

COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2023

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday November 13, 2023 at the Municipal Center at 2000 Old Mine Road, Plum, PA 15239.

ROLL CALL: Present were Council Members including Ryan Delaney, Paul Dern, Mike Doyle, Dan Hadley, David Seitz, Steve Taylor, and Mayor Harry Schlegel. Councilman Dave Vento was absent.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern & seconded by Mr. Hadley to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of October 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern & seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the expenses for the month of October 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor & seconded by Mr. Hadley to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2023 Council Meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY:

Mayor Schlegel recognized Angels in DaSkys with proclamations from the PA Senate and House.

Mayor Schlegel recognized the Plum High School Air Force JROTC.

Mayor Schlegel declared Saturday November 25th Small Business Saturday for Plum Boro.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Finance Director Michael Whitico presented the 2024 proposed budget.

President Doyle stated that the December 13th Voting Meeting will begin at 5:30pm instead of the usual 7pm.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS:

Darren Tomasits, Whitney & Lee Downey, Beth Tomasits & Lynn Braun expressed their concerns with the Dollar General Conditional Use application.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve a conditional use request from Dollar General (CU-02-23) to operate a convenience store at the corner of Saltsburg Road and Clements Road (Lot & Block 1238-C-371), contingent upon the items identified in Council's written decision. Mr. Doyle called for a roll call vote. Mr. Soboslay stated " on the motion to approve a conditional use request from Dollar General (CU-02-23), Mr. Delaney – yes,

Mr. Dern – yes, Mr. Doyle – yes, Mr. Hadley – no, Mr. Seitz – yes, Mr. Taylor – yes, Mr. Vento is absent. The motion passes.”

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Seitz to approve the Collins Subdivision Plan (FSC-02-23), Lot & Block 1238-C-371, as recommended by the Borough Engineer.

Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the Pivirotto Lot Line Revision on Old Leechburg Road (FSC-03-23), Lot & Block 1102-C-380 and 970-G-216, as recommended by the Borough Engineer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Dern to approve the YMCA Turf Field Conversion conditional use request at 2200 Golden Mile Highway (CU-03-23), Lot & Block 1241-G-353, contingent upon items identified in Council’s written decision. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Taylor to grant preliminary/final land development approval (SP-03-23) for the YMCA Turf Field Conversion at 2200 Golden Mile Highway, contingent upon the final review and approval of the Borough Engineer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Dern to grant an easement to Duquesne Light Company to install an anchor for pole #277361 on Lot & Block 738-F-345, located on Miller’s Lane. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Dern to update the Borough’s records with the PA Department of Labor & Industry to show Sam Prokopik as the Primary Building Code Official (BCO) and Grant Kanish of Bureau Veritas as the secondary BCO. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Seitz to approve three cost-of-living adjustments for retired police officers as recommended by the Borough Actuary. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Dern to authorize the advertisement for hiring up to three additional substitute School Crossing Guards. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve a two-year contract with Bureau Veritas for plan review and inspection services effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Dern to make an offer of employment to Kathleen Toney for an administrative position in the Department of Community Development at the rate established in the union contract. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor & seconded by Mr. Hadley to approve a three (3) year contract with Zambelli Fireworks for fireworks at the annual SummerFest celebration for 2024-2026. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor & seconded by Mr. Dern to approve the 2024 BoroHaps calendar as recommended by the BoroHaps Director. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Dern to add an item to the agenda: a motion on the 2024 proposed budget. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Dern to advertise the 2024 proposed budget as presented by the Finance Director. A copy of the budget will be on public display starting November 14, 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Hadley to add an item to the agenda: a motion on an Ordinance amending the Real Estate Tax. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz and seconded by Mr. Dern to advertise an Ordinance amending the Real Estate Tax. Unanimously approved

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor & seconded by Mr. Dern to request PennDOT to perform a study regulating the length of trucks that can turn right from New Texas Road onto Old Leechburg Road. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor & seconded by Mr. Hadley to approve Resolution 965-23, authorizing the submission of a Local Share Account Grant application. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor & seconded by Mr. Hadley to accept an access easement for Lot & Block 972-L-130, allowing for continued access to the adjacent storm pond. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schlegel presented information from the Police Chief's monthly report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE W/PBSD: Mr. Hadley stated there was no meeting this month.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Seitz highlighted the Finance Committee report.

ROADS, EQUIPMENT & GROUNDS: Mr. Taylor highlighted the Roads, Equipment and Grounds Committee report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Mr. Dern asked Brian Maloney to highlight the Plum EMS report.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Delaney highlighted the Planning Committee report.

PARKS & RECREATION: Mr. Taylor highlighted the Parks & Rec report, BoroHAPS report and schedule of events.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Mr. Dern & seconded by Mr. Hadley to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm.