

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

OCTOBER 12, 2021 at 6:00PM

WORK SESSION: Began sharply at 6:00PM.

Mr. Ryncavage – Plymouth Neighborhood Watch will be having the Annual Trunk or Treat and Halloween parade on October 31, 2021. The parade will begin at the Municipal lot at 4 pm and march to the WVV High School where the Trunk or Treat will take place. Reminder that the residents can attend Council meeting in real time and that a video is also posted the next day. The video can be found on the Plymouth Borough website. Work is continuing on the new Borough website.

Mr. Morehart - Hometown Heroes project is still in the works. Forms to place your order will be available soon. Spoke of the flag incident last month at WVV, where a flag was vandalized and disrespected. Steps will be taken so there is not a repeat of this incident. Asked residents to keep their eyes and ears open to help prevent a recurrence.

Ms. Eroh – There are 2 vacancies on the Civil Service Commission, hoping to fill them by next month. There are also 2 vacancies on the Planning Commission. The Mary Barrett Historical Home Award is open for submissions for the December award. The award will be given quarterly. A meeting was held with the PA Downtown Center and the effort to find grants and write applications for projects for revitalization will begin. Thanked all Borough depts. for their help with the bonfire and cheer competition.

Mr. Thomas – Thanked John Kovach for his help at the library. His has once again saved a lot of money for the Borough. Thanked Gail Burdulis for another successful shred event. Flags will come down after November 11th.

Mr. Dixon – Waiting to hear from the County on grant/federal money for the Coal Creek damaged from September 1st. DPW continues to monitor the validity of the creek. The Luzerne Flood Authority was at the lower ½ of the creek to dredge debris. Mr. Dixon thanked Chris Bellman WVSA for work done to vacuum 3 more drains. Came last week and unblocked from Shawnee to Downing. Be mindful of what you put in your sewage. Clean cloths should not be flushed. Get the insurance offered by your utilities. hear from the County on grant/federal money for the Coal Creek damaged from September 1st.

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Mr. Morehart – It is hard to visualize how much debris was dredged out.

Mayor Coughlin – wanted to know if Chris Bellman said anything about some kind of barriers, boulders, guard rail or concrete barriers. Noted the frequent fire calls coming in for residents burning garbage which is against Borough ordinances. He said repeat offenders need to be cited arrested for such violations. Mentioned ongoing problems with ATV's in the Borough and the damage they cause.

Mr. Ryncavage – Please explain Civil Service. Yes, Alexis will it do after the Mayor finishes. Fire pits are being abused. Some are burning garbage and other stuff that should not be burned. We need to start ticketing.

Ms. Eroh – Civil Service is a body of government that serves as intake for eligible applicants for full time hire. App/testing/suggesting to council.

Meeting was called to order immediately following the work session.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Mr. Alec Ryncavage
Ms. Alexis Eroh
Mr. Adam Morehart
Mr. John Thomas
Mr. William Dixon

EXCUSED:

Mr. Earl Cunningham
Mr. Ron Kobusky

There were no comments regarding agenda items.

Citizens' comments regarding general items:

Mark Kobusky – spoke of the continued problems with ATV's in the Flat Rd & Kuschke St. Area, as well as on the dike. There is an increasing number of vehicles and incidents. DCNR requirements – impound them if they are not registered. He sees this all day long, quads and dirt bikes doing all kind of damage. They are ruining the town.

Maribeth Rosensteel – Plymouth Neighborhood watch could buy a drone, for the Police, that could follow these quads to their house. Impound the quad and ticket the owner.

Sgt. Thomas – should call when you see them, not hours later.

Chris Bellman – will give Borough a key to the bollards to access dike.

No Nonsense Neutering – currently 16 vouchers billed for.

AGENDA VOTING:

MOTION: A Motion was made to accept the resignation letter from the Civil Service Commission for: Mr. Terrance Womelsdorf (current term to expire on December 31, 2023) and for: Mr. James Sanders (current term to expire on December 31, 2025).

*On the question: Mr. Womelsdorf has moved out of town, and Mr. Sanders said he has been on the commission for many years and just felt he needed to step back and let someone new on the commission.

MOTION: Mr. Adam Morehart
SECOND: Ms. Alexis Eroh
PASSED: 5 YES
EXCUSED: 2

MOTION: A Motion was made to accept the resignation letter from Ms. Barbara Harvey from the Planning Agency (term to expire on December 31, 2021).

*On the question: Barbara Harvey has relocated to another town.

MOTION: Ms. Alexis Eroh
SECOND: Mr. Alec Ryncavage
PASSED: 5 YES
EXCUSED: 2

MOTION: A Motion made to approve and sign Systems support maintenance agreement for Golden Business Machine in the amount of \$4,760.00 for 70 hours of technical support for both the Police department and the administrative office.

MOTION: Mr. John Thomas
SECOND: Mr. Adam Morehart
PASSED: 5 YES
EXCUSED: 2

MOTION: A Motion made to pay the year end processing fee to Freedom Systems in the amount of \$1,695.00.

MOTION: Mr. Adam Morehart
SECOND: Mr. Alec Ryncavage
PASSED: 5 YES
EXCUSED: 2

MOTION: A Motion was made to approve the 2022 Annual Financial Management Software Maintenance contract with Freedom Systems in the amount of \$2,462.00.

MOTION: Mr. Alec Ryncavage
SECOND: Mr. Adam Morehart

PASSED: 5 YES
EXCUSED: 2

MOTION: A Motion was made to pay Penn Power Group for repairs made to engine #2 in the amount of \$3,211.00

*On the question: There was a hole found in the gas tank when it was getting inspected, and began leaking gas, so the tank was replaced.

MOTION: Mr. John Thomas
SECOND: Mr. Alec Ryncavage
PASSED: 5 YES
EXCUSED: 2

MOTION: Motion made to approve property tax refunds totaling \$519.11 to the following property owners:

DELORES GODEK	\$145.98
DAVID RITTENHOUSE	\$220.12
ROBERT KELLY	\$153.01

MOTION: Mr. Alec Ryncavage
SECOND: Ms. Alexis Eroh
PASSED: 5 YES
EXCUSED: 2

MOTION: To accept the September Fire and Police reports:

MOTION: Mr. Adam Morehart
SECOND: Mr. John Thomas
PASSED: 5 YES
EXCUSED: 2

MOTION: To pay the monthly bills:


GENERAL FUND:	21-712GF – 21-801GF
LIQUID FUELS:	21-128LF – 21- 145LF
RECREATION FUND:	21-038RF – 21-041RF

*On the question: John Thomas votes yes to pay all bills except bill #21-542GF-John Thomas, which is the payment for health insurance for retired police, of which there is a contractual conflict of interest.

MOTION: Ms. Alexis Eroh
SECOND: Mr. Adam Morehart
PASSED: 5 YES
EXCUSED: 2

1. MOTION: To adjourn was made by Ms. Alexis Eroh at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Burdulis".

Gail Burdulis, Borough Secretary

Approved January 11, 2022