

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

Mr. Kobusky received two LSA grants through Senator Bakers Office and Representative Ryncavage's Office. One is for \$100,000.00 to be used for the Downtown Main Street (design only) and the other grant is for the Plymouth Public Library to replace the roof and the HVAC system. The manhole replacement project is about 80% complete.

Permits have been applied for regarding the Coal Creek Wall Replacement Project. Expected to go out for bid this fall.

Beade Street Flood Gate Project-the sluice gate is in. That project should be done in about 60 days once it starts.

The generator installation is complete. Final inspection was done. There were a couple minor violations that were satisfied.

The state will come in to restore the Brown Creek from Larksville to the river. They will restore it as it was built back in the fifties. They intend to do the bulkhead and the dams. Currently we use stop locks to hold the water, but the state will install a sluice gate, which is the same type of gates the flood authority.

DPW has been very busy getting ready for DEP to come in to do the annual inspection of the three dams in town.

We have been getting some additional storm drains on side streets done. These are not part of the manhole/inlet repair project currently being done but rather in addition to. This way should the state do any paving we will be ready.

We have received the new revised flood maps, so if you live in the flood plain you might want to come and check them out. Keep in mind it is your responsibility to acquire flood insurance, because if disaster hits and you do not have flood insurance, you will not be eligible for any kind of government assistance.

Informed council that the administrative office hours will change starting Monday July 14, 2024. The girls have asked to work 10-hour days and only work 4 days. They will take different days off, so the office will be open 5 days a week Monday thru Friday from 7:00am to 5:00pm. This will benefit the residents with extended hours per day. This will be temporary to see how this works out. Alexis to post on social media accounts.

Mr. Cunningham reports that "Behold a New Thing", on E Main Street will hold a 3 day mural camp this Friday, July 12th from 10am - 2pm. They will paint the wall at the Beade Street Park. DPW will put out 1 garbage can for the event to collect the aerosol cans.

Mr. Morehart will attend a PSAB webinar this coming Tuesday, July 15, regarding the upcoming 2025 audit process and municipal employee updates.

ARPA for Coal Creek funding has been extended. Waiting for official extension. This will give us 448 days to complete the Coal Creek Wall project. The project is scheduled to go for bid this fall. Once awarded, weather permitting, it can be started asap.

Dogs off leash is still an ongoing problem. It's unacceptable. You need to keep your dogs secure. You also need to clean up after your dog does its' business. Fines will be issued. If SPCA gets involved, it will cost more than just a fine. Please keep control of your dogs.

Extended condolences to the Steinhauer family on the passing of Charlie Steinhauer yesterday.

Ms. Eroh said that the LSA grants are open until the end of September, so we will have to get our application in once council decides what project they would like to pursue at this time. Planning Agency will meet this Wednesday to review the letters of interest to fill the vacancy seat on the agency. Once they have chosen an applicant, they will make recommendation to council. Kielbasa Fest is August 9 & 10. This is the last meeting before the festival, so she needs to coordinate with the police to address road closures and parking bans.

Mayor Coughlin handed in his weeding report.

There were 433 police calls last month. The new officers are still under supervised shifts. The firework complaints were down this year, but the officers were out and handed out several pamphlets. According to the law, in this town they should not be shooing them off anywhere. PennDot will pave main street from Plymouth Twp line to Kmart. He is still working on Academy St and Shawnee Ave.

When we have our moment of silence, please keep in your thoughts the folks we have lost from Plymouth this year. They will be sadly missed. Please try to help with the maintenance of the Historic Society monument and the Historic Shawnee Cemetery.

Captain Thomas reminded all that the 3rd annual Police Community Day will be September 14th from 12 to 4pm at the Community Park field. There will be a basket raffle, (donations needed). Ms. Eroh will check with Coal Kickers to assure dates do not collide.

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

Roll was called and council members present:

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

Absent and excused: Mr. William Dixon

There were no citizens' comments or requests regarding agenda items.

Citizens' comments or requests regarding general items:

Mr. Joe Slusser from The Plymouth Historical Society thanked council for the support and donations they have given to the Historical Society. They are planning a bench dedication at the Avondale Mine Site to honor Mr. Steve Condrak, the former president of the Historical Society. Steve lost his battle with cancer recently. Mr. Slusser asked if maybe DPW could go up there and fill in the road a bit because of the deep ruts. Council didn't see a problem with that.

Mr. Mark Sullivan, from McGinnis St would like council to review the traffic on that street. He claims we have two-way traffic on a one lane street.

There is a new homeowner that is having work done on the house and the workers are very noisy. Mr. Sullivan was asked to fill out a complaint form and the noise would be addressed. He has trouble writing. Mr. Cunningham will go up and look in on the situation and help fill out the form. Possible "No Parking"

Agenda voting:

Motion made to accept and approve Ordinance 4 of 2024:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH AMENDING CHAPTER 223 ARTICLE VII, PARKING AND TRAFFIC NOTICES OF FINES AND VIOLATIONS § 223-40 VIOLATIONS AND FINES, AND §223-41 RECEIPT OF NOTICE; PAYMENT OF FINES OF THE CODE OF PLYMOUTH BOROUGH

*On the question: These are the parking tickets

Motion: Mr. Thomas

2nd: Mr. Cunningham

Voting: 6 Yes * Mr. Dixon was absent and excused

Motion made to accept and approve Ordinance 5 of 2024:

AN ORDINANCE CREATING INDEBTEDNESS OF PLYMOUTH BOROUGH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, BY THE ISSUE OF ONE TAX EXEMPT GENERAL OBLIGATION NOTES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$400,000.00 FOR SUNDRY PURPOSES; FIXING THE FORMS, NUMBER, DATE, INTEREST, AND MATURITY THEREOF; MAKING A COVENANT FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT SERVICE ON THE NOTE; PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF THE REQUIRED DOCUMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY FOR THE NOTE; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION, SALE AND DELIVERY THEREOF.

*On the question: This is for the Beade Street Flood Gate Project.

Motion: Mr. Morehart

2nd: Mr. Hogan

Voting: 6 Yes * Mr. Dixon was absent and excused

Motion made to accept and approve Ordinance 6 of 2024:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 78, BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE (BYOB) ESTABLISHMENTS RULES AND REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Motion: Ms. Eroh

2nd: Mr. Cunningham

Voting: 6 Yes * Mr. Dixon was absent and excused

Motion made to adopt the attached application to be used to apply for a BYOB ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT;

In order to appeal a denial of a BYOB Establishment Permit; the applicant must file an appeal in writing to the Borough Council and said appeal must state the specific reason(s) for the appeal to the Borough Council. The appeal must be filed with the Borough Council at the Borough Building, 162 W Shawnee Ave., Plymouth, PA 18651 and received by the Borough within twenty (20) days

from the date of denial. The appeal must be accompanied by a money order payable to Plymouth Borough in the amount of \$500.00 to cover the cost of stenographic transcript that will be made of the hearing. If the applicant desires a copy of the transcript, they will have to purchase the same from the stenographer. Failure to provide the fee for the stenographic record with the appeal will result in the dismissal of the appeal.

In order to appeal the revocation of a BYOB Establishment Permit; the holder must file an appeal in writing to the Borough Council and said appeal must state the specific reason(s) for the appeal to the Borough Council. The appeal must be filed with the Borough Council at the Borough Building, 162 W Shawnee Ave., Plymouth, PA 18651 and received by the Borough within twenty (20) days from the date of revocation. The appeal must be accompanied by a money order payable to Plymouth Borough in the amount of \$500.00 to cover the cost of stenographic transcript that will be made of the hearing. If the applicant desires a copy of the transcript, they will have to purchase the same from the stenographer. Failure to provide the fee for the stenographic record with the appeal will result in the dismissal of the appeal.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Mr. Morehart
Voting: 6 Yes * Mr. Dixon was absent and excused

Motion made to approve the meeting minutes for:

Special meeting May 21, 2024 and Regular meeting June 11, 2024.

Motion: Mr. Thomas
2nd: Mr. Cunningham
Voting: 6 Yes * Mr. Dixon was absent and excused

Motion made to approve submittal for 4th payment from DCED for \$79,146.0000 from a grant that the borough was awarded for the Inlet Repair and Replacement Project, and make the payment to Pennsy Supply, who was awarded the project.

Motion: Ms. Eroh
2nd: Mr. Cunningham
Voting: 6 Yes * Mr. Dixon was absent and excused

Motion made to accept the June Fire and Police reports:

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Mr. Thomas
Voting: 6 Yes * Mr. Dixon was absent and excused

Motion made to pay the following monthly bills:

GENERAL FUND:	24-481GF – 24-578GF
LIQUID FUELS:	24-172LF – 24-188LF
RECREATION FUND:	24-022RF – 24-25RF

*On the question: Mr. Thomas vote yes to pay all the bills except for 24-529GF which is his supplemental health insurance which he has a conflict of interest.

Motion: Mr. Morehart
2nd: Mr. Cunningham
Voting: 6 Yes * Mr. Dixon was absent and excused

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Cunningham

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Burdulis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and a distinct "B".

Gail Burdulis, Plymouth Borough Secretary

Approved October 8, 2024