

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 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: Mike Dell, Mike Doyle, Dave Majernik, and Dave Vento. Council members: David Seitz, Leonard Szarmach and John Anderson were absent. Mayor Hrivnak was present.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to approve the following expenses for the month of October:

GENERAL FUND

Monthly recurring payables	\$ 54,234.03
Payables requiring council Approval	355,207.74

STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND

Debt Payment	31,616.17
Payables Requiring Council Approval	10,336.25

FIRE FUND

Payables Requiring Council Approval	16,106.12
Debt Payment	5,543.75
Recurring Payables	9,179.09

LIQUID FUELS FUND

Payables Requiring Council Approval	30,386.16
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DEBT SERVICE FUND

Debt Payment	251,447.51
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Recurring Payables	41,113.41
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PURCHASING CARD DIRECT VENDOR PAYMENTS:

Republic Services	144,654.08
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FLOOD MITIGATION

Payables Requiring Council Approval	13,343.03
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Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2016 Council meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY - None

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mr. Vento 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 reported that the New Texas Bridge project has been postponed until spring of 2017. Mr. Thomas announced the Borough will sponsor a Tree Lighting Event at the Borough Building and Ballfields on Thursday, December 1st from 6- 8:30 p.m. Toys for Tots will also be collected at this event.

Mayor Hrivnak inquired about the status of the Milltown Road closing. Mr. Thomas said that all the permits are in place, however, PennDot was having difficulties obtaining Rights-of-Ways.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS – None

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the Woodings Consolidation Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the Graf Subdivision FS-7-16 as recommended by the Planning Commission. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to approve Resolution No. 820-16, for the Allegheny County Vacant Property Program for lot and block 1099-R-206, located at 153 Pine Street. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Vento, to appoint Lisa Reynolds to the part-time Clerical position at \$15.99 per hour. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dell, to accept the resignation of Lillian Naccarati from the Library Board effective immediately. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dell, to require Athletic Organizations to file form 990 with the Borough. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Vento, to authorize staff to advertise the proposed 2017 budget. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Vento, to advertise an ordinance setting the real estate tax millage. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Vento, to advertise an ordinance setting the local services tax at \$52 annually. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Majernik, setting the earned income tax at 1%. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Vento, to waive penalty and interest for a tax payer at 230 Finley Road for a 2015 supplemental tax bill and to accept a 12 month payment plan for said taxes. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to waive the penalty and interest for a 2007 interim tax bill for a property at 135 McJunkin Road as a result of an incorrect address supplied by the county assessor's office. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to waive penalty and interest for those Plum properties which received a 2008 change in assessed value in 2016 and to further authorize the tax collector to accept payment plan for those properties of up to 36 months. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to award a five-year lease agreement to Ford Business machines for the Borough copiers. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hrivnak reported the police department partnered with the school district to participate in PA Operation Safe Stop, promoting awareness of school bus stop safety issues; Officers Kapusta, Callen and Iachini received awards for bravery at the Senator John Heinz Law Enforcement Awards Luncheon on Friday October 21st; Trick or Treating activities went well without any significant incidents; Officer DeMarco conducted five traffic investigations; the traffic division issued 53 citations during the month, the department conducted a seat belt use information site at the high school; the department responded to 943 calls for service last month and the Mayor wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee with Plum School District- Mr. Thomas stated there was no meeting scheduled at this time.

Finance Committee – Mr. Dell reported the budget calls for a ½ mill tax increase, noting this is the first increase since 2007. The purpose of the increase is to establish a new EMS fund, helping them with capital improvements and to increase the street improvement fund. Mr. Dell stated the budget includes one SRO with the school district splitting the costs at 50%. Mr. Dell said he attended the Municipal Authority meeting and they plan on a slight increase in water and sewage rates for 2017.

Personnel and Management – No report.

Roads, Equipment and Grounds – No report.

Public Safety –Mr. Majernik did not have a report.

Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Vento did not have a report.

Parks and Recreation – No report

Mr. Doyle announced the Planning Commission will meet on November 21, 2016.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – Non Agenda Items – None

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



Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary