

COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 13, 2015**29-15**

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 13, 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 Hrivnak was absent.

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

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

General Fund		
Monthly Recurring Payables		\$ 91,080.44
Payables Requiring Council Approval		306,758.19
Street Improvement Fund		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		4,119.45
Fire Fund		
Recurring Payables		3,991.00
Payables Requiring Council Approval		50,238.61
Capital Improvement Fund		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		19,629.28
Flood Mitigation		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		15,137.88
Public Works, EMS/VFD Facilities		101,380.13
Purchasing Card Direct Vendor Payment		
Allied Republic		139,057.74
Miscellaneous Borough Purchases		1,866.34

Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2015 Council Meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Taylor read a proclamation for Stamp Out Leukemia Week. Plum School District Coach, Joe Ionta thanked the community for their support. Tammy Taylor of New Texas Road encouraged residents to participate in a 5K Run & Walk to be held at Boyce Park on August 8, 2015. Proceeds will benefit the Leukemia Society.

Mike Doyle read a Certificate of Recognition for the Plum High School Robotics Team who took first place in the National Robotics League Competition in Ohio. Mr. Doyle recognized each of the team's participants.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Betsy Krisher and Jeff Kent of Maher Duessel reported on the Borough's 2014 Audit.

John Anderson read announcements for upcoming events to be held at the Plum Community Center. Mr. Anderson also reported on events to be held at the Plum Community Library.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – Mr. Doyle did not have a report.

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 adopt Resolution 797-15, approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of vacant property known as block and lot number 852-K-25, 419 Pierson Run Road. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to grant site plan approval for Plum Dollar General, SP-3-15, to be located at 2409 Route 286 Golden Mile Highway. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dell to grant preliminary subdivision approval for the June Rose Garden subdivision, FS-5-15, located at 849 Center Road, the developer agrees to give up all development rights until final construction plans are approved. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve a settlement agreement over a case involving removal of a culvert. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Dell, to appoint Michael Abraham to the position of Police Sergeant effective immediately. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to make a conditional offer of employment to Michael Nowe as an entry-level police officer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to make a conditional offer of employment to Eric Callen as an entry-level police officer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to adopt Resolution #798-15, supporting the sobriety checkpoint grant. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Vento, to enter into an agreement with Maher Duessel as the Borough's auditors for year-end audits for 2015-2017, with the option to renew for 2018-2019. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Vento, to table action on supplemental insurance benefits for the PFCA. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to ratify an agreement with Petrakis Contracting for \$78,000 for an emergency storm water repairs in the Ramparts. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT – There was no report in Mayor Hrivnak's absence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee w/Plum School District – Mr. Dell stated that the Committee did not meet.

Finance Committee – Mr. Dell reported copies of the 2014 Audit Report are available; the departments will kick-off the 2016 budget process with a meeting in August; civic organizations with budget requests should submit them to Mike Whitiico, Finance Director and the 2016 budget will be presented to Council in December.

Personnel and Management – Mr. Szarmach reported that Officers Iachini and Porter have begun; the chief will name a new School Resource Officer this week and they will start on the first day of the school year; the new assistant manager is doing well while working on changes in the planning and zoning department. The changes will make the department more accessible to residents and businesses.

Roads, Equipment and Grounds – Mr. Taylor asked residents to be patient with work being done on New Texas Road. Mr. Taylor said the road will be repaved by the end of summer. Mr. Mitall said that they will begin milling and paving in three weeks from Route 286 up to Lyndsey Lane.

Mr. Taylor thanked Council, the Rotary and staff members who worked on the bocce tournament. The proceeds netted \$2,700 and will benefit a needy family.

Public Safety – Mr. Seitz reported that PennDOT has closed a portion of Milltown Road due to a road slide; a second auto speed display has been erected; the Borough has begun discussions with the USGA in preparation for the U.S. Open; discussion was held on definition of active firemen as it pertains to the proposed supplemental insurance.

Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Vento announced the Planning and Zoning Department issued 122 permits during the month.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Anderson reported that Allegheny Fence repaired the main gates at Larry Mills Park; crews resurfaced the two bocce courts; a new scoreboard donated by Chi Signs was installed; picnic tables were painted; grass cutting continues and crews removed old mulch and replaced the area with grass at Larry Mills.

Mr. Anderson thanked the volunteers who assisted with Community Days. Mr. Anderson announced Plum's annual soccer tournament begins August 28 and ends on August 30th.

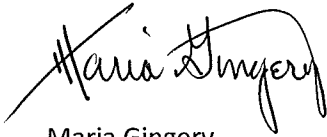
Mr. Doyle announced the Planning Commission will meet on July 20th at 6:30 p.m.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON AGENDA ITEMS – Mr. Fred Sniezek of Cherrywood Drive registered a complaint with the Borough regarding the poor condition of Cherrywood Drive between house numbers 121-127.

Mr. Szarmach suggested bringing this up at the work session when the department heads are available to address resident's concerns. Mr. Sniezek said he had emailed pictures several weeks ago to Mr. Binnie.

Mr. Szarmach acknowledged that many roads are bad due to a harsh winter and the problem will be addressed.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maria Gingery". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary