

COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 11, 2013**11-14**

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 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, Mike Dell, Mike Doyle, Leonard Szarmach, Steve Taylor, David Vento and Mayor Richard Hrivnak. Council member Don Knopfel was absent.

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

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

Monthly Recurring Payables	\$200,616.04
Payables Requiring Council Approval	141,924.94
Street Improvement Fund	2,890.00
Debt Payment	-
Fire Fund	26,362.58
Debt Payment	8,225.76
Liquid Fuels Fund	-
Debt Service Fund	
Interest Payment	
Public Works & EMS/VFD Facility	236,607.78
Purchasing Card Direct Payments	
Allied Republic	134,056.93
Cintas	2,982.37
Miscellaneous Borough Purchases	408.65

Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2014 council meeting and the February 20, 2014 special 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.

Nikki of Plum Community Senior Center announced upcoming programs to be held at the senior center.

President's Comments – Mr. Doyle wished his wife a happy anniversary and wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's day.

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. Szarmach, to approve the site plan for the Al Franci Emergency Services Building located at 1990 Old Mine Road as recommended by the Planning Commission. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Dell, to terminate the employment of police officer Jeremy Cumberledge for neglect and violation of officials duties, violation of the laws of Pennsylvania, conduct unbecoming an officer and disobedience of orders, as more fully set forth in the Disciplinary Charges issued to Officer Cumberledge. On a roll call vote: Messrs. Anderson, Dell, Doyle, Szarmach, Taylor and Vento voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve an amendment to the Plum Police Civil Service Regulations to require PA Act 120 Certification for all patrol applicants and to require first line supervisory experience to be eligible for a second line supervisor position. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to add to the agenda the hiring of a Borough custodian. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to hire Linda Towe as the Borough Custodian at a rate of \$13.50/hour, not to exceed 30 hours a week. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to table awarding a contract for the purchase of a play structure, to have a chance to review a bid. Unanimously approved. A special council meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 6 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve a budget amendment for the 2014 Liquid Fuels Budget as presented to council at the March 4, 2014 council work session. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve a budget amendment for the 2014 Street Improvement Fund as presented to council at the March 4, 2014 council work session. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Szarmach, to rename the Capital Improvement fund the Debt Service Fund as per the Borough Auditor's recommendation. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to adopt the 2014 Debt Service Fund budget as presented to council at the March 4, 2014 council work session. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell. Seconded by Mr. Vento, to create a new Capital Improvement Fund for the funding of infrastructure and equipment capital investments. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to amend the 2014 Capital Improvement budget as presented to council at the March 4, 2014 council work session. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to authorize the borough staff to establish a Capital Improvement Fund checking account at S & T Bank. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to authorize a fund transfer of \$250,000 from the Debt Service Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to amend the Investment Policy Statement as proposed by the Police Pension Committee. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hrivnak reported on the State Pension Audit, noting this was the first audit without findings; there were 735 calls for service last month; officers began completing their 2014 mandatory in-service training; several vehicles were involved in accidents due to icy conditions and deer; and Plum received recognition as the 45th Safest City in America. Mayor Hrivnak thanked the students in Center's Elementary School kindergarten class for having him participate in a reading class.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee with Plum School District – Mr. Doyle announced a possible meeting of the committee on March 26, 2014.

Finance Committee – Mr. Dell reported the auditors are still working on the 2013 audit, there is a deficit of \$20,000 but compared to the budgeted deficit, we ended the year favorably. Mr. Dell stated that homes in Plum Borough are currently outselling Murrysville which is reflected in the increase in deed transfer taxes.

Personnel and Management – Mr. Szarmach read a statement pertaining to the action of terminating Jeremy Cumberledge.

Road, Equipment and Grounds – Mr. Taylor reported that core borings will be done on Thomas Street and Repp Road due to problems with sinking conditions; the road crews responded to 15 separate snow and ice events throughout the month; crews have been repairing mailboxes and street signs which were damaged by snow plows; crews have been installing cold patch in potholes as weather permits and three projects have been put out for bid. The bid opening is scheduled for March 27, 2014.

Public Safety – There is no report in Mr. Knopfel's absence.

Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Vento reported there were 42 permits issued for February, 65 inspections were conducted and 24 violations were issued.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Anderson reported staff assisted in designing the new play structure to be installed at Larry Mills Park. The surface under the structure will be rubber for safety purposes. Mr. Anderson reported that public works will demolish the old structure in the early spring, the new structure will be in place by mid-late July. Mr. Anderson stated that over 800 youth have registered for baseball with the season beginning April 21st.

Mr. Doyle announced the Planning Commission will meet on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Citizens Comments – Non Agenda Items – None

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

Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary

