

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING-MARCH 9, 2021

Meeting opened with Mr. Ron Kobusky introducing guest speaker, Mr. Chris Beilman from the Luzerne County Flood Authority who came to speak about work planned for summer/fall. There are about 20 openings in Plymouth that the project would like have permanently close. Discussed project on Railroad and Beade Streets. UGI substation will be relocated. In the interim UGI asked that their trucks be accommodated and so gravel will be put down. This will be a one million dollar (\$1,000,000.00), project with street closures, work on the levy, and sandbag closures. The levy on Railroad St. will continue across road. It is a 3ft X 3ft area and takes 1000 sandbags. The other sandbag closure is on Beade St which is a 9ft X 3ft area and takes 3000 sandbags. The cost of the project in Plymouth will be approx. one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00), with no cost to the Borough. The grading will be increased to 5%. He asked that the right of entry resolution be put on the agenda for this meeting.

Mr. Ron Kobusky assured the item is on the agenda and saw no reason why it would not be passed.

Mayor Frank Coughlin asked how long the project would take.

Mr. Bielman said the entire project will take about 5 months but here in Plymouth a few weeks. Once he has an updated schedule, he will advise council.

WORK SESSION:

Mr. Adam Morehart said he sat in on a Planning Commission meeting. He heard a lot of good ideas passed around. Kudos to the people in the group on a fine job. He also attended a webinar on the PA State Assoc of Boroughs regarding Workers Compensation Insurance and said there are changes coming in 2021-22. Expecting information to come to assist us in understanding those changes. Act 81.

Mr. Earl Cunningham thanked the Police, Fire EMS, the office personnel and DPW for doing a great job this past year and standing strong during this time. Hope all can vaccinated.

Ms. Alexis Eroh said the Planning Agency met on March 3. They are working on a proposal and should be ready to present at the next meeting. Three applicants sat for the Civil Service test for the PD full time positions, awaiting results. She thanked John Frey for administering the test. Letters of Interest can be sent to fill the vacant seat on the PC board, Mary Barrett's. Congratulations to Lori Bolesta for a story that was written about the EMS etc.

Mr. John Thomas – Nothing to report

Mr. William Dixon thanked the street department for the fine job on snow removal. Street crew also working on filling potholes and asked that residents be patient as they are waiting on material. Thanked the Police for their help with recent problems in the Boro. He made a point to encourage property owners to get insurance for sewer line repairs. He stated that insurance can be obtained thru the PA American Water Co. for a monthly fee and will cover their portion of the sewer lines.

Mr. Alec Ryncavage said he is still working on ZOOM for council meetings. There will be an electronic recycling event in May on the 22nd. He stated that he has been contacted by many residents about the reopening of the bar at 177 E Main St. (old Bull Run Bar). New name is Maddy's Irish Pub. He went to the courthouse that day and talked to the Prothonotary's Office, the DA's office and has also been in

contact with the LCB about the connection between the current bar and previous bars owner. He asked that Council motion to petition the LCB to assess if the bar should be allowed to open.

Council went into executive session.

Mr. Ron Kobusky – upon return Mr. Kobusky stated that the solicitor is requesting more information on the matter.

No motion was made.

Mayor Coughlin – Agreed there should be a motion. Wished all a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Easter. He announced that he officiated his first wedding on Valentine's Day. Thank you to his wife Donna and to Gail Burdulis for helping to make it successful. Mayor spoke again about the difficulty getting the Police Dept. up to full staff and hopes that it will happen with the recent applicants. Still working on the cable issue and is hoping to get another company in town to allow competition to get better service and rates. He will have info next month on the annual litter cleanup and, also, on the parking problems in town. Reminder about the pastie and pierogi sale from the #1 Fire Co. He continues to work on the garbage problem.

Mayor Coughlin presented a proclamation in honor of Mr. William O'Boyle Sr. on his induction into the Luzerne County Hall of Fame. Mr. Jim Martin was in attendance and spoke of Mr. O'Boyle's accomplishments.

Mr. William O'Boyle Sr. was the co-founder of the Plymouth Little League in 1950. He was the chief umpire for many years and appointed Maureen Dillon, the first female umpire in local baseball, to umpire the Plymouth Little League. He graduated from Plymouth High School, Class of 1941 and enlisted into the Army and participated in the Normandy Invasion. Mr. O'Boyle stepped on a land mine and lost his leg but that did not stop him from his active participation in Plymouth baseball for many years.

Mr. Bill O'Boyle Jr. accepted the proclamation declaration and shared some emotional memories of his dad. Photos were taken and TV reporters covered it also.

Regular meeting was called to or and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Alexis Eroh
Mr. Earl Cunningham
Mr. John Thomas
Mr. Adam Morehart
Mr. Alec Ryncavage
Mr. William Dixon, Vice-President
Mr. Ronald Kobusky, President

There was no Citizens Input regarding agenda items.

Citizens Input regarding general items.

Ms. Barbara Harvey of E. Main Street, thanked council for their concern regarding the opening of the bar on E. Main St and asked how much time do we have before it is too late.

AGENDA VOTING:

MOTION WAS MADE THAT THE BOROUGH PROVIDE A TEMPORARY EASEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION TO THE LUZERNE COUNTY FLOOD AUTHORITY, FOR ONE DOLLAR, AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, RON KOBUSKKY, TO EXECUTE THE TEMPORARY EASEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH AND THE BOROUGH SECRETARY TO ATTEST TO HIS SIGNATURE ON SAID AGREEMENT.

MOTION: Mr. Willian Dixon
SECOND: Mr. Earl Cunningham
PASSED: 7 YES

MOTION WAS MADE THAT THE BOROUGH PROVIDE A TEMPORARY RIGHT-OF-ENTRY FOR CONSTRUCTION TO THE LUZERNE COUNTY FLOOD AUTHORITY, AT NO COST, AS OUTLINED IN THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, RON KOBUSKKY, TO EXECUTE THE RIGHT-OF-ENTRY FOR CONSTRUCTION ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH AND THE BOROUGH SECRETARY TO ATTEST TO HIS SIGNATURE ON SAID AGREEMENT.

MOTION: Mr. Earl Cunningham
SECOND: Mr. Adam Morehart
PASSED: 7 YES

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM MEETING ON OCTOBER 13, 2020.

MOTION: Mr. Willian Dixon
SECOND: Ms. Alexis Eroh
PASSED: 7 YES

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADVERTISE TO ACCEPT LETTERS OF INTEREST TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE PLANNING AGENCY. THE APPOINTMENT WILL BE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE VACANT SEAT TERM, WHICH WILL END ON DECEMBER 31, 2022. LETTERS OF INTEREST MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, OR MAILED TO 162 W. SHAWNEE AVENUE, AND THEY WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 4:00PM ON APRIL 7, 2021.

MOTION: Mr. John Thomas
SECOND: Mr. Earl Cunningham
PASSED: 7 YES

MOTION MADE TO ACCEPT THE FEBRUARY FIRE & POLICE REPORTS.

MOTION: Mr. Earl Cunningham
SECOND: Ms. Alexis Eroh
PASSED: 7 YES

MOTION MADE TO PAY THE MARCH MONTHLY BILLS:

GENERAL FUND:	21-117GF – 21-209GF
LIQUID FUELS:	21-029LF – 21-044LF
RECREATION FUND:	21-010RF – 21-014RF

*On the question: John Thomas votes yes to pay all bills except bill #21-155GF-John Thomas, which is the payment for health insurance for retired police, of which there is a contractual conflict of interest

MOTION: Mr. Earl Cunningham

SECOND: Mr. William Dixon

PASSED: 7 YES

MOTION TO ADJORN made by: Ms. Alexis Eroh

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Burdulis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Gail Burdulis, Borough Secretary