

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 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: John Anderson, Mike Dell, Mike Doyle, Don Knopf, Keith Nowalk, Len Szarmach and Steve Taylor. Mayor Richard Hrivnak was also present.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of October. Unanimously approved.

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

Monthly Recurring Payables	\$ 21,376.18
Payables Requiring Council Approval	285,711.47
Street Improvement Fund	28,389.54
Fire Fund	26,183.40
Debt Payment	6,146.09
Debt Service Fund-Interest Payment	214,544.38
Public Works Facility	229,055.56
Purchasing Card Direct Vendor Payments:	
Allied Republic	133,627.76
Cintas	2,852.81
Miscellaneous Borough Purchases	453.68

Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2013 council meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Hrivnak recognized Trevor Scott for his accomplishing the rank of Eagle Scout. The Mayor stated that Trevor's project involved building a shelter in Boyce Park.

Mayor Hrivnak recognized Ryan Garlitz who also achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. The Mayor announced Ryan was a member of Boy Scout Troop 899, with St. John's Church and his service project involved building four permanent benches in Plum's Library children's area.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carol Johnson of Plum Community Senior Center announced upcoming events to be held at the Center.

Marilyn Klingensmith of Plum Community Library announced the Library would be accepting donations for the Plum Food Pantry. Mrs. Klingensmith also reported on upcoming programs to be held at the library.

Dave Derry of Plum's class of 1978 requested the community's support for an event to be held for the Boynton Family. Mr. Derry explained Mr. Boynton and his son were involved in a serious auto accident requiring extensive hospitalization. Proceeds from the event will assist the family financially.

President's Comments - Mr. Doyle had nothing to report.

Manager's Report – Mr. Thomas had nothing to report.

Citizen's Comments – Agenda Items – Mr. Robert Huemme of Crestview Drive requested that a project being done by the public works department be postponed until spring. Mr. Thomas said that the curb would be done in the near future as long as the weather was cooperative; the fill will be delayed until spring.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the Alase consolidation plan (FS-3-13) located at 418 Jefferson Street. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Knopf, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve a settlement agreement with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Huemme of 465 Crestview Drive. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowalk, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve an agreement with Hoffman Kennels for 2014 for dog catcher services. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to accept the proposal from Standard Bank for the 2014 TAN at a fixed rate of 1.15%. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Knopf, to approve Ordinance No. 872-13 establishing a safety stop point at Old Mine, Clements and Renton Roads. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Nowalk, to ratify Municipal center change orders in the amount of \$10,182.53. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve a healthcare opt-out provision for police officers as part of the 2014-2017 collective bargaining agreement. Unanimously approved.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Hrivnak reported Halloween went smoothly; new cameras with GPS technology were installed in all patrol cars; Officer Cerula completed Top Men Undercover Program and there were a total of 783 calls for service in October. Mayor Hrivnak thanked veterans for Veterans Day and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee w/Plum School District – Mr. Nowalk reported the committee would meet on December 11 at 6.m.; topics of discussion will include construction updates, new elementary school projects, letters to residents and improvement for the bus garage.

Finance Committee – Mr. Dell reported on the 2014 budget: highlights of the budget include funds for roads, storm water projects, a new fire truck and a part-time janitorial position.

Mr. Taylor inquired how much was allocated for sports. Mr. Anderson said there is approximately \$600,000. Mr. Thomas stated that there are labor costs in that figure, \$258,000 is for improvements to the parks.

Personnel and Management – Mr. Nowalk announced the Borough would be hiring a part-time janitor to clean the borough building, public works facility and the senior center. The job will be approximately 25-28 hours per week. Interested individuals can fill out an employment application. Mr. Nowalk reported the Borough will assume payroll processing, accounts payables and receivables at the senior center to eliminate administrative costs.

Roads, Equipment and Grounds – Mr. Szarmach reported the department did pot hole and asphalt repairs; preparation of equipment for inclement weather and leaf collection which concludes in 3 weeks.

Public Safety – Mr. Knopf reported Unity Fire Department has ordered a new fire truck.

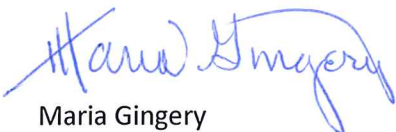
Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Taylor reported there were 93 permits issued; 15 violations were sent out and there are three new businesses in Plum: a yogurt store, Little Caesars Pizza and Super Cuts.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Anderson reported the public works department has completed all park maintenance and closed the restrooms; the committee met on October 9 to discuss budget requests. Mr. Anderson said that the baseball and soccer fields will be rehabilitated next year and new spectator seating will be installed at the midget football fields.

Mr. Szarmach commented that the elections were calm with no name calling or mud slinging. Mr. Szarmach thanked the residents that voted.

Mr. Doyle announced the Planning Commission will meet on Monday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Nowalk, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Unanimously approved.



Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary