan Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent
*Mr. Thomas voted to pay all bills except # 26-501GF of which he has a contractual personal interest.

13. Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Cunningham.

Respectfully submitted by:

Maryann Lang

Maryann Lang, Plymouth Borough Secretary

Approved August 11, 2026