

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH
WORK SESSION AND COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2019

THE PLYMOUTH BOROUGH WORK SESSION BEGAN AT 6:00 P.M. AND THE REGULAR MEETING WAS IMMEDIATELY CALLED TO ORDER BY MR. WILLIAM DIXON, VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

MR. CUNNINGHAM MRS. EROH MR. THOMAS
MR. DIXON MR. RUSESKAS

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS AND COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

THERE WERE NO REQUESTS OR COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS.

CITIZENS REQUESTS AND COMMENTS REGARDING GENERAL ITEMS

MR. COUGHLIN SAID THAT HE WAS HONORED TO TAKE THE POSITION OF MAYOR AND SAID THAT IT WAS HIS FIRST MEETING IN THE NEW ROLE. HE SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN COMING UP TO THE COUNCIL DESK FOR OVER 24 YEARS AND THAT IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO ADJUST. HE SAID THAT HE IS COMING BEHIND SOME GOOD MAYORS BEFORE HIM. MAYOR COUGHLIN THANKED COUNCIL FOR VOTING TO APPOINT HIM AS MAYOR AND SAID THAT HE VALUED THEIR TRUST AND FRIENDSHIP. HE SAID THAT HE IS NOT GOING ANYWHERE AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE CURRENT COUNCIL AND THE NEW COUNCIL AS THEY COME ON.

MAYOR COUGHLIN SAID THAT HE ATTENDED A NICE VETERANS DAY PROGRAM AT THE AMERICAN LEGION IN PLYMOUTH THE DAY PRIOR. HE THANKED THE AMERICAN LEGION FOR HONORING OUR VETERANS. MAYOR COUGHLIN SAID THAT THEY HAD THE WALL THAT HEALS COME TO TOWN AND OTHER EVENTS HONORING THE VETERANS AS WELL AND ADDED THAT THE VETERANS WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN IN PLYMOUTH.

MAYOR COUGHLIN SAID THAT BERNADINE BERINSKI ASKED HIM TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUB IS CELEBRATING THEIR EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND ADDED THAT THEY WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING THE LIBRARY.

MAYOR COUGHLIN THANKED THE POLICE FOR DOING A GOOD JOB AND ASKED THE RESIDENTS TO BE PATIENT AS HE ACCLIMATES TO HIS NEW ROLE AS MAYOR.

MAYOR COUGHLIN CONGRATULATED JOHN AND GAIL THOMAS ON THEIR UPCOMING FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON NOVEMBER 22ND.

MEETING AGENDA

1. MOTION: I MOVE TO INSERT IN RESOLUTION NO. 8 RONALD KOBUSKY'S NAME TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT OF MR. CLYDE PETER'S.

MRS. EROH MADE THE MOTION.

MR. THOMAS CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2019: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FILLING THE VACANCY IN COUNCIL OCCURRING DUE TO RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN CLYDE PETERS.

MR. CUNNINGHAM MADE THE MOTION.

MRS. EROH CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

MAGISTRATE WHITTAKER SWORE IN MR. KOBUSKY AS A COUNCIL MEMBER.

MR. DIXON ANNOUNCED THAT THREE LETTERS OF INTEREST WERE SUBMITTED BY DEBRA WILLIAMS, LAURA HUDAK, AND ADAM MOREHART AND ALL WERE RECEIVED FOR CONSIDERATION IN FILLING MR. FRANK COUGHLIN'S VACANT COUNCIL SEAT. MR. DIXON REQUESTED NOMINATIONS.

MR. THOMAS MADE A MOTION FOR MR. ADAM MOREHART TO FILL THE VACANT COUNCIL SEAT AND INSERT HIS NAME IN RESOLUTION No. 9 OF 2019.

MR. CUNNINGHAM CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 9 OF 2019: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FILLING THE VACANCY IN COUNCIL OCCURRING DUE TO RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN FRANK COUGHLIN

MR. CUNNINGHAM CALLED THE MOTION.

MR. RUSESKAS CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

MAGISTRATE WHITTAKER SWORE IN MR. MOREHART AS A COUNCIL MEMBER.

MR. DIXON ASKED MR. AMATO, BOROUGH ENGINEER, TO OPEN THE BIDS THAT WERE RECEIVED FOR THE 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PAVE PROJECT. MR. AMATO ANNOUNCED THAT THE BIDS WERE DULY ADVERTISED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND THEY RECEIVED FIVE PLAN HOLDERS AND RECEIVED THREE BIDS FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

MR. AMATO SAID THAT THE FIRST BID WAS FROM M & J EXCAVATION FROM BLOOMSBURG IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$423,925.00) WITH A BID BOND OF TEN PERCENT (10%) FROM COLONIAL SURETY COMPANY. HE SAID THAT THE NEXT BID WAS FROM PENNSY SUPPLY FROM PITTSSTON IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$301,168.50) WITH A TEN PERCENT (10%) BID BOND FROM LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY. HE SAID THAT THE LAST BID WAS FROM AMERICAN ASPHALT FROM SHAVERTOWN

IN THE AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND FOUR AND FIFTY-TWO DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (\$499,452.20) WITH A TEN PERCENT (10%) BID BOND FROM CINCINNATI INSURANCE COMPANY.

MR. AMATO RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCIL TABLE THE BIDS UNTIL THEY ARE REVIEWED BY THE ENGINEER AND SOLICITOR AND RECEIVE CONCURRENCE FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THAT ALL THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK IS COMPLETE.

4. MOTION: WHEREAS BIDS WERE RECEIVED TODAY AND OPENED FOR THE 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PAVE PROJECT; WHEREAS AFTER OPENING THE BIDS, I HEREBY MOVE TO TABLE ACTING ON THE SAME IN ORDER FOR REVIEW BY THE BOROUGH ENGINEER AND AFTER SAID REVIEW TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON SAID BIDS IN THE TIME FRAME PROVIDED FOR IN THE BID DOCUMENTS.

MR. THOMAS CALLED THE MOTION.

MRS. EROH CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5. MOTION: TO APPROVE MONTHLY FIRE, POLICE AND TREASURER'S REPORTS.

MR. THOMAS CALLED THE MOTION.

MRS. EROH CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

6. MOTION: TO PAY NOVEMBER BILLS.

GENERAL FUND: 19-696-19-748

LIQUID FUEL FUND: 19-093-19-106

RECREATION FUND: 19-045-19-048

MR. CUNNINGHAM CALLED THE MOTION.

MRS. EROH CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED EXCEPT FOR MR. THOMAS WHO FAVORABLY VOTED FOR PAYMENT ON ALL BILLS EXCEPT HIS SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCES FOR WHICH HE HAS A PERSONAL INTEREST BECAUSE OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS.

7. MOTION: TO ADJOURN.

MR. CUNNINGHAM CALLED THE MOTION.

MR. THOMAS CALLED THE SECOND ON THE MOTION.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:24 P.M...

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



HOLLY A. SPECE

BOROUGH SECRETARY & TREASURER

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH