

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plum Borough Municipal Building, 4575 New Texas Road, Plum, PA 15239.

ROLL CALL: Present were council members: Mike Dell, Mike Doyle, Don Knopfel, Keith Nowalk, Len Szarmach, Steve Taylor and Mayor Rich Hrivnak. John Anderson was absent.

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

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

Monthly Recurring Payables	\$1,545,952.94
Payables Requiring Council Approval	587,367.08
Street Improvement Fund	56,764.02
Debt Payment	-
Fire Fund	183,522.87
Debt Payment	28,140.69
Liquid Fuels Fund	81,823.94
Debt Service Fund	-
Purchasing Card Direct Vendor Payments:	
Public Works Facility	841,659.45
Allied Republic	133,627.76
Cintas	3,224.55

Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2013 council meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY – None

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Marilyn Klingensmith of Plum Community Library announced upcoming programs to be held at the library.

President’s Comments – Mr. Doyle had nothing to report.

Manager’s Report – Mr. Thomas announced that trick-or-treating would be on October 31st from 6-8 p.m.

Citizen’s Comments - Agenda Items – None

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Nowalk, to appoint Melinda Litzinger to fill a vacancy on the Plum Library Board set to expire on December 31, 2013. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve the sale of three out-of-service police vehicles to the City of Arnold for \$7,500. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adopt Ordinance No. 870-13 accepting Winchester Drive in the Colonial Pointe Development. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adopt Ordinance No. 871-13 establishing a safety stop point at Elicker Road and Winchester Drive. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to extend an agreement with the Plum Borough School District for a school Resource Officer for the 2013-2014 school year. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Nowalk, to ratify Municipal Center Change Orders for September in the amount of \$29,674.00. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hrivnak reported the police department had made several arrests related to drug deals and trafficking; the department took possession of 4 new Ford Taurus patrol vehicles and there were 738 calls for service. Mayor Hrivnak congratulated the Holiday Park Volunteer Fire Company on their 50th anniversary. The Mayor announced the ground breaking for the second phase which includes the Renton fire station and Plum EMS; Sugar Plum Days are scheduled for Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee with Plum School District – Mr. Nowalk reported the committee discussed the School Resource Officer and School Road. Mr. Nowalk said the school district has requested additional signs on Center New Texas Road alerting drivers of bus traffic.

Finance Committee – Mr. Dell announced that revenues have increased 3% and expenses have decreased 3% in 2013. Mr. Dell reported that the TAN had been paid off sooner than anticipated; 2014 has a proposed budget of 12.3 million with no tax increases and the Borough will be spending more on roads next year.

Mr. Bachy stated the Borough will start work on Millers Lane.

Personnel and Management – Mr. Nowalk reported the collective bargaining agreement with the police department is being reviewed and will be signed; we will be advertising for a building janitor, resume should be sent to the borough manager.

Roads, Equipment and Grounds – Mr. Szarmach announced that leaf collection is in progress and may be altered due to bad weather.

Public Safety – Mr. Knopfel reported that Unity Volunteer Fire Department is waiting for State approval to come back so that they can place the order for a new truck; the Holiday Park anniversary open house

was a success with several hundred people attending and if someone wants to purchase abandoned property, it does not have to be acquired through sheriff sale.

Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Taylor reported there were 67 permits issued, 84 inspections conducted and 23 violations issued.

Parks and Recreation - Mr. Thomas reported for Mr. Anderson that park maintenance was done throughout September and will be completed by the end of the month; public works department is working with the midget football association to add additional seating at the football fields; the Borough is working with the athletic associations to tie up loose ends before the end of the season and the comprehensive parks and recreation plan is currently being worked on.

Citizen's Comments – Non Agenda Items

Dave Vento of Unity Center Road suggested that veterans be offered a discount when using EMS, if the individual is unable to pay, the Borough would pay. Mr. Vento announced the PA turnpike is planning an expansion and Millers Lane may be affected. Mr. Vento said he attended a seminar sponsored by the COG. The participants discussed blighted properties and turning brownfields into viable property.

Mr. Doyle announced the planning commission would meet on Monday, October 21, 2013.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Unanimously approved.


Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary