

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at the Plum Borough Municipal Building, 4575 New Texas Road, Plum, PA 15239.

**ROLL CALL:** Present wee Council Members: Ryan Delaney, Paul Dern, Mike Doyle, Dave Odom, Mike Pastor and Dave Vento. Mr. Hadley was absent. Mayor Schlegel was also present.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of September. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve the expenses for the month of September (see attached). Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021, Council Meeting. Unanimously approved.

**RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY:**

Mayor Schlegel announced that Mr. Gagg of Plum Borough survived a structure fire at his residence due to the heroism of his neighbors, a local deliveryman and two Borough Police Officers.

Mayor Schlegel read proclamations for Maksud Khadjaev, Wayne Ratesic, Tab Senge, Officer Crystal Iachini and Officer Eric Brant. Council President Odom read certificates of heroism from Allegheny County Council and Senator Jim Brewster and presented them to Crystal Iachini and Eric Brant.

Representative Brandon Markosek also read proclamations for Mr. Khadjaev, Mr. Ratesic, Officers Iachini and Brant. Mr. Senge was not present.

**CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Pam Calfo of Plum Community Library thanked the police department for security testing at the library, the Unity Fire Department for a fire safety presentation and Plum EMS for CPR and defibulator training.

**PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:**

Mr. Odom reported on the Storm Water Task Force. The next meeting will occur on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**CITIZEN’S COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

Motion was made Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adopt Resolution #911-21 for a GEDTF grant application for the Center Beach Flood Mitigation Project. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Pastor, to reapprove FSC-05-21, the Hecker subdivision. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to offer a conditional offer of employment for a police officer to Eric Steven Belton. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Vento, to offer a conditional offer of employment for a police officer to Justin John Farneth. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to offer a conditional offer of employment for a police officer to Grant Lee Faulkner. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve a cost-of-living increase for a retired police officer as recommended by the Borough Actuary. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve an expenditure of \$4,680 for the purchase of new police batons and holders. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastor, seconded by Mr. Vento, to authorize the expenditure of \$23,337 for a storm sewer rehabilitation project on Chapparral Drive. Unanimously approved.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Schlegel reported there were 1,003 calls during September; there was a major drug bust recently; the radar display had been assigned to several Plum locations and a child ID program will be starting soon. Information about the ID program will be put on the website. Mayor Schlegel thanked the officers who participated in FallFest.

Mayor Schlegel announced Operation Safe Stop will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup>; the DEA Drug Take Back Program will occur on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and the officers will participate in No Shave November where officers will not shave during November and donate \$50 to the Plum Food Pantry.

Mayor Schlegel thanked the numerous residents who donated food and baked goods to the Police Department.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee with Plum School District – No report**

**Finance Committee –** Mr. Doyle reported the Borough recognized revenues totaling \$3,144,882 and incurred expenditures in the amount of \$913,984; the finance director and Borough Manager will be meeting with department heads to review 2022 budget submissions.

**Roads, Equipment & Grounds –** Mr. Pastor reported the 2021 paving project is complete; the Center-New Texas culvert repair will begin the first week of November; the Malabar Drive project is delayed until January; the Holiday Park Storm Water project has completed the pipe work and work continues on inlet repairs, tree trimming, storm clean up, MS4 inspections and installation of new street signs.

**Planning and Economic Development** – Mr. Vento reported 94 permits were issued resulting in \$19,994.00 in revenue; the Planning Commission did not meet in September.

**PARKS AND RECREATION** – Mr. Delaney reported the Monday Market ends on October 25<sup>th</sup>; in 2022 the Market will end at the end of September; a rain barrel workshop will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup> and Christmas at Plum Creek will be held on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Delaney said that additional details are forthcoming.

Mr. Odom announced the Planning Commission will not meet in October.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Jeannine Muir thanked the Mayor and Council and acknowledged Chief Conley, Sergeant Abraham and Borough Manager, Michael Thomas in helping to resolved an issue.

Mrs. Turlaski of 555 Unity Center Road reported an elderly sister with dementia had received a per capita tax bill. Mr. Odom stated the tax is levied by the school district and that we would pass her concern on to them.

Katie Shelhan of 1835 Old Leechburg Road reported she lives within 500' of an injection well. Ms. Shelhan had concerns for her well and is awaiting test results. Ms. Shelhan would like Council to consider running city water.

Mr. Odom said we would get in touch with the municipal authority to get a cost estimate.

Frank Smoleski reported something has happened to his water.

Deborah Bell of 518 Vale Drive reported she received results of testing on sanitary lines to her father's home.

Becky Dougherty of 1815 Old Leechburg Road is also having her water tested. Ms. Dougherty also requested tapping into city water. Ms. Dougherty suggested the residents meet with Council once their test results are in.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Vento, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Unanimously approved.



Maria Gingery  
Assistant Borough Secretary