The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 14, 2016 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, Dave Majernik, David Seitz, Leonard Szarmach and David Vento were present. Mayor Hrivnak was present.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of February. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve the following expenses for the month of February:

GENERAL FUND	
Payables Requiring Council Approval	$425,176.68
Monthly Recurring Payables	$ 85,000.64
STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Payables Requiring Council Approval	$ 75,656.16
Debt Payment	$ 1,225.53
FIRE FUND	
Payables Requiring Council Approval	$ 17,998.61
Debt Payment	$ 8,225.76
LIQUID FUELS FUND	
Payables Requiring Council Approval	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Payables Requiring Council Approval	$ 5,530.87
Monthly Recurring Payables	$ 11,876.16
PUBLIC WORKS, EMS/VFD FACILITES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	$ 93,866.24
PURCHASING CARD DIRECT VENDOR PAYMENTS	
Allied Republic	$138,753.19
Miscellaneous Borough Purchases	$ 695.00
FLOOD MITIGATION	
Payables Requiring council Approval	$ 2,040.00
Monthly Recurring Payables	$ 1,721.69

Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2016 Council meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Tim Joyce of Senator Jim Brewster's office recognized Officers Crystal Iachini, Eric Callen and Sergeant Jay Kapusta for their heroic efforts upon rescuing a family of seven from a house fire.

Mayor Hrivnak read a proclamation from Senator Joe Markosek's office recognizing the three individuals. Mayor Hrivnak then awarded each with a Plum Borough Police Medal of Valor.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Hrivnak announced Plum Borough will sponsor a Borough clean-up day on Saturday, April 23rd. Information can be obtained by contacting the Borough.

Mayor Hrivnak introduced newly appointed police sergeants Joseph DiMaria and Michael Abraham.

Nina Segelson of Plum Community Center read a proclamation naming March as Meals on Wheels month. Nina recognized volunteers that participated in the program and thanked them for their service.

Marilyn Klingensmith of Plum Community Library announced a coloring program for adults to be held at the library. Ms. Klingensmith said that proceeds from their recent rummage sale will benefit the library.

Chris Hendershot, Operations Director of Plum EMS, announced their 2016 subscription drive would begin shortly and EMS will celebrate their 25th anniversary this week.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – Mr. Doyle stated that what the three police officers did was outstanding. Mr. Doyle wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Thomas did not have a report.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

Walter Berkoski of 551 Millers Lane was upset because Millers Lane was not on the list of roads to be paved this year. Mr. Berkoski said the road hasn't been paved in 40 years.

Andrew Tomko of 110 Willow Village Drive spoke about a safety hazard in his housing plan. Mr. Tomko said they have no street lights and you cannot see Willow Village Drive from Saltsburg Road.

Mr. Thomas said he is already in discussion with Duquesne Light about placement and pricing of a light. Mr. Thomas said that once he has the information, council will need to approve the expenditure.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to add to the agenda the transfer of a liquor license from the Municipality of Monroeville to Zen Restaurant and Sushi Bar. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Dice explained this is the date and time for a public hearing, as required by law, to take public comment on the proposed liquor license transfer.

Holly Guna of Caputo and Caputo represents the Zen Restaurant and Sushi Bar. Ms. Guna said the restaurant will be located on Hulton Road, Verona, PA 15147. Ms. Guna said the hours for the restaurant will be 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., 7 days per week, and will employee 15 people. . Ms. Guna said the owners have a similar restaurant in Sarver PA which has been opened for 10 years.

Mr. Dice asked for public comment; there was none. The public hearing closed.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve Resolution No. 811-16, approving the transfer of liquor license R-6449 from the Municipality of Monroeville to the Borough of Plum for the Zen Restaurant and Sushi Bar, Inc. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve FS-01-16, granting preliminary and final approval for a lot-line revision for the Whispering Pines Home Owners Association. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to adopt Resolution No. 807-16, authorizing a CITF grant application for the O'Block Road creek and retention pond. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to advertise a public hearing for April 4th at 6 p.m., prior to the regularly scheduled work session, to hear public comment on a re-zoning request for a property on Saltsburg Road. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to waive the requirement for a conditional use approval for a personal services business (Plum Nails & Spa) to be located at 100 Boyce Park Village, Suite C. Said waiver is specific and limited to this tenant at this location for this specific application. On a roll call vote: Messrs. Majernik, Szarmach, Vento and Dell vote yes. Messrs. Seitz, Anderson and Doyle vote no. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to appoint Scott Ricketts to the position of Sergeant in the Plum Police Department effective upon swearing in by the Mayor. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to make a conditional offer of employment to Benjamin Barch as an entry-level police officer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dell, to adopt Resolution No. 808-16, adopting the Allegheny County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to add to the agenda, recognizing the Plum Chamber of Commerce as a civic organization to apply for a small games of chance permit. Mr. Dell abstained because he is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to adopt Resolution No. 810-16 recognizing the Plum Chamber of Commerce as a civic organization to apply for a small games of chance permit. Mr. Dell abstains. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to adopt Resolution No. 809-16 authorizing the 2016 master lease agreement with Vision Financial Group. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Vento, to award the 2016 road paving bid to Tresco Paving for the bid price of $1,097,013.60. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to award the sanitation bid to Greenridge Waste DBA Republic Services at a base bid of $15.07 for weekly trash collection, automated recycling collection and seasonal yard waste collection. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve the Vehicle Donation Policy as presented by the Borough Manager. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hrivnak reported there were 795 calls last month; there was a man struck by a hit and run on February 9th along Greensburg Road. The man died a week later. Mayor Hrivnak reported the School Resource Officers continued implementation of the A.L.I.C.E program at O'Block and Pivik schools; the SRO officers presented Project Buckle Up to Holiday Park Elementary School; Officer Scott Ricketts assisted in a cyber bullying program at Pivik Elementary; Officers Conley and DeMarco attended the regional meeting of the PA Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Project; a roving DUI patrol was conducted in February with 10 citations being issued. Mayor Hrivnak wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a Happy Easter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee w/ Plum School District – Mr. Doyle announced they will meet on March 23rd.

Finance Committee – Mr. Dell said they plan on meeting in mid-April to go over the Borough's audit, to do a first quarter financial review and discuss the sanitation bid.

Personnel and Management – Mr. Szarmach congratulated Officer Ricketts on his appointment to Sergeant.

Roads, Equipment and Grounds – Mr. Seitz reported there were 12 callouts in February; 1,500 tons of deicing materials were used; the department is preparing for spring projects; potholes should be reported to the Borough.

Public Safety – Mr. Majernik reported the Borough is working on a drone ordinance to regulate drones during the U.S. Open; the Borough is working on an ordinance regulating parking during the U.S. Open and we are working with Allegheny County on the hazardous mitigation plan.

Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Vento reported that 79 permit applications were received last month of which 62 were occupancy transfers. The permits generated revenues of $8,319.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Anderson reported the new dugouts have been completed, 2 backstops are being built; a partition has been built in a restroom at a pavilion; a wall has been completed along Ross Hollow by the football field; and grass and grounds maintenance will begin soon.

Mr. Doyle announced the Planning Commission will meet on Monday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Citizen Comments – Non Agenda Items – None

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Unanimously approved.

Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary