

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING-MARCH 10, 2020 at 6:00PM

WORK SESSION BEGAN AT 6:00P.M. AND REGULAR MEETING TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW.

WORK SESSION NOTES:

>MR. RYNCAVAGE WANTED TO RECOGNIZE MR. GEORGE TENSA AND PASTOR BRIAN DAWSON FOR THEIR INTEREST IN STARTING A COMMUNITY GARDEN. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN THIS ENDEAVOR, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THESE GENTLEMEN. THE RECYCLING COMMITTEE MET ON FEBRUARY 27 TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED GARBAGE CONTRACT. HE SAID THEY ARE LOOKING AT CURBSIDE GARBAGE PICK UP AND DROP OFF RECYCLING PROGRAMS. SOME OF THE BOROUGH ORDINANCES FOR RECYCLING ARE OUTDATED AND NEED TO BE UPDATED. ONCE COUNCIL UPDATES THESE ORDINANCES, WE CAN PROCEED WITH THE RECYCLE PROGRAM. THERE IS A SHRED EVENT ON JUNE 13 FROM 9A.M. TO 12P.M. IN THE SIDE LOT NEXT TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING. ALL PLYMOUTH RESIDENTS ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN THIS FREE TO THE PUBLIC EVENT DESIGNED TO GET SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS OUT OF CIRCULATION. HE IS ALSO WORKING ON A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FOR TOWN BUSINESSES AND EVENTS. WE WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR HELP WITH THE COST FROM THE COUNTY IF WE MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT RECYCLING. MARCH 9 OF THIS YEAR HE VISITED THE PITTSFORD LAND BANK ON BEHALF OF PLYMOUTH BOROUGH. THE LAND BANK IS A GOVERNMENT ENTITY THAT TAKES OVER PARCELS OF PROPERTY THAT HAVE BEEN ABANDONED AND RESELL THEM TO GET THEM BACK ON THE TAX ROLLS. FOR PLYMOUTH TO JOIN, HE WOULD NEED TO ATTEND THE MEETING ON JUNE 3RD AND TAKE A LETTER OF INTEREST. HE WILL MEET WITH COUNCIL TO WEIGH THE PROS AND CONS OF SUCH AN ENDEAVOR. HE MET WITH THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE. WHEN PLYMOUTH BOROUGH TAKES OVER THIS PROJECT, THEY WILL ASSIST WITH THE HANDLING OF FUNDS FOR NO CHARGE. THERE WERE RUMORS OF DOLLAR GENERAL NOT COMING TO TOWN, BUT HE SPOKE TO THE ENGINEER AND HE SAID THAT IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE. DOLLAR GENERAL IS ON TARGET TO START BUILDING IN MAY. ONE LAST THING, HE HAS BEEN MONITORING THE COVID-19 CASES IN THE STATE AND THAT THE CLOSEST CASE TO US WAS IN WAYNE COUNTY, SO WE HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, BUT HE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR.

>MR. ADAM MOREHART SAID THAT HE HAS HAD 24 HITS ON HIS BLIGHT SURVEY MONKEY. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO EITHER PARTICIPATED OR SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE SURVEY. HE WILL FORWARD THESE RESULTS TO ROBERT LUSHEFSKI, CODE ENFORCEMENT FOR THE BOROUGH. THE SAFETY COMMITTEE METT AND SOME SAFETY ISSUES WERE RAISED AND ADDRESSED. THANK YOU TO MR. DIXON FOR SITTING IN ON THE MEETING. THE MEETINGS ARE OPEN FOR ALL BOROUGH EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND. THE TOWN HAS HAD A POSITIVE ATTITUDE REGARDING THE REVITALIZATION OF THE DOWNTOWN, PLEASE KEEP THE POSITIVITY GOING.

>MS. EROH REPORTED THAT A CIVIL SERVICE TEST WAS PERFORMED THIS PAST SATURDAY AND THERE WERE 4 TEST TAKERS. THE COMPLETED TESTS WERE MAILED OVERNIGHT TO HARRISBURG. WHEN WE HAVE THE PASS-FAIL TEST RESULTS, WE WILL BEGIN THE ORAL INTERVIEW PROCESS WITH THOSE THAT HAVE PASSING MARKS. WHEN THE ORAL PORTION IS COMPLETED THERE ARE JUST A FEW MORE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE THEY CAN PRESENT COUNCIL WITH A LIST OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR HIRE. THIS SHOULD TAKE ABOUT 2 TO 3 WEEKS.

>MR. KOBUSKY ADDED THAT COUNCIL WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TO HIRE THE POLICE OFFICERS.

>LASTLY MS. EROH SPOKE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY GARDEN. SHE SAID SHE TALKED WITH MR. TENSA AND PASTOR DAWSON ABOUT A LOCATION FOR THE GARDEN. SHE ALSO SPOKE WITH COUNCIL AND SHE WILL WORK ON FINDING A SUITABLE SPACE FOR THE GARDEN.

>MR. WILLIAM DIXON ANNOUNCED THAT THE YARD WASTE PROGRAM WOULD RESUME FOR THE SEASON ON MARCH 23RD. PICK UP DAYS ARE MONDAY AND FRIDAY AND BAGS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AT A COST OF \$1.50 PER BAG. THIS COST WILL INCLUDE THE CURBSIDE PICK UP. WHEN

BAGS ARE FULL, RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO CALL BEFORE 10:00A.M. THE DAY OF PICK UP. THE BAGS PURCHASED FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE ARE THE ONLY BAGS THE DPW WILL PICK UP, AS THE COST OF THE BAG HELPS TO SUSTAIN THE PROGRAM WITHOUT BEING A BURDEN ON THE BOROUGH FUNDS. WEIGHT LIMIT OF 45LBS PER BAG, NO ROCKS OR DOG POOP PLEASE. BUNDLES OF BRANCHES ARE ACCEPTABLE FOR PICK UP. BRANCHES NO LONGER THAT 4' IN DIAMETER AND 36" IN LENGTH WILL BE PICKE UP AS LONG AS THEY ARE BUNDLED WITH SOME SORT OF STRING. SOMEONE IS STILL ILLEGALLY DUMPING GARBAGE BAGS ON ENO STREET. PLEASE STOP OR YOU WILL BE PROCECUTED ONCE CAUGHT. AN INSPECTION OF THE DAMS REVEALED THAT SOMEONE IS DUMPING BAGS OF DOG POOP, AGAIN ILLEGALLY. WE ARE LOOKING INTO CAMERAS. A TRAFFIC STUDY IS BEING DONE FOR THE STREETS LEADING TO AND FROM FRANKLIN AND COAL STREETS. THE EMERGENCY VEHICLES CANNOT NAVIGATE THESE STREETS SAFELY WITH PARKING AS IT NOW STANDS.

>MAYOR FRANK COUGHLIN STATES THAT THE LIBRARY IS SEEING INCREASED USE AND THANKED COUNCIL FOR THEIR DONATION TO HELP WITH THE OPERATION COSTS. HE ALSO WANTED TO EXTEND A BIG THANK YOU TO THE LIBRARY WORKERS. THEY DO A GREAT JOB. THANK YOU TO THE HISTORIC SOCIETY AND TO THE SHAWNEE PRESEVATION SOCIETY. THEY DO SO MUCH MORE THAT PEOPLE KNOW. SUPPORT THEM IN THEIR FUNDRAISERS AND WITH DONATIONS IF YOU CAN. HE REMINDED EVERYONE THAT APRIL 3RD IS NATIONAL CENSUS DAY. IF YOU HAVE NOT FILLED OUT YOUR CENSUS, PLEASE DO IT SOON. THESE NUMBERS ARE SO IMPORTANT TO OUR TOWN. WELCOME TO TOWN AND THANK YOU TO THE FLAMINGO DINER FOR COMING AND SETTING UP "SHOP" IN OUR TOWN AFTER THEY WERE SADLY BURNED OUT OF THEIR OWN BUILDING IN WEST NANTICOKE. HE HAS BEEN LOOKING AT THE BUDGET AND THINKS THE BOROUGH CAN HIRE MORE POLICE OFFICERS. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR SAFETY REASONS.

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL MR. RON KOBUSKY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL: ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

MR. EARL CUNNINGHAM; MS. ALEXIS EROH; MR. ADAM MOREHART; MR. WILLIAM DIXON, V.P.;
MR. ALEC RYNCAVAGE; MR. JOHN THOMAS; MR. RON KOBUSKY, P

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS AND COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS:

>MR. JOHN FREY WANTED TO THANK COUNCIL BECAUSE THE MONEY THAT WILL BE DITRUTED TO THE THREE FIRE COMPANIES WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS AND COMMENTS REGARDING GENERAL ITEMS:

>MS. MARY ANN MEEKER WANTED TO THANK COUNCIL FOR GETTING THE GOLDEN QUALITY RAISED. IT LOOKS SO CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL NOW. SHE ALSO COMENTED ON WILKES-BARRES CITY RESIDENT CAMERA LOG AND THINKS THAT MAY BE SOMETHING THAT OUR TOWN COULD BENEFIT FROM. MAYBE THE POLICE COULD START A LIST OF RESIDENTS WITHIN THE TOWN WHO HAVE CAMERAS AND REFER TO THEM WHEN CRIME HAPPENS.

>MS. MARY JARRETT STATES THAT MS. SUE WOLF HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE WITH JUST SUCH A LIST. SHE THINKS IT IS CALLED "SMILE YOUR ON CAMERA". SHE ALSO WANTS TO INVITE ALL THE CHICKEN BBQ FUNDRAISER MARCH 29, 2020.

AGENDA ITEMS:

MOTION: TO APPROVE A DONATION TO THE PLYMOUTH LIBRARY IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,500.00).

MR. THOMAS MADE THE MOTION / MS. EROH 2ND
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: TO APPROVE A DONATION TO THE PLYMOUTH BOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENTS 1,2 AND 3 FOR THE AMOUNT OF SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) PER DEPARTMENT.

MR. CUNNINGHAM MADE THE MOTION / MR. DIXON 2ND
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2020: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION LAW, ACT 177 OF 1996, PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED AS ACT 180 OF 1972.

MR. CUNNINGHAM MADE THE MOTION / MS. EROH 2ND
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*ON THE QUESTION: MR. CUNNINGHAM SAID THAT ALL WAS GOING GOOD, AND THAT PLYMOUTH IS COVERING PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP.

MOTION: I HERBY MOVE THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE JOINT MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT DATED MARCH 10, 2020, BETWEEN PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP AND PLYMOUTH BOROUGH FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES TO PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP. ALSO, I HERBY MOVE TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND THE BOROUGH SECRETARY TO ATTEST TO ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE SAME.

MR. CUNNINGHAM MADE THE MOTION / MR. THOMAS 2ND
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ON THE QUESTION: ASKED HOW LONG THE AGREEMENT WAS FOR? THE AGREEMENT IS FOR A PERIOD OF 1 YEAR WITH PROVISIONS FOR BOTH PARTIES SHOULD ANYTHING CHANGE.

MOTION: I HEREBY MOVE TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF HOLLY SPECE DATED MARCH 5, 2020 AS HEREIN AFTER SPECIFIED. I ACCEPT HER RESIGNATION FROM JOB TITLES OF BOROUGH SECRETARY, BOROUGH TREASURER AND RIGHT TO KNOW OFFICER EFFECTIVE MARCH 23, 2020. I MOVE TO ACCEPT HER RESIGNATION FORM HER CLERK I POSITION EFFECTIVE MAY 15, 2020 AS PER THE PAST PRACTICE POLICY PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED FOR OTHER BOROUGH EMPLOYEES, BY EXHAUSTING ALL UNUSED ACCUMULATED TIME BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE RESIGNATION DATE.

MR. CUNNINGHAM MADE THE MOTION / MS. EROH 2ND
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION: TO PAY S. KRASAVAGE CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00).

MR. THOMAS MADE THE MOTION / MR. CUNNINGHAM 2ND
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ON THE QUESTION: THEY HAD TO RE-ROUTE AND ADD MORE CLEAN OUTS, SO IT WAS VERY INVOLVED.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES DATED NOVEMBER 12, 2019, DECEMBER 10, 2019, DECEMBER 19, 2019, JANUARY 6, 2020, SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 6, 2020 AND JANUARY 14, 2020.

MR. DIXON MADE THE MOTION / MR. THOMAS 2ND
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ON THE QUESTION: WILL WE GET THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING? MR. KOBUSKY STATED YES, HE THINKS THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

MOTION TO PAY MARCH BILLS:

GENERAL FUND:	20-176GF – 20-241GF
LIQUID FUELS:	20-026LF – 20-036LF
RECREATION FUND:	20-010RF – 20-014RF

MR. MOREHART MADE THE MOTION / MR. RYNCAVAGE 2ND
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

MR. THOMAS VOTED YES TO ALL BILL EXCEPT BILL FOR PAYMENT OF HIS SUPPLIMETAL HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT.

MOTION TO ADJORN: MR. CUNNINGHAM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTEDBY:

GAIL BURDULIS, BOROUGH SECRETARY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gail Burdulis", is written over a horizontal line.