

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 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, Dave Majernik, Dave Seitz, Leonard Szarmach and Dave Vento. Mayor Hrivnak was present.

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

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

**GENERAL FUND**

Recurring Payables	\$ 30,284.30
Payables Requiring Council Approval	294,988.04

**STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Payables Requiring Council Approval	79,639.64
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**FIRE FUND**

Payables Requiring Council Approval	30,680.35
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**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Payables Requiring Council Approval	53,558.89
Capital Improvements	18,692.46

**PURCHASING CARD DIRECT VENDOR PAYMENTS**

Allied Republic	144,654.08
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**FLOOD MITIGATION**

Payables Requiring Council Approval	6,291.78
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Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016 Council Meeting. Unanimously approved.

**RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY**

Mayor Hrivnak read a proclamation recognizing the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Amplify Church in Plum Borough. Mark Serrao, Church Official, accepted the proclamation.

**CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nina Segelson of Plum Community Center announced a party would be held at the Center next week and Borough Council is invited to attend; A Stuff the Trunk event is also scheduled next week. This event collects items for homebound seniors.

Mayor Hrivnak recognized the staff and volunteers who contributed their services for the Borough's first annual Light Up Night.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS** – Mr. Doyle congratulated the Borough Manager and staff who made the holiday event a success.

**MANAGER'S REPORT** – Mr. Thomas personally thanked Marc Serrao of Oakmont Baker for his generous donation of cookies for the Holiday event; Vince Lagrateria who provided the video and audio, Tom Dojonovic for his time and providing the animated cutouts, the Plum Borough School District, and the Borough Staff who donated their own time for the Holiday Event, Christmas at Plum Creek.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS** – None

#### **COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach to re-approve FS-11-15R, the Plum School District revised subdivision of the school bus garage. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve FS-9-16 the Wooding's subdivision, located at the intersection of Old Frankstown Road and Balkan Drive. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to accept two storm ponds in Rustic Ridge Phase 6. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve Ordinance 906-16 amending the Police Pension Plan. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve Ordinance 907-16, authorizing additional debt in the amount of \$412,000 for the purchase of a fire truck for the Holiday Park Volunteer Fire Department. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to enact Resolution No. 821-16, authorizing the 2017 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note from Standard Bank for \$3.5 million at a rate of 1.25%. Unanimously approved.

### **53-16**

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to authorize a fund transfer of \$450,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Vento, to authorize a fund transfer of \$190,651.29 from the Developer's Escrow Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to table the adoption of the 2017 Budget pending a re-advertisement of the Real Estate Tax Ordinance. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to re-advertise Ordinance No. 908-16, setting the Real Estate Tax Millage at 4.78 mills or approximate mills. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to adopt Ordinance No. 909-16, setting the rate for the Local Services Tax at \$52 per person per year for 2017. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to adopt Ordinance No. 910-16, setting the Earned Income Tax rate at 1% for 2017. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to authorize the staff to open up a checking account at Standard Bank for the new EMS Fund. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to approve a work agreement with A. Liberoni Construction for the removal of approximately 30,000 cubic yards of soil at the new Municipal Building. Unanimously approved.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hrivnak thanked Dave Johnson of Erie Insurance for providing a Thanksgiving meal to the police officers on duty during the holiday. Mayor Hrivnak reported Officers attended the Regional HOPE Summit related to the opioid epidemic; the ATS radar speed display was deployed to three areas during the month; there were 923 calls for service; SRO Little coordinated with Buckle Up PA to present a distracted driving program for students at Plum High School; and all officers completed firearms training and the department received AAA's Platinum Award for Community Traffic Safety for the fifth consecutive year.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee with Plum School District – No report.

Finance Committee – Mr. Dell reported they have tabled the budget approval due to several revisions. Mr. Dell said Plum is one of the fastest growing communities in Allegheny County and it is important to address the needs of our current residents along with those of future residents.

Personnel and Management – No report.

Roads, Equipment and Grounds – Mr. Seitz asked residents to be mindful of snow emergency parking signs allowing a clear path for plow trucks.

Public Safety – No report.

Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Vento reported that 56 permits were issued last month generating a total of \$22,476 with the majority being building permits.

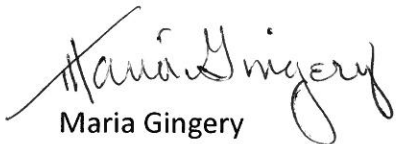
Parks and Recreation – No report.

Mr. Doyle announced there would be a special Council meeting on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. to adopt the 2017 budget, to set the real estate millage rate and other general business.

Mr. Doyle announced the Planning Commission will meet on December 19, 2016.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – Non Agenda Items – None**

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



Maria Gingery  
Assistant Borough Secretary