

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING-SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 at 6:00PM

WORK SESSION

Before the start of the work session, Ms. Eroh called the president of the planning Agency, Ms. Laura Hudak to the front of the room to present of the annual Mary Atkin Historical Home Award to the Poremba Family. The Poremba home is on Shawnee Avenue and is decorated beautifully year-round. The award was presented, and pictures were taken.

Ms. Eroh said the Planning Agency met on September 4th. This was the first time since Ms. Evans was appointed that the agency was meeting. The annual coat drive that they hold in conjunction with Knights of Columbus will run from October 1st to November 1st. New or gently used children's coats can be dropped off here at the borough building.

Today's meeting will not be recorded on video due to some difficulties with the computer. We will record audio.

Mr. Cunningham reminded all that this Saturday, September 14th from 1:00P.M. to 5:00P.M. is the 2nd Annual Plymouth Police Community Day at Community Park on Rowe Lane. This Sunday, September 15th the Plymouth Historic Society will hold an Open House at the Historic Society on Gaylord Avenue from 2:00P.M. to 5:00P.M. Fire Company #3 will bring Firehouse Subs into town for a fund raiser this coming week. They are down on E Main St in the municipal lot in the center of town starting September 16th to Saturday September 21st from 11:00A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Please come out to support these events.

Mr. Hogan thanked the school crossing guards and Mr. Cunningham who often fills in to help with the bus stops. Reminder to residents that school is in, and Main St is not a race tract. Slow down and get off the phone.

Mr. Morehart reminds residents that the Hometown Heros Banner cut off for this year is September 15, so get those applications in if you want a banner to be put up.

Tomorrow is September 11th. Please take a moment tomorrow to remember those we lost on that day and the lasting effect it has had on their families.

Mr. Dixon reminded all about a Veterans Day Breakfast/Brunch in memory of Private Stephen Giza being held on November 24, 2024 being held at the Woodlands. It is hosted by DA Sanguedolce. We have it posted in the front window with all the details and a contact number.

Thanks to the PAWC workers. They come out to solve problems in all kinds of weather. They also let us know when they will be digging up a road in the near future to give the borough time to do any needed maintenance to our drains or sewers.

A reminder to be mindful what you wash down those storm drains. What goes down there goes to the river and affects wildlife and plant life. Clean up the area in front of and around your house.

Don't leave dog poop and garbage lying around.

Please don't forget to visit the free public library.

We have two projects coming up. One is on Shonk Street for installation of a drain. This will alleviate the water woes from rain.

Another problem is with a sewer on Jeanette Street. It has been an ongoing problem for a bit, but we had to wait to get a contractor up there to fix it. This project should start real soon and then we will pave the street.

The COG is building a fueling station and there is a meeting with the COG tomorrow and he is going to attend. This station will help save some money on the cost of fuel for the town vehicles.

Thank you to the residents that moved vehicles and have been cooperating with the street sweeping. The WVSA comes and cleans our streets for us and in the past the borough would have to incur the cost at about \$4,000.00 or more. to have a private company come in to do the streets. This is a big savings for the town. WVSA has also installed some new drains in town, again saving taxpayer funds for borough money on these replacements.

Mayor Frank Coughlin fought to get more officers and Mr. Dixon thanked him and Mr. Thomas. We now have 11 full-time officers, and they are doing a great job.

The mayor reminded all to keep the souls lost on September 11 when we observe a moment of silence at this meeting.

Please make time to go to the Historic Society Open House. There is a lot of information there and you can learn so much about your town.

Don't forget to go to the Police Community Day and the yard sale on Saturday. There's a lot going on in town this weekend.

Reminder for patience when you call the police or need a police report. There were 555 police calls last month. With these calls comes the call itself and whatever is involved with that situation and then there's paperwork.

Another thing that has just been brought to the mayor's attention, Plymouth Borough employees have been getting verbally abused in person and on the phone. This type of disrespect toward borough employees will not be tolerated. If you are in any way abusive to an employee either in person or on the phone, they will not address your complaint. They will either leave or hang up. You expect to be treated with respect, but you must show respect.

Captain Mike Thomas said regarding the "saturation patrol" that the police are trying is working and making a dent in criminal activity. He also implored residents to lock their vehicles at night. This is when many cars are broken into. These crimes of opportunity happen mostly at night and thieves usually will not break a window to gain access to the vehicle, so please lock those doors. If residents have video footage of suspicious behavior in your area, please share it with the police. Video goes a long way toward prosecution of these crimes. Please report crimes when they happen.

The meeting was called to order, the "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited, and a moment of silence was observed.

Roll was called:

Present were: Mr. Earl Cunningham; Ms. Alexis Eroh; Mr. Thomas Hogan; Mr. Adam Morehart; Mr. John Thomas and Mr. William Dixon

Absent and excused: Mr. Ron Kobusky

There were no citizens' comments or requests regarding agenda items.

Citizens' comments and requests regarding general items:

Linda Johnston of Church St spoke on behalf of the Neighborhood Watch. She reminded all that the Community Yard Sale will be on Saturday, September 14th. She also thanked council for the use of the borough parking lot and informed council that they would only need to use the front parking lot.

AGENDA VOTING:

Motion made to accept and sign the audit entrance letter from J. H. Williams & Company to do the 2023 audit for Plymouth Borough in the amount of \$9,750.00.

*On the question: Ray Zavada Associates merged with J.H. Williams & Company.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Mr. Thomas
Voting: 6 yes *1 members was absent

Motion made to submit for 5th payment of the invoice submitted in the amount of \$27,131.40 for the work that has been completed so far on the Manholes & Inlet Repair & Replacement from the LSA grant.

Motion: Ms. Eroh
2nd: Mr. Morehart
Voting: 6 yes *1 members was absent

Motion made to pay invoice for \$2,969.19 to CivicPlus for website for 2024.

Motion: Mr. Eroh
2nd: Mr. Cunningham
Voting: 6 yes *1 members was absent

Motion made to accept the August Fire and Police reports:

Motion: Mr. Cunningham
2nd: Mr. Thomas
Voting: 6 yes *1 members was absent

Motion made to pay the following monthly bills:

GENERAL FUND:	24-643GF – 24-699GF
LIQUID FUELS:	24-209LF – 24-225LF
RECREATION FUND:	24-032RF – 24-036RF

Motion: Mr. Morehart
2nd: Ms. Eroh
Voting: 6 yes *1 members was absent

*On the question: Mr. Hogan voted to pay all bills except for bill 24-691GF, for this bill is a relatives business.

Mr. Thomas voted to pay all bills except for bill 24-683GF which is his supplemental insurance, and he has financial interest as this is a contractual conflict.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Cunningham

Respectfully submitted by:



Gail Burdulis, Plymouth Borough Secretary

Approved October 8, 2024