

COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**38-14**

The council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 8, 2014 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, David Seitz, Leonard Szarmach, Steve Taylor, Dave Vento and Mayor Rich Hrivnak. Council members John Anderson and Mike Doyle were absent.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to approve the expenses for the month of August:

Monthly Recurring Payables	\$ 59,750.83
Payables Requiring Council Approval	252,882.52
Street Improvement Fund	10,250.41
Debt Payment	-
Fire Fund	17,303.89
Debt Payment	8,225.76
Liquid Fuels Fund	-
Debt Service Fund	-
Interest Payment	-
Public Works Facility	19,806.50
Capital Improvement Fund	1,488.70
Purchasing Card Direct Vendor Payments:	
Allied Republic	137,823.52
Cintas	3,697.29
Miscellaneous Borough Purchases	-

Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2014 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.

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

Bob Morran of Plum EMS announced a CPR training class that will be held at John Anthony's restaurant.

President's Comments – None

Manager's Report – Mr. Thomas announced that the annual yard waste collections will be held on September 20, October 18 and November 15. Participating residents should call Allied Waste at 877-788-9400 prior to the collection day.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve (FS-6-14) the revised Cummings Plan of lots, a lot line revision at 2035-2045 Renton Road, located in an "R-1" suburban residential zoning district. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve (SP-4-14) the Balsamico site plan application for conversion of the site to a restaurant at 7625 Saltsburg Road, located in a "B-2" general commercial zoning district. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to set a public hearing date for an unsafe structure located at 223 Dombroski Avenue for October 6, 2014 for 6:30 p.m. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to approve a proposal from Massaro Corporation for consultant services for the development of the municipal site at a cost up to \$14,000. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to approve a new lease with the Plum Borough Municipal Authority for the Real Estate Tax Office at a cost of \$350 per month. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve Resolution No. 784-14, the Act 205 election form. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve Resolution No. 785-14 adopting the 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Plum Police, Administration and Teamsters pension plans. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to accept the bid from Pugliano construction Co. Inc. for the Holiday Park Culvert Project at a cost of \$181,200 with the project to commence January 1, 2015. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to accept a bid from Cargill through the Shacog for salt at a cost of \$79.29 per ton. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve the purchase of a dedication plaque for the public works facility at a cost of \$2,813.99. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hrivnak reported the department concluded participating in the PA Aggressive Driving program; ninety-eight traffic citations were issued for various aggressive driving related behaviors; there were 833 calls for service during the month of August; the department conducted a traffic speed study on Ross Hollow Road and found that 85% of vehicles were traveling in excess of the 25 MPH speed limit; the physical agility test was administered to the police candidates and forty-one passed the test. The next step in the hiring process is the oral interview scheduled for late September. Mayor Hrivnak congratulated Patrol Officer Joe Little on his new position as a School Resource Officer.

Mayor Hrivnak announced the Plum Memorial Banner Program is continuing. The banners will be assembled by the American Legion and installed prior to Memorial Day, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee with Plum School District – Mr. Dell announced that the Committee will meet on October 7 at 6 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria Board Room.

Finance Committee – Mr. Dell announced the Chamber of Commerce Family Day is Saturday, September 14 at Kennywood Park; the Finance Committee will meet on October 7 and all of council is invited to attend the first round of budget meetings. Mr. Dell inquired about the Rails-to-Trails program.

Mayor Hrivnak said that he and Mr. Szarmach attended a meeting with Allegheny County to discuss Rails-to-Trails in Plum Borough. The Mayor said they discussed land acquisition and availability of grant money. The Mayor also said that this is very early in the planning stage.

Mr. Vento said there is discussion of another trail that will run along the river and connect the communities.

Personnel and Management – Mr. Szarmach reported that the new police officers hopefully will be appointed by the end of the year and the applicants for the SRO were outstanding, making the decision difficult.

Roads, Equipment and Grounds – Mr. Taylor reported that public works cleaned up debris left by the August 10th storm; the department repaired fifteen storm inlets throughout the Borough; curbing was repaired on Renton Road; the department set up and tore down equipment for the soccer tournament; new bleachers were installed at the football field, four dugouts were demolished at the ball fields and they continue to mow grass. Mr. Taylor congratulated Frank Coscarelli of the public works department on acquiring his Class A Commercial Driver's License. Mr. Taylor said that the mechanics continue to work on fleet maintenance.

Public Safety – Mr. Seitz reported that cameras have been installed at Larry Mills Park and similar systems will be installed at the ball fields and football field; the Borough and school district are working on a comprehensive student safety plan to improve student/pedestrian safety concerns throughout the Borough. Mr. Seitz said Unity Fire Department has a new pumper truck and council members will be invited to view the equipment in the near future. Mr. Seitz announced that Plum Emergency Services is working on updating the emergency plan and will report back to council. Mr. Seitz reported that work has begun on completion of Old Mine Road which will cut response times for EMS and the fire station.

Planning and Economic Development - Mr. Vento announced the committee would meet on September 15 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Vento reported there were 76 building permits issued; 120 inspections conducted and 27 violations notices were issued. Mr. Vento said that new businesses can come to council meetings and talk about their business as well as established businesses. Mr. Vento suggested placing the names of the Town Center Committee on the plaque at the public works garage. Mr. Vento also suggested that some funds be allocated for the committee.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Taylor reported that maintenance continued on the parks; public works set up for the soccer tournament, cameras were installed at Larry Mills and construction will begin on field #2 at Larry Mills Park.

Mr. Dell announced the Planning Commission will meet on September 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Citizen's Comments – Non Agenda Items

Bob Morran of Plum Emergency Management reported they responded to 264 calls last month and are on target for 3,000 calls in 2014.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maria Gingery", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary