

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING-SEPTEMBER 9, 2025 at 6:00PM

Alexis Eroh reported that the Planning agency met this past Wednesday and discussed several projects they are currently working on. One included setting up a meeting for this Thursday to switch website maintenance and to explore different and more affordable options.

She said they have completed the memorial brick applications. They are available at several different locations, including this municipal building.

The "Pick up Litter" poster contest is underway and is available to a few different age groups. Applications, rules and regulations available for pick up at this borough building and the library. You can also turn in your completed pictures into the library during regular library hours.

The Planning Agency has picked another beautiful home to award the Mary Atkins Award and will be presenting it to Kay Sheblosk and the late Thomas Shebloski this evening.

Mr. Adam Morehart said he is finishing the paperwork for the ARPA for Coal Creek Wall Project this week and once council reviews it, he will submit it to the county for approval. The "Hometown Hero's" banner program has ended for this year. There are a few applications yet to send to have banners made and hung, so if you are in the process of getting your pics and applications together, get them in. Thank you for another very successful season. A big sincere thank you to all who have assisted in some way. Could not be this successful without all the help and support.

Residents are reminded that the office now has vouchers for the TNR program! Trap the cat-make an appointment and come to the office during regular business hours to sign out a voucher and give it to the vet when you go for your appointment. They in turn will bill the borough and we will pay the bill. This program can only work if we have the vouchers, so if you do not use the voucher, you signed out, you must return it to the borough so we can issue it to someone else. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mr. William Dixon gave a big thank you to all who are working to improve this town. This positive motion forward has really made a difference and beautiful things are happening. He reminded everyone to practice your patience when the work begins on the repairs in town. There are a few small holes created by water and they will be filled in.

Mr. Ron Kobusky said they will be having a special meeting to submit 2 grants which have to be submitted before September 30. One is for a new elevator for the municipal building. We are currently waiting for an updated proposal for the elevator. The second is to support McCauley House in their endeavor to secure funds.

Council will meet with the Historic Society to discuss details of their celebrations for next year so they can start inviting others to celebrate and participate.

Mayor Frank Coughlin said he spoke with a couple that moved to Plymouth from Texas after doing research and thought that this town would be a great place to settle down. There were 486 police calls last month. That is a lot of calls for a small town, but keep in

mind not all calls are for trouble. Sometimes they get called out to do wellness checks, but keep in mind, whatever the reason for the call, they still must do reports and follow-ups. Please be patient when you call and if it is an emergency call 911. He said he'll ask the police to crack down on the drivers that do not completely stop at stop signs. It is dangerous and he does not want to see anyone get hurt. Remember Police Community Day is September 20.

Captain Mike Thomas said that Police Community Day is September 20 and goes from 1:00pm-5:00pm. It will be held at the Community Park Soccer Field on Ransom St. There will be free food, drinks, games and activities for the kids such as bounce house and other fun things to do. Come out meet the police officers, the firemen, and members council. There will also be raffle baskets for purchase. These funds go back in to funding the day for next year. Thank you for your support.

Attny. Julian Truskowski said he is working on several things for the borough. He is currently drawing up a new contract for our new borough secretary/manager/treasurer/RTK officer.

He is also working on the Downing St property agreement that the borough desires to purchase.

The agreement with Plymouth Borough, Plymouth Township and Luzerne County regarding the borough police is almost completed. Once this agreement is in place it will give Plymouth Borough Police to patrol the levee and act on any incident, they feel is legal.

Meeting was called to order, and a moment of silence was observed after the reciting of "The Pledge of Allegiance".

Roll was called:

Present: Ms. Alexis Eroh; Mr. Thomas Hogan; Mr. Adam Morehart; Mr. John Thomas; Mr. William Dixon; Mr. Ron Kobusky

Absent and excused: Mr. Earl Cunningham

There were no requests or comments regarding agenda items.

Citizens' requests or comments regarding general items:

Mr. Pat Smith from the Plymouth Historic Society informed all that they are currently doing a fund raiser for the cost associated with a memorial mural they intend to have put down at the Avondale Hill Mine Memorial Site. The mural will be painted by a local artist. He invited all to come to the open house at the Historic Society, 115 Gaylord Ave on Sunday, September 14 at 2:00 – 5:00pm

Ms. Laura Keller-Library Director reminded all that September is library card sign up month. During this month you can sign up for a new library card or renew your current card. The library is more than just books. You can use the internet to search for job opportunities, check out some websites such as power library on the state level. It is a great resource for students and adults alike. Please come out and take advantage of all the library

has to offer.

Laura also reminded all that Sunday, September 21st is the Annual Rotary Chicken BBQ at Larksville American Legion. Come out for a good meal and support the Plymouth Rotary.

Ms. Judy Rittenhouse of Plymouth Library wanted to let everyone know that The General Federation Women's Clubs International Day of Service will be held on September 27, 2025 at the Church of Christ 190 Sprague Ave, Kingston, PA. Doors will open 1:00pm – 3:00pm. This event will deal with human trafficking and how to recognize and protect.

Ms. Mary Ann Meeker-Beverly Drive feels the e-bike traffic is increasing and getting dangerous and should be investigated.

Another pet peeve is people that put up yard sale signs or event signs and do not remove them after over. She feels these folks should be made to take these signs down or borough should look into issuing citations if not removed.

Agenda voting:

Motion made to approve Resolution 4 of 2025: (see attached)

A RESOLUTION UPDATING LUZERNE COUNTY 2025 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Motion: Mr. Morehart
2nd – Mr. Hogan
Vote: 6 yes 1 absent

Motion made to accept the meeting minutes from August 12, 2025.

Motion: Mr. Dixon
2nd – Ms. Eroh
Vote: 6 yes 1 absent

Motion made to hire Matthew Ogden, as CODE ENFORCEMENT, for the Borough of Plymouth. He will enforce the Borough Code and perform all Code Enforcement related duties. He shall be paid an hourly rate of \$22.00 an hour, and shall not be entitled to receive any benefits, including but not limited to health care, vacation, sick days, personal days, paid holidays, or any other benefits. He will be considered a part-time employee and not exceed 28 hours of work per week.

OTQ: Mr. Dixon added that he will be a great addition. Mr. Ogden will have the power to issue violations and citations but not have arrest powers.

Motion: Mr. Thomas
2nd – Mr. Morehart
Vote: 6 yes 1 absent

Motion made to pay the invoice for 10-8 Emergency Equipment in the amount of \$22,976.11 for up-fitting for the newly acquired truck for the police department.

OTQ: This is the reason the funds were voted to be moved at the last meeting. The mayor thanked the County, DA's office and everyone else who made the acquisition of the new truck possible. It is a great addition to the police department.

Motion: Mr. Dixon
2nd – Mr. Thomas
Vote: 6 yes 1 absent

Motion made to accept the August Fire and Police reports:

Motion: Ms. Eroh
2nd – Mr. Thomas
Vote: 6 yes 1 absent

Motion made to pay the following monthly bills:

GENERAL FUND:	25-614GF – 25-668GF
LIQUID FUELS:	25-157LF – 25- 172LF
RECREATION FUND:	25-038RF – 25-041RF

OTQ: Mr. Thomas voted to pay all bills except #25-663GF

Motion: Mr. Dixon
2nd – Mr. Morehart
Vote: 6 yes 1 absent

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Morehart

Respectfully submitted by:



Gail Burdulis, Plymouth Borough Secretary

Approved September 23, 2025