

PLUM BOROUGH

COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 9, 2016

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The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 9, 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, Leonard Szarmach and Dave Vento. Council member David Seitz was 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 April. Unanimously approved.

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

GENERAL FUND

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| Payables Requiring Council Approval | \$135,171.12 |
| Monthly Recurring Payables | 59,333.23 |

STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND

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| Payables Requiring Council Approval | 28,583.84 |
| Debt Payment | 173,884.88 |

FIRE FUND

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| Payables Requiring Council Approval | 18,022.60 |
| Recurring Payables | 3,653.00 |
| Debt Payment | 30,793.75 |

DEBT SERVICE FUND

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| Debt Payment | 433,668.79 |
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

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| Payables Requiring Council Approval | 16,070.00 |
| Recurring Payables | 56,463.53 |

FLOOD MITIGATION

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| Payables Requiring Council Approval | 29,634.45 |
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PURCHASING CARD DIRECT VENDOR PAYMENTS

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| Allied Republic | 138,941.95 |
| Miscellaneous Borough Purchases | 106.31 |

Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the minutes of the April 11th public hearing and the April 11th council meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Hrivnak recognized the Plum High School Robotics Team, noting the team won 38 competitions and lost 2 over the past two years. Mayor Hrivnak said the team will compete in a national competition in late May.

Mayor Hrivnak recognized kindergarten students Pina Dapra and Lela Pazman for their efforts in raising over \$1,800 for No Kid Hungry on the Food Network. Pina and Lela, along with their families, sponsored a bake sale.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Anderson announced a plant swap to be held at the Plum Community Library on Wednesday, May 25th at 6:30 p.m. and a summer reading program.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – Mr. Doyle spoke about the property rezoning request for Saltsburg Road. Mr. Doyle said there had been rumors that Government Section 8 housing was going in and that is not the case. Also, there will not be an access road through Willow Village.

Mr. Vento commented that this land sat vacant for 33 years and the owner did not receive any offers for commercial development during that time.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Thomas did not have a report.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS

Todd Conti, owner of Alston Machine, would like Council to reject the plan for the following reasons:

- There are conflicts when residential properties abut commercial development
- A commercial development is a noisy environment
- In future years, don't burden the business owners with expenses such as noise abatement

Susan Detrich, co-owner of a staffing agency on Davidson Road said when she was looking for a location she wanted an industrial setting and chose the industrial park. Ms. Detrich noted several reasons why she would prefer not to abut a residential community. Ms. Detrich also expressed concerns for increased traffic.

Bill Bell of Tyler Mountain Water said they built their building with thoughts this area would remain industrial.

David Sebaka, co-owner of the staffing agency, said this creates a huge safety concern because it is very hard to make a left or right turn coming out of Davidson Road onto Saltsburg Road.

Louis Grant of 597 Davidson Road commented that our school board is operating at a \$5 million dollar deficit; they will have to raise taxes. Mr. Grant asked why we had a comprehensive plan when Council does what they want. Mr. Grant feels it would be a bad deal for the school district and the Borough of Plum.

Sal Colella of 105 Carrie Ann Drive said that this builder can sell this property as soon as it is rezoned. Mr. Colella asked if the Borough got the stenographer's report from the public hearing.

Richard Zucco of 1485 Renton Road stated once the development is completed, the Borough has minimus expenses such as snowplowing and police calls. The school district on the other hand continues the burden.

Mr. Doyle commented on the remarks made by several of the speakers. Mr. Dell said he was very familiar with the traffic on Saltsburg Road because he owns a business on that road. Mr. Vento commented that this is the only place that a school district is afraid to have more kids. Mr. Szarmach said he has not made up his mind yet. Mr. Vento asked Mr. Grant why he didn't consider this property before moving his business to Delmont. Mr. Grant said because he didn't want harassment from the Edgemoor Development.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the land development application submitted by National Power Corp/Comcast to construct a new utility building at 485 New Texas Road as recommended by the Planning Commission. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dell, to appoint Andy Zarroli as a Zoning Hearing Board alternate. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to advertise an amendment to the Borough zoning ordinance to rezone a property located on lot and block 741-A-46 and 739-S-125. On a roll call vote: Mr. Szarmach voted no. Messrs. Vento, Anderson, Dell, Doyle and Majernik voted yes. Motion carries.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dell, to accept the proposal from HRG Engineering to update the zoning ordinance and subdivision and land development ordinance. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to add to the agenda the reapproval of the Rusnock subdivision. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to reapprove the Rusnock subdivision. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to adopt the job description for the position of Police Records Supervisor. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to appoint Judy Borgoyne to the position of Police Records Supervisor at an annual salary of \$47,000 effective May 10, 2016. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to adopt the job description for the part-time clerical support position. Unanimously approved.

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Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve the memorandum of understanding with the Plum Borough School District for the school resource officer position for the school years 2015/2016 and 2016/2017. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to adopt Ordinance No. 900-16 authorizing the sale of municipal bonds for the general obligation fund bond refinancing. On a roll call vote: Messrs. Szarmach, Vento, Anderson, Dell, Doyle and Majernik vote yes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to advertise Ordinance No. 901-16 to establish the sanitation and recycling rates at \$18 per month, effective June, 1, 2016. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Vento, to authorize Borough staff to expend funds from the 2013 bond fund for the 2016 streambank restoration project in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hrivnak reported there were 1006 calls for service last month; Officer Temple and K-9 Voda participated in career day at Pivik Elementary School; Officer Temple and K-9 Voda assisted the Allegheny Township Police in a K-9 sweep at local high schools; Officer DeMarco began duties as a full-time traffic safety officer; Officer DeMarco painted speed enforcement lines at various locations; the ATS radar speed display was deployed at several locations throughout the Borough; School Resource Officers concluded the implementation of the A.L.I.C.E. program; Officer Ricketts attended the MADD Power Talk conference; Officers Conley and Zdobinski attended the Highway Traffic Safety Conference in Philadelphia; and Officers Conley, Focareta and Janis Bayne attended a one day C.L.E.A.N./J.N.E.T. training class.

Mayor Hrivnak thanked all military veterans.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee w/Plum School District – Mr. Thomas said there was not a meeting scheduled at this time.

Finance Committee – Mr. Dell reported the Borough received a S & P rating of AA which is very good for a municipality; residents who are delinquent with their property taxes should contact the tax collection to set up a payment plan immediately.

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

Roads, Equipment and Grounds – No report

Public Safety – Mr. Majernik reported a public safety meeting will be scheduled in the future to discuss the school crossing guards for 2016-17, school bus stop safety program and the SRO. Mr. Majernik said that Chief Armstrong and Superintendent Glasspool will be in attendance.

Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Vento reported that 97 permits were issued generating \$27,504 in revenue. Mr. Vento said that the revenues from the Maronda Plan are one reason council is looking into rezoning the property.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Anderson reported that Plum Area Soccer registered 815 children for the upcoming season; the Plum Kick-Off classic is scheduled for August 27 & 28; the Soccer Association is looking into implementing a TOP program for children with special needs.

Citizen's Comments – Non Agenda Items – None

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Vento, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Unanimously approved.



Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary