

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 14, 2017 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, Paul Dern, Mike Doyle, David Majernik, David Seitz and David Vento. Mayor Hrivnak was also present.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve the expenses for the month of July. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 council meeting minutes. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY – Mayor Hrivnak recognized Lauren Ferragonio. Lauren was a graduate of Plum High School and currently is on the team of the Pittsburgh Passion Football League. Lauren is a starting offensive lineman who assisted her team in capturing the gold medal in the American Football's Women's World Championships.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nina Segelson of Plum Community Senior Center announced programs to be held at the Center.

John Anderson announced programs to be held at the Plum Community Library.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – Mr. Doyle read a statement pertaining to the canine program. Mr. Doyle said that council will re-look at the proposed elimination of the program.

Mr. Doyle said that a public meeting will be held on the drilling water insertion issue. The meeting will include the Borough's engineer. The meeting date and time will be announced at the September council meeting.

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. Dern, to approve FS-10-17, the Cautela consolidation plan on New Texas Road. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to grant a waiver for the Cautela consolidation plan, to set concrete monuments at the exterior corners of the property in favor of allowing the existing iron pins to remain in place and new iron pins to be set on the perimeter corners of the lot. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve a conditional use request from T-Mobile (CU-3-17) to allow modifications to the existing cell tower equipment on lot and block 629-E-2, with the following conditions as recommended by the planning commission: 1) The applicant shall provide a letter from the lease holder with regards to permission to allow the submitted changes to take place, and 2) The applicant shall work with the PBMA to receive approvals regarding the construction activities. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Dern, to accept the resignation of Chuck Carroll from the Planning Commission, effective immediately. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to adopt a proposed policy on employee identification cards. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Dern, to make a conditional offer of employment to Levi Price with the DPW as a class 2 operator. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to make a conditional offer of employment to Matthew Ruffner with the DPW as a class 2 operator. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Vento, to make a conditional offer of employment to Mark Klingensmith with the DPW as a class 2 operator. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Dern, to add to the agenda a proposed collective bargaining agreement with the Crossing Guard Union. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to approve the tentative agreement with the Crossing Guard Union as presented. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to authorize the creation of a Dog Park Fund and establish a checking account with S & T Bank. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hrivnak reported that Officer Temple and K-9 Voda participated in Sandcastle Waterpark's Salute to Local Hero Event; five traffic details were performed during the month resulting in 22 citations being issued; the ATS radar speed display sign was deployed to several locations; there were 939 calls for service; School Resource Officer Little worked in patrol capacity to alleviate a staff shortage and Officers Moriarty and Crystal Iachini attended a child safety seat check fair.

Mayor Hrivnak thanked council for reconsideration of the K-9 program. Mayor Hrivnak announced he attended the EPA meeting regarding the insertion well. Mayor Hrivnak said residents should do their research and attend the proposed meeting that the Borough will hold.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee with Plum School District – Mr. Thomas announced the committee would meet on Wednesday, September 6 at 6 p.m. prior to the work session. The meeting will be held at the Borough Building.

Finance Committee – Mr. Dell announced the 2018 budget kick off is scheduled for August 30th. Mr. Dell stated the Borough's first priority is safety, noting the funding for EMS and funding of three new firetrucks. Mr. Dell said once the chief submits his 2018 budget we will check to see if the canine Program is feasible.

Roads, Equipment and Grounds – Mr. Dern reported that due to significant rainfall this summer, we are behind on pothole patching, paving and storm sewer repairs.

Public Safety - Mr. Majernik announced that Mr. Tom McMeekin had recently passed away; EMS had 247 calls last month and 157 transports.

Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Vento reported that 71 permits were issued resulting in total revenues of \$19,496.00. Mr. Vento said he attended the EPA meeting also. Mr. Vento encouraged residents to attend the public meeting on the proposed insertion well.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Anderson did not have a report.

Mr. Doyle announced the planning commission will meet on August 21st at 6:30 p.m.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT – NON AGENDA ITEMS

Sara Steele of 9444 Saltsburg Road said she lost her youngest son to drugs. Ms. Steel asks that we retain the K 9 program.

Susan Emanuel of 9440 Saltsburg Road is pleased that council is reconsidering the K 9 program.

Joann Chmielewski of 71 Rustic Ridge stated she supports the K 9 program.

Walter Comin of 464 Tivoli Road spoke about vandalism to several cars in his neighborhood recently.

Pamela Demling of 10120 Saltsburg Road stated she supports the K 9 program.

Mark Cravener (representing his aunt, Olga Kornuchuck) of 909 Allegheny Avenue complained about sewage backups in her home.

Matthew Austin of 911 Allegheny Avenue reported that he and four of his neighbors had 4-8" of raw sewage in his basement.

Grace Ravacheski of Clover Commons presented council with a petition with 210 signatures, favoring retention of the canine program.

Bill O'Leary of 2289 Chapparral Drive spoke in favor of retaining the canine program.

Darren Tomasits of 9956 Saltsburg Road wants to maintain a threshold of safety in Plum by retaining the canine program. Mr. Tomasitis reported a flag was stolen from his yard and asked the person who stole it to please return it.

Skip Taylor of New Texas Road asked council to keep the canine program.

David Odom of 132 Cherrywood Drive urged Council to act quickly on the public meeting to discuss the proposed well. Mr. Odom said that Penneco and the EPA will not wait for us; they will proceed with the project that could eventually affect our children.

Michele Chapkis of 839 Justine Drive said this well is similar to a liquid landfill. Ms. Chapkis said they will be disposing of water into the ground that has radio active elements and includes carcinogens.

Douglas Shields of 2329 Tillberry Avenue, Pittsburgh, employed by the Food and Water Watch, stated he would like to work with Plum on a pending ordinance opposing the insertion well. Mr. Shields is assisting Oakmont, Monroeville and Upper Burrell in similar situations.

Matthew Kelso of 500 Milltown Road and works for an environmental non-profit group said the proposed well increases the risk of earthquakes and mine subsidence. There is also a lot of noise and truck traffic which will be created.

Jim Doyle of Center New Texas Road offered to assist in fundraising events to keep the canine.

Isiah Odom stated that the State of Oklahoma has gone from 0 to hundreds of earthquakes per year because of insertion wells.

Harry Schlegel of 125 Winchester Drive said the public wants to keep the dog and would like more than one dog.

A resident of Sardis Road who is also a Penn Hills canine officer said he was indebted to Plum because of Officer Temple's training abilities.

Ryan Walter of 1931 Renton Road and also a Penn Hills canine officer reported that recently a canine in Penn Hills saved a child and that is all that is needed.

Al Orb, Upper Burrell Township Supervisor, stated he had great concerns for the insertion well and offered to work with Plum.

Dee Federick of Allegheny Township said she had a German Shepard who guards her. Ms. Federick does not want the insertion well in Plum Borough.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Vento, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Unanimously approved.

Maria Gingery, Assistant Borough Secretary

