

COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 9, 2015

07-15

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plum Borough Municipal Building, 4575 New Texas Road, Plum, PA 15239.

ROLL CALL: Present were council members: John Anderson, Mike Dell, Mike Doyle, David Seitz, Leonard Szarmach, Steve Taylor, David Vento and Mayor Richard Hrivnak.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of January. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve the expenses for the month of January:

Monthly Recurring Payables	\$ 47,988.69
Payables Requiring Council Approval	542,693.97
Street Improvement Fund	102,079.41
Debt Payment	-
Fire Fund	18,809.88
Debt Payment	6,146.09
Liquid Fuels Fund	100.00
Debt service Payable Requiring Council Approval	100.00
Interest Payment	-
Capital Improvement fund	36,927.65
Public Works Facility	338,972.12
Purchasing Card Direct Vendor Payments:	
Allied Republic	138,485.16
Cintas	3,954.35
Miscellaneous Borough Purchases	1,305.00

Mr. Vento abstained from voting on the expenses because his son works for the solicitor and the expenses include the solicitor’s invoice. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 council meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY – Mr. Doyle congratulated the Plum High School Boys Basketball Team for becoming co-champions of their section.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nina Segelson of Plum Community Center announced upcoming classes and programs to be held at the Center.

Debra Bell announced a Bowl for the Cure fundraising event to be held on May 16th at Nesbits Bowling Lanes.

Bob Morran of Plum EMS announced their current subscription drive is going on. Mr. Morran said that residents who subscribe receive two free CPR classes and receive a 50% discount on ambulance bills.

David Seitz, Councilman, announced the library will sponsor a rummage sale in March. Mr. Seitz announced upcoming programs to be held at the library.

Mayor Hrivnak announced the Borough is looking into the possibility of having a Memorial Day parade. The parade would be held on Old Mine Road and any organization interested in participating should contact the Borough. Mr. Szarmach said that Boy Scout Troop 899 is interested.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – Mr. Doyle had nothing to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Thomas had nothing to report.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

Debra Bell of Jackson Road made inquiries with about a recent newspaper article regarding the Sunshine Law. Mr. Dice responded to her questions by saying it is good to have transparency in government. Mr. Dice said that when two council members discuss borough issues, this isn't public. Mr. Dice noted there is no such thing as a quorum of a committee. If a quorum of council members meet to discuss agency business, then it should be advertised and open to the public. Mr. Dice said there is no legal requirement to advertise committee meetings and a committee is not a quorum, it is two to three people.

Mr. Thomas said he had an opinion from the State's Open Record Officer and committee meetings, because they do not constitute a quorum, are not required to be advertised.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to grant DiMarco Construction a conditional 30-day NO COST extension for the completion of the Al Franci emergency services building. Said conditions are as follows:

1. Within ten days of this motion, DiMarco construction must provide an approved revised project construction schedule with signed acceptance from all prime contractors showing a completion date of 3-25-2015, and
2. All other prime contractors must accept a no cost time extension as well.

Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve Resolution 790-15, authorizing the destruction of certain municipal records. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to appoint William Fenk to the Municipal Authority Board for a five-year term commencing January 1, 2015. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to appoint Jim Stecik to the Municipal Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Sean Logan. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to disqualify candidate #1 from the police hiring list for the position of patrol officer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to accept a letter of withdraw from consideration for hire from Thomas Seefeld. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve amending the towing districts in the Borough towing policy to add the language, "all of PA route 366, both North and Southbound lanes," to Zone 2. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve Resolution 791-15, authorizing the PBSA to obtain a small games of chance license. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to authorize a letter of support on behalf of Plum Borough for the PADOT Green Light Go grant application. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Vento, to authorize a \$500 sponsorship for the Turtle Creek Valley COG on behalf of the Borough. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to authorize the staff to advertise for bids for the 2015 paving program. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to add to the agenda an appointment to the library board. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to appoint Steve Schlauch to the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Susan Doyle. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hrivnak reported the department assisted in evacuating Monroeville Mall following the shooting there last week; Officer Little began his new assignment as SRO at O'Block Junior High; both SRO officers will develop a schedule for routine, unannounced weekly visits to all elementary schools; Officer Kost began D.A.R.E. instruction to 310 six graders in the school district; the department received new ballistic vests; the radar speed trailer was taken out of service for the winter; background investigations were completed for two of the three police candidates; and there were 891 calls for service last month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee with Plum School District – Mr. Dell reported the committee has a tentative meeting scheduled for March 11 at the high school.

Finance – Mr. Dell reported the auditors have finished and will have a draft audit report available in a month or two.

Personnel and Management – Mr. Szarmach announced the Borough will be hiring skilled laborers/winter driver positions. Mt. Szarmach read the requirements for the job and said applications are due by 4 pm on March 6th.

Mr. Szarmach reported that Council had hoped to hire three police officers this evening, however, due to the withdrawal of one and the elimination of another, this action is delayed until next month.

Roads, Equipment and Grounds – Mr. Taylor reported the public works employees had been called out on eight occasions; there were twenty snow and ice events which resulted in 811.75 hours of overtime at an average of \$42.42 per hour, 2,500 tons of salt were used at a cost of \$77.50 per ton, 1,610 gallons of diesel fuel were used at an average of \$2.02 per gallon and there were 8,050 miles driven by our drivers in all weather conditions. Mr. Taylor stated the total cost for snow and ice removal during January was over \$231,000.00.

Mr. Taylor congratulated Dave Kuba and Bill Kearns upon their recent retirement from the Borough.

Public Safety – Mr. Seitz reported the fire departments will begin their Fish Frys on Fridays during Lent; memorial bricks are available from EMS and the fire departments; solicitation letters are out for the fire departments and EMS.

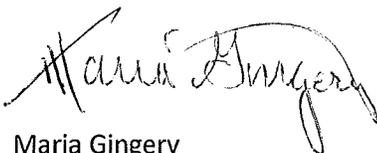
Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Vento reported the Planning and Building Inspection Department issued 60 permits and conducted 74 inspections during the month of January. Mr. Vento announced the Economic Development committee will meet on Monday, February 23rd at 7 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Anderson reported there was no routine maintenance in the parks this month. Mr. Anderson announced the registration dates for outdoor sports. Mr. Anderson said there were some damages to the soccer fields at Larry Mills Park due to vehicles and ATV's driving on them. Mr. Anderson asked residents to keep an eye out at Larry Mills as well as other parks for any types of incidents. Mr. Anderson stated that pavilion rentals are currently available for the 2015 season.

Mr. Doyle announce the Planning Commission will meet on Monday, February 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

Citizen's Comments – Non Agenda Items - None

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Vento, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Unanimously approved.



Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary