

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING-June 11, 2024 at 6:00PM

WORK SESSION:

Mr. Hogan – has been working with PennDot on a grant to look at our zoning codes and having them updated. We were approved to get a consultant to work with us and offer recommendations. We should have those back by July 4th and he will share with the planning commission and may ask for public input. When we do go to update then we will definitely ask for public comments. Our goal is to have these done by January of 2025.

Mr. Morehart – On May 28th Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Morehart attended a Luzerne County Council meeting. We were requested to come in case there were questions about our request to have an extension of ARCA funds for the Coal St. Project. There were no questions and the extension was granted until 2025. Unless there is a major issue, we should have the project completed by then. On June 18th he will attend a webinar with FEMA about flood mitigation. There will be an additional 300 million dollars available for it. As more details become available, he will present them at next month's meeting.

Ms. Eroh – There is current vacancy on the planning agency. Plymouth residents who have an interest in the position, may apply and submit a letter of interest to the Borough building until July 5th at 3 pm.

The Borough received an LSA grant for \$150,000.00 for a much-needed new roof on the library. Also received was \$100,000.00 for a streetscape plan, engineering service only.

Mr. Dixon – As you may know there is construction on Main St as a part of the Main St. Project. He urged everyone to account for any delays when travelling Main St.

The state is going to be doing some restoration to update Brown Creek, 4 million dollars has been allotted. Brown Creek is located on Washington Ave. He went to explain that Brown Creek is an impounding dam and explained what an impounding creek was.

Thanked COG and all who came to help with the street paving.

Mayor Coughlin – the 3 new officers are in training. Once they are fully trained, they will become a big help.

In May there 433 calls, that is a lot of calls.

Talked about a credit card scam that he was personally involved with. Urged residents that if they get a call asking you to contact a 800 number to call your credit card company instead.

The 4th of July is coming up. Asked all to use their common sense when handling fireworks.

Reminded people that there has to be a 150-foot circumference around where you are shooting them.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. William Dixon, Vice President of Council. A moment of silence followed the reciting of "The Pledge of Allegiance".

Roll was called:

Present: Mr. Earl Cunningham; Ms. Alexis Eroh; Mr. Thomas Hogan; Mr. Adam Morehart; and Mr. William (Bill) Dixon
Absent and excused: Mr. John Thomas and Mr. Ron Kobusky

There were no citizens' questions or comments on the agenda

Citizens' questions or comments on general items:

Ms. Linda Johnston of Church Street and Neighborhood Watch- The National Night Out for Neighborhood Watch will be held on August 6, 2024 at 6PM. Because of the ongoing construction at the Wyoming Valley West lot on Main Street, they are not sure on a location as of yet. She asked for permission to have it at the Municipal lot on Main Street. Council did not see a problem, but would discuss it.

Ms. Eroh said she reached out to WWV and got permission to use the Huber Field during Kielbasa Fest. Maybe they could check into using that field.

AGENDA VOTING:

Motion was made to accept and approve: Regular meeting minutes for: May 7, 2024.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

2nd: Mr. Morehart

Vote: 5 Yes * Mr. Thomas and Mr. Kobusky-absent & excused

Motion was made to adopt a policy regarding Right-to-Know requests made by anonymous requestors who do not meet the definition of a Requestor as defined in section 102 of the Right to Know Act as follows:

Specifically, I move that the policy on anonymous requests under the Right-to-Know Act section 102 of the Right-to-Know Act, that do not meet the definition of requestor under section 102 of the Act shall not be provided with the information and said requests for any information by as anonymous requestor shall be denied. In addition, the following Notice be posted on the Borough website under the Right-to-Know section 102: Notice as follows:

NOTICE: Requests made under the Right-to-Know Act made by a Requestor who does not meet that definition as defined in Section 102 of Right-to-Know shall be denied.

Motion: Ms. Eroh

2nd: Mr. Morehart

Vote: 5 Yes * Mr. Thomas and Mr. Kobusky were absent & excused

Motion made to accept the Electric Service Agreement for Dynegy through Key Energy Consulting LLC:

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

2nd: Mr. Morehart

Vote: 5 Yes * Mr. Thomas and Mr. Kobusky were absent & excused

Motion made to approve payment of \$19,502.00 (two invoices: \$14,000.00 & \$5,502.84) for the cost & delivery of 22 trash receptacles for Main St. The borough received a grant for \$20,000.00 to be used for Main Street so the Planning Agency has chosen to use it on trash receptacles for our Main Street, and the borough will be reimbursed for that cost. It is felt that by providing these trash receptacles on our Main Street, people would use the trash cans instead of littering.

Motion: Ms. Eroh

2nd: Mr. Cunningham

Vote: 5 Yes * Mr. Thomas and Mr. Kobusky were absent & excused

Motion was made to pay the final pay request invoice for North End Electric in the amount of \$15,221.50 for completion of the Generator Project.

Motion: Ms. Eroh

2nd: Mr. Morehart

Vote: 5 Yes * Mr. Thomas and Mr. Kobusky were absent & excused

Motion made to approve to submit for 3rd payment from DCED from a grant, to Pennsy Supply in the amount of \$58,400.10 for repairs within the current Manhole/Inlet Repair Project.

Motion: Mr. Hogan

2nd: Mr. Morehart

Vote: 5 Yes * Mr. Thomas and Mr. Kobusky were absent & excused

Motion made to approve from Pennsy Supply, to the Manhole & Inlet Repair Project Change Order for addition of 26 more inlet & frame repairs in the amount of \$64,889.00.

*On the question: Mr. Morehart asks if this will offset any costs or money, we get from WVSA? - No

Motion: Ms. Eroh

2nd: Mr. Cunningham

Vote: 5 Yes * Mr. Thomas and Mr. Kobusky were absent & excused

Motion made to pay McCarthy Tire Service for four new tires for Engine #3.

*On the question: Mr. Morehart asks why not from Costars? – They participate and give us Costars pricing.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

2nd: Ms. Eroh

Vote: 5 Yes * Mr. Thomas and Mr. Kobusky were absent & excused

Motion made to pay invoice for charges from Stevens & Lee P.C. for services provided for the loan for funds for the Beade Street Flood Gate Project.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

2nd: Mr. Morehart

Vote: 5 Yes * Mr. Thomas and Mr. Kobusky were absent & excused

Motion made to accept the May Fire and Police reports:

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

2nd: Ms. Eroh

Vote: 5 Yes * Mr. Thomas and Mr. Kobusky were absent & excused

Motion made to pay the following monthly bills:

GENERAL FUND:	24-408GF – 24-480GF
LIQUID FUELS:	24-155LF – 24-171LF
RECREATION FUND:	24-017RF – 24-21RF

Motion: Mr. Morehart

2nd: Mr. Cunningham

Vote: 5 Yes * Mr. Thomas and Mr. Kobusky were absent & excused

Motion to adjourn made by: Mr. Cunningham

Respectfully submitted by:



Gail Burdulis, Borough Secretary

Approved July 9, 2024