

COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 11, 2014**34-14**

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 11, 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: John Anderson, Michael Dell, Michael Doyle, Dave Seitz, Leonard Szarmach, Steve Taylor and Dave Vento. Mayor Hrivnak was present.

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

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

Monthly Recurring Payables	\$ 53,571.18
Payables Requiring Council Approval	228,890.03
Street Improvement Fund	93,269.45
Debt Payment	-
Fire Fund	22,702.24
Debt Payment	6,146.00
Liquid Fuels Fund	541,609.93
Debt Service Fund	-
Interest Payment	-
Capital Improvement Fund	5,666.34
Public Works, EMS/VFD Facilities & Larry Mills Park Play Structure	261,801.69
Purchasing Card Direct Vendor Payments:	
Allied Republic	140,314.23
Cintas	3,233.84
Miscellaneous Borough Purchases	-

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2014 special Council Meeting. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to approve the July 14, 2014 regular 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. Mrs. Klingensmith said the library is having discussions with the senior center on having library materials delivered with meals on wheels.

Amy Schlonoski of 80 Acres Bar and Restaurant spoke on behalf of her new business in the Borough.

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

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

Citizen's Comments – Agenda Items – None

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve participation in the Plum Creek Exploration Project and appoint Jason Straley as the representative for Plum Borough. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to authorize Borough staff to approve change orders up to \$25,000 for Phase 2 of the Plum Municipal Center Project. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve the Plum Borough Police School Resource Officer Policy. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve a job description for the position of School Resource Officer 1. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to approve a job description for the position of School Resource Officer 2. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, authorizing Chief Armstrong to send an officer to SRO training at a cost of \$1,500. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to change the September work session from Monday, September 1 to Wednesday, September 3, 2014 due to Labor Day. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to change the October council meeting from Monday, October 13 to Wednesday, October 15, 2014 due to Columbus Day. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve Ordinance No. 881-14 amending the snow emergency parking ordinance. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve a request from Plum Area Youth Soccer Association to amend their lease to permit installation of two vending machines. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to award a bid to John Zottola Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$196,439.15 for improvements to soccer field #2 at Larry Mills Park. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to amend the check signing policy for the Borough. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve amendments to the Debt Service Fund Budget. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hrivnak reported the department began participation in the PA Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Project; the department received a pet microchip scanner which identifies the owners of lost pets; the department adopted a new policy for responding to incidents at school district buildings and facilities; new in-car computers were installed and there were 1030 calls for service during the month of July.

Mayor Hrivnak announced the Military Banner Program that is available to residents to honor those who served in the military. The Mayor requested that residents drive cautiously since school will be opening soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee with Plum School District – No report.

Finance Committee – Mr. Dell reported on the General Fund for the month of July. Mr. Dell said that the Borough has expended 57% of budget; the Teamsters and Employers Pension Plan was recently audited and there were no findings; the 2015 budget kick-off meeting is scheduled on August 14th.

Personnel and Management – Mr. Szarmach reported the physical agility test was administered to the police candidates and 40 individuals passed. Mr. Szarmach said the next step is to schedule the oral interviews in September and hopefully hire in November. Mr. Szarmach said that interviews will be conducted for the school resource officer position.

Roads, Equipment and Grounds – Mr. Taylor reported the department completed repairs to the Thomas Street landslide and a storm water project on Sun Valley Drive. Mr. Taylor said that the public works crews continue to mow grass at Borough facilities; Tresco Paving has completed the seal coat project; flexible base paving will occur in Crystal Springs and Albee Drive areas and Millers Lane paving will begin at the end of August. The Millers Lane project will result in detours for approximately six weeks.

Public Safety – Mr. Seitz had no report.

Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Vento reported that Penn Barrel recently relocated to Plum; the department issued 99 permits during July; 145 inspections were conducted and 30 violation notices were issued. Mr. Vento announced that a committee meeting is scheduled for August 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation - Mr. Anderson reported that maintenance continues in the parks along with the playing fields; the DPW will prepare for the annual soccer tournament; the dugouts at

the baseball fields are being replaced and bids were opened for the field #2 soccer project.

Mr. Doyle announced that the Planning Commission will meet on Monday, August 18, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Citizen's Comments – Non Agenda Items

Brian Jodkin of Foftail Drive in the Whispering Pines subdivision expressed concerns for the proposed phone tower to be erected at the entrance to his housing plan. Mr. Jodkin said he did not want lights blinking in his windows.

Mr. Thomas said you have to provide zoning of all types in a community. This property is not zoned residential.

Gary Horner of Foftail Drive in Whispering Pines is concerned with the potential of health problems. Mr. Horner said that it doesn't make sense placing a tower in the bottom of a valley, the zoning can be changed. Mr. Taylor asked if it can be stopped if it raises health concerns. Mr. Dice said you cannot use that as a reason.

Mr. Dice explained that you cannot change zoning in this area, the application is already in. Mr. Dice said that you cannot exclude use, if they meet all conditions they get permission by right.

Mr. Doyle stated we would do everything to fight it.

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

Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary