

**PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING-MAY 26, 2021**

The work session began at 6:00 P.M. and the special meeting was called to order immediately following by Mr. Ron Kobusky, President of Council

WORK SESSION:

Ms. Alexis Eroh, councilwoman, Addressed the recent garbage issue at 37 Edwards Street and pointed out that everyone in town should be aware of their surroundings...if they see something, say something. Due to the negative media attention the garbage situation has gotten, she began reviewing the Property Maintenance Ordinance and thought the borough could benefit from some updates. The surrounding towns have on their books that grass that reaches 6" needs to be cut and the property owner is issued a violation and/or fined. Currently, Ordinance No.5 of 2009 addresses the exterior of a property and the grass that is allowed to grow to 10" before a violation is issued, and then gives a ten day warning/grace period to rectify the situation. She feels council should review and revise it. All the neighboring towns only allow grass to reach 6" before being cited. She would like to work with the solicitor to update or change this ordinance to read 6" and with less days to rectify it. Council agreed.

Mr. Alec Ryncavage said they should issue an immediate fine at 6" with no warning just as Wilkes-Barre does.

Mayor Frank Coughlin said we would need to increase Code Enforcement support.

Mr. Ryncavage said the website will track citations issued by Code Enforcement and hopefully assist him in doing his job.

Mr. Adam Morehart, says best to follow the process in place by the borough to have these issues resolved.

Mr. William Dixon asked all council members to refrain from taking complaints unless they are submitted on a complaint form, which is the proper procedure in place.

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Special meeting was called to order by Mr. Ron Kobusky, President of Council. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL: COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

There were no comments on agenda items.

There were no comments on general items.

AGENDA VOTING:

MOTION was made to approve the attached contract with "No Nonsense Neutering", regarding the neutering of feral cats within the borough and to have Ron Kobusky, President of Council to execute the same on behalf of the Borough.

\*On the question: The mayor thanked all of council for supporting this project and for expediting it with this special meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Alexis Eroh  
SECOND: Mr. Alec Ryncavage  
PASSED: 7 YES

MOTION made that Council approve a Confirmation Agreement date May 14, 2021, copy attached, with UGI Energy Services, LLC to provide electricity to the borough. Also, to authorize Ron Kobusky, President of Council, to execute any and all required documents concerning this matter and the Borough Secretary to attest any and all documents regarding same, including but not limited to the Confirmation Agreement, which shall be subject to a Master Power Sale Agreement.

\*On the question: Mr. Ron Kobusky stated that this would be a three-year contract with the Energy consultant and the rates would be lower, but subject to rate increases.

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

MOTION was made to approve regular meeting minutes from December 11, 2020.

MOTION: Ms. Alexis Eroh  
SECOND: Mr. Adam Morehart  
PASSED: 7 YES

MOTION was made to accept the resignation of Mr. Charles Steinhauer from the Planning Agency, who submitted his resignation via email correspondence on May 13, 2021. This resignation acceptance is effective immediately and it is noted that the resignation leaves an open seat on the Planning Agency.

\*On the question: Councilman Ryncavage stated that they had received enough letters of interest to fill the open seats.

MOTION: Mr. Adam Morehart  
SECOND: Mr. William Dixon  
PASSED: 7 YES

MOTION made to approve a proposal from Aircon Service Company for the removal of the old water heater in the Borough building and replace with a new one at a cost of six thousand three hundred dollars and no cents (\$6,300.00).

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

MOTION made to amend the agenda and rescind the motion for the final payment of Forty-six thousand two hundred sixty-six dollars and fifty cents (\$46,266.50) to Umbriac Trucking LLC, which includes a change order of three thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$3,350.00).

\*On the question: Council is not sure that two sewer laterals, which were the reason for the change order, are not the responsibility of the contractor and would like to speak to the engineer prior to voting for it.

MOTION: Mr. William Dixon  
SECOND: Mr. Adam Morehart  
PASSED: 7 YES

MOTION was made to pay Umbriac Trucking LLC forty-two thousand nine hundred sixteen dollars and fifty cents (\$42,916.50) as the final payment for the Beverly Drive/Smith Row Stormwater Drainage Project (less the change order) based on the application for payment, dated May 20, 2021.

\*On the question: Councilman John Thomas asked if Plymouth Township will be paying for one half ( ½ ) of the bill.

Mr. Kobusky said he will tally all costs and split it after the grant monies have been exhausted.

MOTION: Mr. Earl Cunningham

SECOND: Ms. Alexis Eroh

PASSED: 7 YES

MOTION made to pay seven thousand one hundred dollars for the completion of the roof job on the building for #3 Elm Hill Hose Company, Vine Street. By way of background, the total cost of the project was fourteen thousand two hundred dollars (\$14,200.00), and the insurance paid thirteen thousand two hundred dollars (less the \$1,000.00 Borough deductible). Harvey's Construction need ½ the cost to begin the work and the contract stated that they would receive the balance upon completion of the job and after inspection. This is the final amount \$7,100.00) due upon completion of the work.

\*On the question: Councilman Morehart added that the new roof has a five-year warranty.

MOTION: Mr. Earl Cunningham

SECOND: Ms. Alexis Eroh

PASSED: 7 YES

MOTION made to approve payment of one thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,300.00) to Tom Curry Sanitation for the speedy clean up at 37 Edwards Street.

\*On the question: Thank you to Tom Curry Sanitation for their quick response.

Mr. Ryncavage said he would check into having this clean up reimbursed by the DEP, but reminded council that they would not be able to place a lien on the property.

Mayor Coughlin said that DPW and Code Enforcement Officer costs should fall on the property owner or the tenant involved with the incident.

MOTION: Ms. Alexis Eroh

SECOND: Mr. Earl Cunningham

PASSED: 7 YES

MOTION to adjourn was made at 6:34 PM by Mr. Earl Cunningham

Minutes approved at Regular Meeting August 10, 2021

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY;

  
Gail Burdulis, Borough Secretary