

**COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 14, 2014****2-14**

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 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 Knopf was absent.

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

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

Monthly Recurring Payables	\$116,747.32
Payables Requiring Council Approval	433,701.69
Street Improvement Fund	-
Debt Payment	-
Fire Fund	20,996.70
Debt Payment	28,140.69
Liquid Fuels Fund	-
Debt Service Fund	-
Interest Payment	-
Public Works Facility	24,039.00
Purchasing Card Direct Vendor Payment	-
Allied Republic	132,986.41
Cintas	3,721.50
Miscellaneous Borough Purchases	738.46

Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2013 council meeting. Unanimously approved.

**RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY – None**

**CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tom Izydore of Plum EMS reported there were 2,643 calls during 2013 and that the volume of calls has increased over the past three years. Mr. Izydore said that EMS would purchase a new vehicle in 2014 and residents should take into consideration the new EMS building that is being built when making donations.

Bob Morran of Plum EMS encouraged residents to contribute to the EMS; without subscribing an ambulance call can cost \$1,000.

Nici Edwards-Patalski of Plum Community Senior Center announced that tax assistance is available at the center.

Mr. Thomas announced upcoming programs to be held at the Plum Community Library.

Mr. Thomas announced the Plum Rotary will be collecting school supplies and gently worn shoes to distribute in Nicaragua.

**President's Comments** – Mr. Doyle thanked the residents who re-elected him and welcomed back newly elected council member David Vento.

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

**Citizen's comments – Agenda Items** – None

### **COUNCIL ACTIONS**

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Vento, to ratify Municipal Center Change Orders for the month of December in the amount of \$6,818.85. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to appoint Jean Pedrosky as the delinquent earned income tax collector for the tax year 2011 at an annual salary of \$40,000. This position shall cease as of January 1, 2015. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve modifications to the towing agreement: increase tow to \$165 per vehicle, increase vehicle storage to \$35 per day. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Vento, to ratify the decision of the Borough Manager to bind coverage for Workers Compensation Insurance with the Housing and Redevelopment Insurance Exchange effective January 1, 2014. Mr. Doyle abstained because he does business with this company. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve the Castellano Subdivision (FS-5-13) for property located at 2006 Logans Ferry Road. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to accept the retirement of Chief Frank Monaco effective January 18, 2014. Unanimously approved.

Mayor Hrivnak and council members thanked Chief Monaco for the excellent job he had done.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve a separation agreement with Frank Monaco consistent with the terms set forth as presented to Borough Council by the Borough Manager in the executive session. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to appoint Lieutenant Jeffrey Armstrong as the Plum Borough Chief of Police effective January 18, 2014. Unanimously approved.

Mayor Hrivnak congratulated Chief Armstrong and stated he was an individual who displayed the qualities of integrity, honesty and ultimate professionalism.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to approve a personal employment agreement with Chief Armstrong consistent with the terms set forth as presented to Borough Council by the Borough Manager in the executive session. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the 2014 Administrative Staff salaries consistent with the terms set forth as presented to Borough Council by the Borough Manager in the executive session. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to re-appoint Melinda Litzinger to the Plum Borough Library Board for a 3-year term beginning January 2014. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to appoint Susan Doyle to the Plum Borough Library Board for a 3-year term beginning January 2014. Mr. Doyle abstained. Motion carried.

Mr. Anderson stated there was another vacancy on the library board but no candidates. Mr. Anderson said if anyone was interested they should contact the borough.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to re-appoint Al Flickinger to the Plum Borough Municipal Authority Board for a 5-year term beginning January 2014. On a roll call vote: Messrs. Dell, Doyle, Szarmach, Taylor and Anderson vote yes. Mr. Vento voted no. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Dell, to re-appoint Bill Bonura to the Plum Borough Municipal Authority Board for a 5-year term beginning January 2014. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to re-appoint Tom Oslick to a 4-year term on the Plum Borough Planning Commission beginning January 2014. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to appoint Ken Kolenik to a 4-year term on the Plum Borough Planning Commission beginning January 2014. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to re-appoint Ruth Grant to a 5-year term on the Plum Borough Zoning Hearing Board beginning January 2014. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Dell, to re-appoint Dave Majernik to the Plum Vacancy Board for the year 2014. Messrs. Doyle, Szarmach, Taylor, Anderson and Dell vote yes. Mr. Vento voted no. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** - Mayor Hrivnak reported there were 742 calls for the month of December, 61 traffic citations were issued and 32 criminal complaints filed.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee with Plum School District** – Mr. Dell stated that the committee has not met yet.

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Dell reported we exceeded revenues for 2013, while expenses were at 100% resulting in a surplus of \$100,000. Mr. Dell announced the following meeting dates for 2014: February 19, April 16, and June 18, Aug. 20, with a Budget planning meeting in October to meet with department heads. Mr. Dell said the finance committee meetings would be advertised in advance.

**Personnel and Management** – Mr. Szarmach reported he would like to schedule a regular monthly meeting with his committee.

**Road, Equipment and Grounds** - Public works responded to 16 separate snow events resulting in 790 overtime hours; the department performed inlet and berm repairs and in between snow events the department continues to perform ongoing fleet maintenance.

**Public Safety** – No report

**Planning and Economic Development** – Mr. Vento reported the planning department issued 70 permits and conducted 107 inspections. In addition, 4 violation notices were issued. Mr. Vento welcomed Miko Academy to Plum Borough.

**Parks and Recreation** – Mr. Anderson reported the committee continues discussion on the Comprehensive Parks Plan and the playground structure at Larry Mills. The existing play structure will be removed this spring and a new structure erected. Mr. Anderson said that improvements will be made to the surface below the structure. Mr. Anderson also reported they had met with the various athletic associations to address their concerns and needs.

Mr. Doyle announced the Planning Commission would meet on Monday, January 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

**Citizens Comments – Non Agenda Items** – None

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

Maria Gingery  
Assistant Borough Secretary