

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING-NOVEMBER 9, 2021 at 6:00PM

Work session began at 6:00pm

Ms. Eroh – Happy Veterans Day, thank you Bill (Dixon) for your service. 2 members will be appointed to the Civil Service Commission tonight. There are 2 vacant seats on the Planning Commission. Submit a letter of interest for consideration. Alec provided revisions to the website. Police Dept. and DPW Dept. information is needed, content and contact information. We need to get a handle on code violations, i.e.; blight, garbage, code/grass violations. Suggested monthly reports and the code enforcement officer to be present at meetings.

Mr. Ryncavage - Thank you Plymouth Neighborhood Watch for the Trunk or Treat, there were 3-5 hundred kids. Police were great! The fire depts. did a great job as well! WVV band performed. Thanked

Maribeth Rosentsteel for putting it together. Website needs group info – Mayor. Supports code enforcement reports.

Mr. Morehart - thank you for voting. He enjoyed talking with everyone. Thank you to the past and present Veterans. Hometown Heroes along with Tom Hogan, will take requests in January. He supports

the code reports. Permission please to research grants for software for the code reports. No TNR vouchers have been returned to Borough. Please bring them back if you are not going to use them. They

expire on 12/31/2021. He will try to get expiration extended.

Mr. Cunningham – Thank you to the Veterans and all who served. Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Dixon – Condolences to Rose Gawat's family and well wishes to Theresa. Thank you for cleaning up

by the statue. October 25

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webinar – FEMA- webinar is on how to submit paperwork for damage from

IDA to Coal Creek. Contractor is to clean up debris. Thank you to the DPW dept. for all they do.

Happy

Thanksgiving.

Mr. Kobusky – Motion #2 – HOP to get storm drains and man holes repaired/replaced. Engineer is working on drawing now. Can we swing some of the COVID money toward a project Alec is working on

for Main St? There is no guidance as to what it can be used for, possibly the Beade St project?

Mayor Coughlin – Happy Veterans Day to all of the vets. Thursday ceremony will be held at either the

American Legion or the Statue at WVV. Thank you to all who voted for him, Republicans and Democrats. Great job on the trunk or treat, Maribeth Rosensteel. ZGTV's are still a problem. Met with

Chris Bielman and he supplied a letter of permission for cruisers to go up on dike. Mr. Bielman is also

looking into granite posts to run along the dike.

The regular council meeting was called to order by Council President Ron Kobusky following the work session. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, a moment of silence was observed and the roll was called:

Roll Call:

Council members present: Mr. Earl Cunningham, Ms. Alexis Eroh, Mr. Adam Morehart, Mr. Alec Ryncavage, Mr. William Dixon, V.P. and Mr. Ron Kobusky, P

Council members absent and excused: Mr. John Thomas

AGENDA VOTING:

A motion made to appoint Jordan Pardini as a part-time Police Officer was made. Said officer would be hired under the following terms and conditions as herein stated: Said part-time officer would be paid \$17.25 per hour and shall be an at will employee. Said officer shall receive a Holiday bonus of \$35.00 added to his pay if he works on a holiday. Said officer will be paid a regular hourly wage for court appearances, but be guaranteed a minimum of two hours. Also, overtime compensation shall be paid for all work in excess of eight hours in a day or in excess of forty hours in a week. Said part-time officer shall receive a clothing allowance of \$200.00 in each year after one continuous year of service to the Borough, provided he works a minimum of three hundred twenty hours in said year. The allotment may be used for cleaning of equipment or duty related clothing. The appointment does not include any other benefits of any type not specifically stated as part of this appointment. This appointment will be effective immediately. This appointment is contingent upon the appointee providing all information required by Act 57, including the appropriate consents in order for the Borough to complete the required Act 57 background check and the satisfactory results of such background check.

*On the question: Mr. Kobusky asks to table this motion.

Mayor Coughlin explains that we are losing one of our part-time officers as he has joined the PA. State Police.

MOTION: Mr. William Dixon

SECOND: Ms. Alexis Eroh

YES: 6

EXCUSED: 1-Mr. John Thomas

MOTION TABLED

A motion made to approve Resolution 8 of 2021. A Resolution of the Borough of Plymouth, County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania approving the applicant for a Pennsylvania Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) under 67 Pa. CODE CHAPTER 441 OR 459.

RESOLUTION 8, OF 2021:

Whereas, the APPLICANT is required to obtain a highway occupancy permit from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, called the Department, in order to occupy the State highway; and

Whereas, the APPLICANT wishes to authorize the agent listed above (AGENT) to apply for the permit and any associated supplements on behalf of the APPLICANT; and

Whereas, the APPLICANT has agreed to grant a release to the Department to allow the AGENT to apply for the permit and any associated supplements on behalf of the APPLICANT; and

Whereas, as a condition of this authorization, APPLICANT agrees that AGENT will be required to provide APPLICANT with copies of all correspondence and other documents issued, mailed, emailed or otherwise directed or provided to APPLICANT or AGENT by the Department; and

Whereas, the APPLICANT may elect to be provided contemporaneous email updates on the review status of the permit application and any associated supplements.

NOW THEREFORE:

1. The APPLICANT does hereby authorize AGENT to act as APPLICANT's agent with respect to the permit application and associated supplements and to do all things necessary to obtain the permit and/or associated supplements on behalf of the APPLICANT.
2. The APPLICANT does hereby remise, release, quitclaim and forever discharge the Department, its agents, employees and representatives of and from all suits, damages, claims and demands of any type whatsoever arising against it as a result of granting the permit and its supplements to APPLICANT.
3. The APPLICANT has has not (check one) elected to be provided contemporaneous updates on the status of the permit application. If the APPLICANT elects to be provided contemporaneous updates on the status of the permit application, provide contact information here:
(email): plymouthborough@comcast.net
4. The APPLICANT understands that this AUTHORIZATION is effective until revoked in writing by the APPLICANT or AGENT, with contemporaneous written notice thereof to the Department.
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MOTION: Mr. William Dixon

SECOND: Ms. Alexis Eroh

YES: 6

EXCUSED: 1-Mr. John Thomas

A motion was made to accept the resignation letter of Mr. George Becker from the Planning Agency whose term will expire on December 31, 2023.

MOTION: Mr. EarlCunningham
SECOND: Mr. Alec Ryncavage
YES: 6
EXCUSED: 1-Mr. John Thomas

A motion was made to approve and act on Resolution 9 of 2021. Resolution 9 of 2021 is a Resolution to appoint two individuals to the Civil Service Commission to fill two vacant seats created when two of the members resigned:

Mr. James Sanders whose term will expire on December 31, 2025, and Mr. Terrance Womelsdorf whose term will expire on December 31, 2023.

RESOLUTION 9 of 2021:

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has established a Civil Service Commission as required by the Borough Code in or around November of 1962;

WHEREAS, there currently exists two vacancies due to the resignation of Mr. Terrance Womelsdorf, whose term expires December 31, 2023 and Mr. James Sanders, whose term expires December 31, 2025;

WHEREAS, there is a need to fill said vacancies in order for the Commission to function;

WHEREAS, the Borough has advertised for Borough residents to fill the aforesaid vacancies and have received letters of interest regarding the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Borough Council of Plymouth, that the Borough hereby approves and appoints to the Civil Service Commission the following:

Deborah Madrack, who is qualified elector of the Borough, is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired term of the vacancy created by the resignation of Terrance Womelsdorf. Said appointment shall be effective immediately and expire on December 31, 2023.

Denise Swartwood Dalley, who is a qualified elector of the Borough, is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired term of the vacancy created by the resignation of James Sanders. Said appointment shall be effective immediately and expire on December 31, 2025.

Adopted at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Plymouth, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, held on this 9th day of November, 2021.

Motion made to accept the October Fire and Police reports.

MOTION: Mr. EarlCunningham
SECOND: Mr. Alec Ryncavage

YES: 6
EXCUSED: 1-Mr. John Thomas

Motion was made to pay the monthly bills:

GENERAL FUND: 21-802GF - 21-861GF
LIQUID FUELS: 21-146LF - 21-160LF
RECREATION FUND: 21-042RF - 21-046RF

MOTION: Mr. Adam Morehart
SECOND: Mr. EarlCunningham
YES: 6
EXCUSED: 1-Mr. John Thomas

Motion made to adjourn meeting made by Mr. Earl Cunningham

Respectfully submitted:



Gail Burdulis, Borough Secretary