

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 12, 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, Mike Doyle, Don Knopf, Leonard Szarmach, Steve Taylor and Dave Vento. Council member Mike Dell was absent. Mayor Richard Hrivnak was present.

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

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

Monthly Recurring Payables	\$132,848.57
Payables Requiring Council Approval	225,668.37
Street Improvement Fund	47,838.14
Debt Payment	-
Fire Fund	20,971.95
Debt Payment	6,146.09
Liquid Fuels Fund	-
Debt Service Fund	-
Principal and Interest Payments	622,927.90
Public Works & EMS/VFD Facility	41,086.79
Purchasing Card Direct Vendor Payments:	
Allied Republic	132,769.42
Cintas	3,072.70
Miscellaneous Borough Purchases	13.30

Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014 Council meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY – Mayor Hrivnak announced that it was National EMS week in Plum Borough. Mayor Hrivnak recognized Plum's technicians who responded to 3,000 calls last year, providing the highest care possible.

Mayor Hrivnak read a proclamation for Matthew Haines, a recent Eagle Scout recipient. Matthew's service project included building a flag disposal area and benches at the American Legion military memorial.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Marilyn Klingensmith of Plum Community Library announced programs for children and adults to be held at the library.

Debbie Bell of Jackson Road announced a Bowl for the Cure fund raising event to be held at Nesbit's Bowling Lanes this coming Saturday.

Tom Izydore of Plum EMS encouraged residents to take CPR training. Mr. Izydore introduced Mr. and Mrs. Halick of Providence Drive. Mr. Izydore explained that Mr. Halick had recently experienced a heart attack and was revived due to his wife knowing CPR and the expertise of the emergency responders.

Nikki of Plum Community Center announced programs and outings to be held and sponsored by the center.

President's Comments – Mr. Doyle announced the Borough received information from Allegheny County on millage rates for municipalities. Mr. Thomas stated that Plum Borough has the lowest general tax mills for municipalities with similar population.

Manager's Report – Mr. Thomas did not have a report.

Citizen's Comments – Agenda Items – None

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Knopf, to declare an unsafe structure at 877 Center Road as required under Borough Ordinance 429. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to award a contract to Massaro Construction Management to develop an RFP for the Borough Property for an amount not to exceed \$19,000. Unanimously approved

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve Resolution No. 778-14 naming the TCVCOG as the CDBG Grant Program Manager. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Knopf, to waive the penalty and interest for property located at 133 Winchester Drive. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Knopf, to waive the penalty and interest for property located at 822 Keywest Drive. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Knopf, to waive the penalty and interest for property located at 266 Red Oak Drive. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for a retired police officer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve Resolution No. 779-14 to apply for a banner permit for the 2014 Community Days Festival at Route 286 and Kane Road and Hulton and Coxcomb Hill Roads. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hrivnak reported there were 902 calls for service last month; congratulated officers for a drug bust in Plum Borough; Officer Kingerski attended AR 15 Armorer school; Chief Armstrong attended the Chiefs of Police annual Police Accreditation Conference; the County District Attorney's Office provided the police department with a training DVD related to dealing with individuals diagnosed with autism; the department ordered three new Ford Interceptor sedans for 2014 and the written examinations for the positions of lieutenant and sergeant were conducted. Mayor Hrivnak said that Boy Scout Troop 110 will be painting house numbers on curbs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee with Plum School District – Mr. Taylor reported that he, Mr. Doyle and Mr. Thomas attended a meeting where the following topics were discussed:

- Potential sites for school bus garage
- Salt and snow removal
- Nixel alerts and Facebook
- School safety
- School district radios

Finance Committee – Mr. Anderson reported for Mr. Dell that a review of the first quarter general fund was done in April; there were a large portion of expenses occurring in the first quarter; they discussed the independent audit and reviewed the ems/renter lease agreement

Personnel and Management – Mr. Szarmach reported that the police hiring is moving forward; the Municipal Authority would be discussed in executive session at another date.

Roads, Equipment and Grounds – Mr. Taylor reported that all salting and snow plowing equipment has been removed from public works vehicles; the equipment is ready for use on spring maintenance projects; the department is preparing for the annual paving projects and working on park projects; the department is also working on curbs and patching potholes. Mr.

Taylor stated the department has been installing pipe and inlets, improving drainage and replacing failing storm sewer systems on roads scheduled for paving this year.

Public Safety – Mr. Knopfel reported that the fire department's fish fry's have finished successfully. Mr. Knopfel reminded residents to contribute to the fire departments and EMS.

Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Vento reported that McDonald's opened at their new location at the intersection of Route 286 and New Texas Road; the Planning Department issued 88 permits; 41 violation notices were issued and the Department conducted 114 inspections. Mr. Vento said the committee discussed doing a Business Feature which would highlight new businesses and be played on the local cable channel for a month. Mr. Vento announced there will be an Economic Development Committee Meeting on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Anderson reported that public works has worked on seating at the ball fields, painted the restrooms, is looking into repairing fences and gates along with replacing the dugouts. Mr. Anderson stated the play structure has been torn down at Larry Mills Park and that a grand opening for the new structure is scheduled for June 27th. Mr. Anderson said the soccer fields at Larry Mills has been aerated and the restrooms have been repainted.

Mr. Doyle announced the Planning Commission will meet on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Citizen's comments non-agenda items: Bob Morran of Plum EMS reported on the Franci Fundraiser that was held last weekend. Mr. Morran stated proceeds from the event will help people experiencing financial problems and help fund a scholarship fund for paramedic training.

Mr. Morran announced their second notice has been sent for subscriptions. Mr. Morran stated that 70% of the community does not support the fire and ems; he suggested including the fee in with the taxes.

Mr. Doyle asked Mr. Knopfel if this were his last meeting. Mr. Knopfel said he has sold his home and if it closes as scheduled (May 29), then this is his last meeting. Mr. Dice said Council will need to accept his resignation.

Motion was made by Mr. Knopfel, seconded by Mr. Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 8 p.m. Unanimously approved.

Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary

