

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING-MARCH 14, 2023 at 6:00PM

Work session for regular council meeting began at 6:00.

Mr. Adam Morehart reported that County Council was meeting to try to come to a decision regarding the ARPA grant money that he had applied for on behalf of the borough. Luzerne County Council is still working out some of the “bug” which arose regarding the awarding of the monies. Hopefully we hear positive news, as this is a very important grant for the safety of Coal Creek and all involved.

Also, Hometown Hero’s program to resume in April for anyone interested in a banner for Main St.

Ms. Alexis Eroh said she had a message from the mayor, who could not be at the meeting tonight because of the weather. She said Mayor Frank Coughlin asked her to remind all that the annual town clean-up would be April 22, 2023. All interested in this very worthy program should come to the borough building around 8:30am on April 22 and sign in. All will receive gloves and garbage bags to use during clean-up. This will be an opportunity for all to pitch in and help clean up the town.

Ms. Eroh said the Civil Service Commission would meet this Saturday at 9:30am to discuss setting a date for Civil Service exam.

Alexis said the new website is active and live. Go to plymouthboroughpa.gov to check it out. Still have a few issues to work out yet we are not able to view these meetings yet, but Lori is working on it. The meetings will be available to view on the old website. Also, if you have a community event you would like to post on the website, kindly contact the borough office or Alexis directly, and we will get it on there. Thank you Lori Bolesta, for all the hard work on the new website, without her talent this would not be possible.

Mr. Bill Dixon said people are still putting pizza boxes on the paper truck. Unacceptable. These boxes are dirty and are not recyclable. Also, you must break down all boxes and bundle them. Certain individuals are still putting big boxes on the truck, and sometimes these boxes are full of stuff that cannot be recycled with the newspapers and cardboard. Signs have been posted multiple times. This a good program for our residents, but the recycle center has already warned us about these violations. If they continue, we will be forced to stop the whole program as we will not be allowed to drop our truck loads at the current recycling center. Read the signs on the paper recycling truck or call the office if you have questions.

Regular council meeting for March 14, 2023 was called to order at 6:00pm By Councilman William Dixon. The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited and followed by a moment of silence.

Roll was called. Council members were present:

Present: Mr. Earl Cunningham, Ms. Alexis Eroh, Mr. Thomas Hogan, Mr. Adam Morehart, Mr. William Dixon.

Council members unable to attend and excused: Mr. John Thomas and Mr. Ron Kobusky

Mayor Frank Coughlin also was unable to attend as he had a work scheduling conflict.

There were no Citizen's requests and comments regarding agenda items.

Citizen's requests and comments regarding general items:

*Ms. Heather Northrop of Church St has a business on E Main St, "Behold a New Thing". She has been informed that often times when people put money in the meters, they get an error message. She said that in the seven months she has been in business, she has never seen anyone come to empty the meters. She asked if someone can check them out. She also wanted to know if it would be ok to tell these patrons not to feed the meter while it is not reflecting the time the money that is put in the meter should show.

Captain Thomas said they were having a little trouble with the meters and would have DPW look at them to see what might be causing the problem.

AGENDA VOTING:

Being duly advertised, the borough received eight sealed bid packs on or before 11:00am March 14, 2023 for a milling and pave cut project within the borough. The project is for milling and paving of six streets in the borough: Ferry & Nottingham Streets, Smith & Marlow Lanes, Girard & Gaylord Avenues.

Motion made to have the borough engineer; Daryl Pawlush open those sealed bids.

When Mr. Pawlush finished opening the bids, a motion was made to table all bids until the engineer had a chance to review them for accuracy. Once done reviewing the bids, the engineer will make a recommendation to award to the lowest responsible bidder. Bid tally sheet attached.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

2nd: Ms. Eroh

Passed: 5 Yes votes

Motion made to approve the following meeting minutes:

Regular meeting minutes for February 14, 2023 and
Special meeting minutes from March 8, 2023

Motion: Mr. Morehart

2nd: Ms. Eroh

Passed: 5 Yes votes

Motion made to accept the resignation letter from Paul Reese from the Planning Agency effective immediately.

Motion: Ms. Eroh

2nd: Mr. Hogan

Passed: 5 Yes votes

Motion made to appoint Paul Reese to the Zoning Board. This appointment shall be effective immediately.

Motion: Mr. Morehart
2nd: Ms. Eroh
Passed: 5 Yes votes

It has been noted that there is a high volume of accidents at the corner of Church and Eno Streets. On recommendation from the Plymouth Borough Traffic Committee, council made a motion to make the intersection at Church and Eno Streets a 3-way stop intersection.

*On the question: Once the new signs are in place, flashing lights will be installed on them for about 20-30 days so drivers are aware of the new traffic pattern.

Motion: Mr. Morehart
2nd: Mr. Cunningham
Passed: 5 Yes votes

Motion was made to pay the invoice for Eagle Point Gun in the amount of \$4,440.63 for the purchase of gun ammo for the police department.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Mr. Morehart
Passed: 5 Yes votes

Motion made to pay the invoice for Wright National Flood Insurance Company in the amount of \$1,602.00 for the 2023 flood insurance policy.

Motion: Mr. Morehart
2nd: Mr. Hogan
Passed: 5 Yes votes

Motion made to accept the February Fire and Police reports:

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Ms. Eroh
Passed: 5 Yes votes

Motion made to pay the monthly bills:

GENERAL FUND: 23-175GF – 23-249GF
LIQUID FUELS: 23-033LF – 23- 047LF
RECREATION FUND: 23-008RF – 23-010RF
Motion: Mr. Morehart
2nd: Mr. Hogan
Passed: 5 Yes votes

Motion to adjourn made at 6:39 by Mr. Cunningham

Respectfully submitted:

Gail Burdulis, Plymouth Borough Secretary

Approved April 11, 2023
