**PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING-MARCH 10, 2026, at 6:00PM**

Mr. Cunningham wishes everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Happy Easter. He invited everyone to attend the "Spaghetti Dinner" fundraiser for Plymouth Historical Society on Sunday, March 22nd 2026 from 1-4 PM in the Shawnee Room at Happy Pizza. Dinner tickets are $15 per person.

Mr. Morehart informed the public that he has submitted everything for the Coal Creek Grant to be closed out. $1,894,710.00 in construction costs, $194,811.00 in engineering and design costs and over 3,500 manhours between everyone involved for this project. He states that we are a lot more protected and it looks much better. He reminded the community of the TNR program and that residents need to have an appointment scheduled prior to picking up a voucher. The program is working but it is worth mentioning that it is not for personal use, it is taxpayer funded. He shared the details of the upcoming Electronic Recycling Event held at Plymouth Fire Co. No. 1 on April 25th 2026 from 10 AM – 12 PM. Flyers are posted for more details regarding what will be accepted. He closed by wishing all the women a Happy International Women's Day and all a Happy St. Paddy's Day and Easter.

Mr. Dixon shared that there is an upcoming COG meeting and it has been several years since the Borough has taken on any paving projects. Maybe we could crack/seal curb to curb on several streets. We will get more out of that than just patching potholes. We need to think of Railroad Street and partner with Plymouth Township to grade it while it's a little soft and then add stone. We have a short window to address this area as we'll be busy and everyone's manpower diverted for the summer months. He hopes to update by next meeting with an action plan. He informed residents of yard waste collection starting up on April 6th for the Monday and Friday pick-ups. With a special date of Monday, March 30th for those who need collection prior to Easter, however, we are closed on Good Friday, so there is no collection on that day. Also, street sweeping will be coming up and residents are encouraged to pay attention to the postings. He too wishes everyone a Happy Easter.

Mr. Thomas encourages everyone to purchase Kielbasa, which is a fundraiser for the Plymouth Public Library. Orders are due in by March 27th. He hopes everyone has a nice St. Patrick's Day and Easter holidays.

Ms. Eroh informed that she and Maryann Lang attended a PSAB seminar on February 20th and 21st. It served as a great refresher and introduction to a lot of great information. Captain Thomas applied for a grant, that we had been made aware at the last minute, for two upfitted police vehicles. Only twenty municipalities will be rewarded, so fingers crossed, as we could really use the newer vehicles with two new officers coming on board. She shared that the Civil Service Commission forwarded the results to Council. And the Planning Agency awarded the Shawnee Service Award to American Legion Commander John Mazur. He was commended for his embodiment of the spirit of this award with all that he does for the community through his dedication to youth sports

and the veteran community, specifically directing all the programs to honor our local veterans.

Mr. Kobusky shared that the DPW Garage will be getting their new doors installed next week. We will be voting today on a quote for the HVAC system. This is another needed repair to an old system. The temperature fluctuates drastically within the building, mainly in the police department. The controls need to be replaced. He shared that the municipal building recently had a camera system added throughout the exterior and high traffic places within. He encouraged all of Council to take the time to view this recent improvement. Taxpayers were informed of the tax collectors' hours and contact.

Mayor Coughlin teased that he has a lot to share since he has been absent since November due to his primary work schedule. He turned in his fourth quarter wedding report for 2025. He thanked the police for all their efforts, sharing that they were out on 343 calls this month. Even though they may not all be arrests or major situations, they are all time consuming, so residents are encouraged to be patient with our public servants. He encourages everyone during tonight's moment of silence to remember our troops. He is looking at Saturday, April 18th from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM, as the annual "Pick Up Plymouth" date. Everyone is invited to participate. Vests, bags, and gloves will be provided, and the state will pick up the collected rubbish for free.

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

Roll was Call: Mr. Earl Cunningham, Mr. William Dixon, Mr. Adam Morehart, Mr. John Thomas, Ms. Alexis Eroh, and Mr. Ron Kobusky were all present. Mr. Tom Hogan was absent and excused.

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Laura Keller, Plymouth Public Library Director, wanted to speak on agenda item #2, stating she is sad to hear of Gail Burdulis retirement and wanted to thank her for her service to Plymouth Borough and all the assistance she provided to Laura personally and to the library. And she wholeheartedly supports agenda item #4, "Plymouth Crime Watch" is an excellent idea.

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Mike Jones, 101 Center Ave, has reviewed the Borough Code many times and wants to bring the conditions of the neighboring home to the attention of Council. The tree on their property extends onto his and is causing damage to his personal property, his pool cover. He is constantly repairing and maintaining his residence himself, why is his neighbor not being held to at least the minimal standard. Now there are rodents and possums. He shares that this is ongoing and he has spoken to the property owner at 105-107 Center Ave many times over the past seven years, but he needs to let Council know, as his efforts have not resulted in anything.

John, 261 Carver St, presented the idea of renaming a section of the street between Vine St. and Washington St. "Donny's Way" after the late Donny Suda, or something to that effect, in the honor of his commitment to the Borough and community. Council contributed comments stating that we may not, legally, be able to change the road name easily, but we can pursue signage of some kind.

Kristen Rowlands, 328 Powell St, requested that some attention be given to the trash at the basketball courts in the area in front of the dyke. The snow was collected into this area but now that it has melted all the rubbish remains.

Pat Smith, Plymouth Historical Society, presented the Borough with a decorative throw blanket. They are also selling them as a fundraiser for $55. He provided an update from the parade planning meeting that was held on March 17th, that the Pennsylvania Governor is unable to attend the parade, banners have been ordered, and he invited any organizations to participate in the parade.

Laura Keller, Plymouth Public Library, reminded everyone of the programs available at the library. Specifically, upcoming events on Saturday, March 14th, a volunteer with the SPCA will be sharing basic pet care. Saturday, March 21st the Girl Scouts will be selling cookies. In addition to story time and the makers program. Interested people are encouraged to check out their Facebook page for updates. She also thanked Mr. Thomas for sharing about their Kielbasa fundraiser.

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1. Motion was made to appoint: **(1) Robert Bartolomei; (2) Edwin Weidow** as a full-time probationary Plymouth Borough Police Officer under the following terms and conditions as herein stated: Said Officer is to serve a probationary period of one hundred eighty (180) days under such terms and conditions that may be prescribed by the Plymouth Borough Council. Effective immediately upon hiring the police officer shall be entitled to health care. During the probationary period the police officer shall not be entitled to receive any additional benefits, including but not limited to vacation, sick days, personal days, paid holidays, or any other benefits or rights as specified in the current collective bargaining agreement between the Police Bargaining Unit and Borough. In addition, the employment status during the probationary period will be at will and will not change, unless appointed to a full-time police position. At the completion of the probationary period, the Plymouth Borough may at its discretion, appoint the probationary officer to the position of full time Police Officer, at which time such appointment will be subject to the terms and conditions of the current collective bargaining agreement between the Borough and the Police Bargaining unit. In addition, during the probationary period, the probationary police officer shall accumulate no seniority rights nor have any rights under the terms and conditions of the current of the foresaid collective bargaining agreement. However, once having been appointed by the Council to a position of Full time

Police Officer, the one hundred eighty (180) day probationary period time shall be considered as part of the officers' calculations under the collective bargaining agreement. Also, in the event of appointment on the same day, to a full-time position seniority between appointees will be determined by order of appointment to the position of probationary officer.

OTQ: Mayor Coughlin thanked the Civil Service Commission for their time in reviewing
applicants, administering tests and interviews and Council for hiring these two fine gentlemen.

Motion: Mr. Thomas 2nd: Mr. Cunningham Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

Mayor Coughlin performed the Oath of Office for newly appointed officers Ed Weidow and Robert Bartolomei.

2. Motion was regretfully made to accept the letter of resignation from Gail Burdulis effective March 28, 2026, from full-time position as Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

OTQ: We commend Gail for her many years of service. She has been so helpful and will be very sorely missed. Thank you.

Motion: Mr. Thomas 2nd: Mr. Morehart Vote: 5 yes, with regret; 1 no; 1 absent

3. Motion was made to authorize Plymouth Borough Secretary/Treasurer to assume duties of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Borough's retirement plans, as relating to Fire, Nonuniformed, and Police pensions.

OTQ: This will be Maryann Lang. Mayor Coughlin informed that he receives notices for some reason and can be removed.

Motion: Ms. Eroh 2nd: Mr. Thomas Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

4. Motion was made to recognize and acknowledge the creation of "Plymouth Crime Watch"; a new organization that will be Plymouth citizens working hand in hand with the Plymouth Borough Police Department – providing an extra set of eyes and making sure crimes are properly reported. The Plymouth Crime Watch will aid Plymouth Police by being connected to the community, through meetings, social media and will have an active roster of community partners. "Plymouth Crime Watch" will always notify the Police of any suspected crimes or concerns, that are brought to their attention. The main goal of the "Plymouth Crime Watch" is to aid in making Plymouth Borough safe for all, through assisting the Plymouth Police Department with their community presence.

OTQ: Collen Pall was commended for reaching out and leading this. This is a great idea. Good Luck to all involved.

Motion: Mr. Dixon 2nd: Mr. Cunningham Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

5. Motion was made to accept the 2026 Traffic Signal Maintenance Rate Agreement from Kuharchik, for service and maintenance of our traffic signals.

Motion: Mr. Dixon 2nd: Mr. Thomas Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

6. Motion was made to accept Proposal #2083 for $6,447.00 from Aircon for controls replacement for the HVAC system.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham 2nd: Ms. Eroh Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

7. Motion was made to pay AmTrust in the amount of $18,822.00 for workman's compensation policy.

OTQ: This is audited annually and is in order.

Motion: Mr. Morehart 2nd: Mr. Cunningham Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

8. Motion was made to pay Rittenhouse Brothers Construction Co. in the amount of $10,562.78 repairs and improvements throughout the police department and municipal building.

OTQ: Completed work includes repairs to cell blocks, addition of cameras throughout municipal building and police station, and minor general maintenance.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham 2nd: Mr. Thomas Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

9. Motion was made to pay Lower South Valley COG 2026 Program fee of $4,660.00.

Motion: Mr. Morehart 2nd: Mr. Cunningham Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

10. Motion was made to approve salary increase of $5,000.00, effective April 1st, 2026, for Plymouth Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer, Maryann Lang.

Motion: Mr. Thomas 2nd: Ms. Eroh Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

11. Motion was made to approve Earl Cunningham to serve as Voting Delegate and Alexis Eroh as Alternate Delegate at the PSAB Spring Conference 2026.

Motion: Mr. Morehart 2nd: Mr. Thomas Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

12. Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from regular meeting held February 10, 2026.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham 2nd: Ms. Eroh Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

13. Motion was made to accept the monthly police for February 2026 and fire reports for January and February 2026.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham 2nd: Mr. Thomas Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent

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

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| GENERAL FUND: | 26-159GF– 26-226GF |
| LIQUID FUELS: | 26-036LF – 26-053LF |
| RECREATION FUND: | 26-005RF – 26-008RF |

Motion: Mr. Morehart 2nd: Mrs. Eroh Vote: 6 yes; 1 absent
*Mr. Thomas voted to pay all bills except #26-193GF which he has a contractual personal interest.

15. Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Morehart.

Respectfully submitted by:

Maryann Lang

Maryann Lang, Plymouth Borough Secretary

Approved April 14, 2026