

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH
WORK SESSION AND COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 9, 2019

THE PLYMOUTH BOROUGH WORK SESSION BEGAN AT 6:00 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING WAS IMMEDIATELY CALLED TO ORDER BY MR. FRANK COUGHLIN, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

MR. EARL CUNNINGHAM MRS. ALEXIS EROH MR. FRANK COUGHLIN

MR. WILLIAM DIXON MR. CLYDE PETERS

EXCUSED:

MS. DONNA MANGLAVITI

MR. JOHN THOMAS

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. ADAM MOREHART OF 4 WEST RIVER STREET SAID HE WAS GLAD THAT MR. COUGHLIN SPOKE ABOUT THE FIREWORKS. HE SAID THAT HIS DOG HAS HEALTH ISSUES AND THE FIREWORKS DID NOT HELP. HE MADE ADDITIONAL COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE FIREWORKS AND THAT SOME PEOPLE WERE SETTING OFF FIREWORKS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY OF STRUCTURES. MR. MOREHART PRAISED THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR DOING A GREAT JOB.

MRS. MARY ANN MEEKER OF BEVERLY DRIVE THANKED THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR COMING OUT THAT PAST WEEKEND TO CLEAN UP AFTER A RAIN STORM. MRS. MEEKER SAID THERE WAS A SINK HOLE NEAR THE PROPERTY WHERE THE SHEDS WERE KEPT. MR. COUGHLIN SAID THEY WERE AWARE OF THE ISSUE AND THAT IT IS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND THE PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

MR. MARK RUSESKAS OF POWELL STREET, SAID SOMEONE SHOT OFF FIREWORKS ON JULY 5TH AND MADE A MESS ALONG THE DIKE. HE SAID THE NEXT DAY SOMEONE CAME AND CLEANED IT UP AND HE THANKED THEM FOR DOING SO.

MR. WILLIAM WALSH OF DAVENPORT STREET THANKED COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERING THE FIREWORK ISSUES AND THANKED THEM AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ENFORCING THE STATE LAW. MR. WALSH MENTIONED THE FACT THAT OFFICIALS IN HARRISBURG WERE MAKING REQUESTS TO REVERSE THE FIREWORK LAW.

MR. JOHN LELAK ASKED ABOUT THE WHITE MARKINGS AROUND THE MANHOLE COVERS ON MAIN STREET. MR. COUGHLIN SAID THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON COMING UP WITH A SOLUTION TO THE ISSUE OF THE UNEVEN MANHOLES. HE SAID THEY WERE WORKING WITH THE WYOMING VALLEY SANITARY AUTHORITY ON THIS ISSUE.

MS. DONNA MANGLAVITI OF 230 DAVIS STREET, EXPLAINED THAT SHE ACCEPTED A JOB OFFER FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND DUE TO THE POSITION BEING A CIVIL SERVICE POSITION SHE CAN NO LONGER SERVE AS A PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL WOMAN. MS. MANAGLAVITI SAID SHE WILL CONTINUE TO VOLUNTEER AND ASSIST WITH PROJECTS.

MR. WALTER COOK OF ROWE LANE STATED THAT HE WAS BEING HARASSED BY A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR PARKING ON ROWE LANE. MR. COUGHLIN ASKED SERGEANT THOMAS TO ADDRESS MR. COOK'S CONCERNS. SERGEANT THOMAS EXPLAINED THAT THE CARS THAT WERE TOWED HAD EXPIRED REGISTRATION AND WERE PARKED ON BOROUGH PROPERTY. MR. COUGHLIN ALSO EXPLAINED THAT HE AND SERGEANT THOMAS MET WITH MR. AND MRS. COOK AFTER THE NOVEMBER MEETING AND EXPLAINED THE REASONING FOR THE CHANGES AND DISCUSSED THE REPORT FROM THE ENGINEER. MR. COUGHLIN SAID HE ALLOWED THEM TO PARK THERE UNTIL THE END OF 2018 AND EVERYONE AGREED AND UNDERSTOOD.

MEETING AGENDA

1. MOTION: WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH HAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED A MOTION TO JOIN THE LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST HIGHMARK, INC. CAPTIONED CYNDIE NORDI, ET AL. V. HIGHMARK, INC. CCP OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, NO. GD-14-019917; WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED IN THAT MOTION REGARDING THE MANNER IN WHICH FEES WOULD BE HANDLED BY COUNSEL; WHEREAS, ONE OF THE ORIGINAL LAWYERS, DAVID S. SENOFF, ESQUIRE IS CHANGING LAW FIRMS AND TAKING THE CASE WITH HIM TO HIS NEW FIRM; NOW THEREFORE, I HEREBY MOVE TO APPROVE THE ATTACHED FEE AGREEMENT WITH CEFALO LAW, AND FIRST LAW STRATEGY GROUP, LLC, DATED JUNE 12, 2019. I HEREBY AUTHORIZE FRANK COUGHLIN, 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. PETERS CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

MR. COUGHLIN EXPLAINED THAT THE LAWSUIT HAS BEEN MOVING ALONG AND THE REGULAR ATTENDEES KNOW ABOUT IT. HE SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN A SAVINGS.

2. MOTION: WHEREAS AT THE JUNE 11, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2019 WHICH REGULATES JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE BOROUGH AND ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2019 WHICH ESTABLISHES A POLICE PROCESSING FEE FOR INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED FOR A CRIME BY BOROUGH POLICE OFFICERS; WHEREAS BOTH OF THE ABOVE ORDINANCES WERE MISTAKENLY NUMBERED BECAUSE THE COUNCIL PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES NUMBERED 1 AND 2 OF 2019; THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE MISTAKE, I HEREBY MOVE TO RENUMBER THE ORDINANCE WHICH REGULATES JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE BOROUGH TO BE NUMBERED AND KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 2019 AND THE ORDINANCE WHICH ESTABLISHES A POLICE PROCESSING FEE FOR INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED FOR A CRIME BY BOROUGH POLICE OFFICERS TO BE RENUMBERED AND KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2019.

MR. DIXON MADE THE MOTION.

MRS. EROH CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3. MOTION: I HEREBY MOVE TO HAVE THE ATTACHED PLYMOUTH BOROUGH EMPLOYEE CELL PHONE USE POLICY APPROVED AND PLACED INTO EFFECT STARTING JULY 15, 2019 AND TO FURTHER HAVE THIS POLICY SIGNED BY EVERY EMPLOYEE BECAUSE IT COVERS THE USE OF BOROUGH SUPPLIED CELL PHONES AS WELL AS THE USE OF PERSONAL CELL PHONES WHILE ON BOROUGH TIME.

MR. CUNNINGHAM MADE THE MOTION.

MRS. EROH CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4. MOTION: TO APPROVE THE APRIL 9, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.

MR. DIXON MADE THE MOTION.

MR. PETERS CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

MR. CUNNINGHAM MADE THE MOTION.

MRS. EROH CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6. MOTION: TO PAY JULY BILLS.

GENERAL FUND: 19-473-19-532

LIQUID FUEL FUND: 19-067-19-075

RECREATION FUND: 19-030-19-034

MR. DIXON MADE THE MOTION.

MRS. EROH CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

7. MOTION: TO ADVERTISE LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 62-64 AND 70-72 EAST MAIN STREET.

MR. DIXON MADE THE MOTION.

MRS. EROH CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

8. MOTION: TO ACCEPT MS. DONNA MANGLAVITI'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE JUNE 16, 2019.

MR. CUNNINGHAM MADE THE MOTION.

MRS. EROH CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED REGRETFULLY.

MR. COUGHLIN SAID THAT MS. MANGLAVITI DID A WONDERFUL JOB SERVING AS COUNCIL WOMAN. HE SAID LETTERS OF INTEREST FOR THE EMPTY COUNCIL SEAT MAY BE HANDED IN BY 4:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2019. HE SAID THIS TERM WILL END BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

9. MOTION: TO ADJOURN.

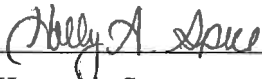
MR. CUNNINGHAM MADE THE MOTION.

MR. PETERS CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

MR. COUGHLIN ASKED EVERYONE TO JOIN PLYMOUTH ALIVE AND CELEBRATE THE 16TH ANNUAL KIELBASA FESTIVAL ON AUGUST 9TH AND 10TH, 2019.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:51 P.M...

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



HOLLY A. SPECE

BOROUGH SECRETARY & TREASURER

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH