

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 14, 2015 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, David Seitz, Leonard Szarmach, Steve Taylor and Dave Vento. Mayor Richard Hrivnak was absent.

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

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

GENERAL FUND	
Monthly Recurring Payables	\$ 18,724.20
Payables Requiring Council Approval	256,951.86
STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Payables Requiring Council Approval	16,309.95
FIRE FUND	
Payables Requiring Council Approval	30,251.27
Debt Payment	8,225.76
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Payables	50,702.19
PUBLIC WORKS, EMS/VFD FACILITIES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	
	36,744.28
PURCHASING CARD DIRECT VENDOR PAYMENTS	
Allied Republic	136,173.81
FLOOD MITIGATION	
Payables Requiring Council Approval	219,038.42

Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the minutes of the November 2nd public hearing and the November 9, 2015 Council Meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY – None

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Szarmach announced the development of Serenity Ridge, a new senior housing development in Plum Borough. Mr. Szarmach suggested we put information regarding the development on the website.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Doyle announced that it is council member Steve Taylor's last meeting. Mr. Doyle thanked Mr. Taylor for his 12 years of service. Mr. Doyle wished everyone a happy holiday.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Thomas asked residents who are interested in serving on boards and commissions to submit a letter of interest to the Borough.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS - None

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to adopt Ordinance No. 894-15, amending the Uniform Construction Code Ordinance. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve a conditional use for the Autumn Ridge Planned Residential Development. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve a request from Ecoland Solutions for a modification in the Autumn Ridge Development, stating that a fence not be required for the storm water management structures that will be constructed as part of the development. On a roll call vote: Messrs. Anderson, Dell, Doyle, Seitz, Szarmach, Taylor and Vento voted no. Motion denied.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve a request from Ecoland Solutions for a modification in the Autumn Ridge Development, stating that drainage ditches do not have to be directed to a stream or watercourse. On a roll call vote: Messrs. Anderson, Dell, Doyle, Seitz, Szarmach, Taylor and Vento voted no. Motion denied.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve the tentative PRD and preliminary land development approval for the Autumn Ridge Development. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adopt Ordinance No. 895-15, adopting Dundee, Heather and Muirfield in the Highlands Plan Phase 4. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to enact Ordinance No. 896-15, establishing stop points in the Highlands Phases 3 and 4. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve FS-13-15, preliminary and final subdivision approval for the Raggiunti-Tamburro plan located at the corner of Jefferson and Hulton Roads. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve FS-14-15, the Vassil lot line revision for lots 285 and 289 Lynn Ann Drive. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve FS-15-15, the Blenda-Kvortek lot line revision located at 661 and 663 Memorial Drive. Unanimously approved.

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Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve FS-16-15, the Witkovitz subdivision located at 1095 Elicker Road. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve FS-18-15, the Danny subdivision located at Sardis Road. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve FS-19-15, the Broome subdivision #2 located at 310 Carpenter Drive. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to table SP-6-15, the site plan for the "Clover Commons Addition". Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to table PS/FS-17-15 for the "Clover Commons Addition". Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve Ordinance No. 893-15, revision to the Borough fee ordinance. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve a retirement agreement for John Cosentino. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to adopt the 2016 budget as presented, dated last revision December 7, 2015. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adopt Ordinance No. 890-15, setting the 2016 real estate tax rate at 3.78 mills. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adopt Ordinance No. 891-15, setting the earned income tax rate at 1%. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to adopt Ordinance No. 892-15, setting the local services tax at \$52 per person per year. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to adopt Resolution No. 803-15, restating the administrative pension plan as recommended. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Vento, to adopt Resolution No. 804-15, authorizing a tax anticipation note for \$3.5 million from Standard Bank. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve a transfer of \$75,000 from the General Fund to the Fire fund. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT – No report in Mayor Hrivnak's absence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee w/Plum School District – Mr. Thomas reported that a meeting would be scheduled for mid-January.

Finance Committee – Mr. Dell announced that projected revenues for 2016 are \$11,790,000 and expenses are \$11,773,000.

Personnel and Management – Mr. Szarmach did not have a report.

Roads, Equipment and Grounds – Mr. Taylor thanked Council members and the community.

Public Safety – Mr. Seitz reported that School Resource Officers Joe Little and Scott Ricketts received instruction on a new safety program entitled "Operation SafeSearch"; the police department participated in the Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Project campaign.

Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Vento reported there were 44 permits issued during the previous month generating \$16,686.60 in revenues.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Anderson reported he had attended the annual soccer association banquet and thanked the association for inviting him.

Mr. Doyle announced the Planning Commission will meet on December 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – NON AGENDA ITEMS – None

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



Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary