

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 10, 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, David Seitz and Dave Vento. Mayor Hrivnak was also present. Council members Doyle and Majernik were absent.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve the expenses for the month of June (attached). The total for the expenses are \$607,393.26. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the minutes of the May 1st and June 5th public hearings and the June 12, 2017 Council meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY – Mayor Hrivnak read a proclamation for Stamp Out Leukemia Week in Plum Borough, being held July 14th through July 22nd.

Coach Ionta of Plum Borough School District and Tammy Taylor of New Texas Road spoke of the events to be held in conjunction with Stamp Out Leukemia Week.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Betsy Krisher of Maher Duessel reported on the Borough's 2016 audit. Ms. Krisher reported the audit went very well; there were no audit adjustments needed; all documents were accurate; there is a surplus of \$99,000 in the General Fund with a fund balance of 2.2 million. Ms. Krisher said the staff was very cooperative and easy to work with.

Maria Schaefer of the Plum Community Senior Center announced programs that will be held at the center.

Mayor Hrivnak announced that Boy Scout Troop 110 would be painting house numbers on the curbs in various neighborhoods as a community service project.

Mayor Hrivnak said he had received a letter from Dr. Brewer of the Plum Borough School District thanking the Police Department for their efforts throughout the school year.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – No report in Mr. Doyle's absence.

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 schedule a public hearing on August 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. for a conditional use request for CU-3-17, T-Mobile. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to schedule a public hearing on August 7, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. for a conditional use request for CU-4-17, Crown Communications. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve a relocation of the monument sign at Scarlett Drive for the Autumn Ridge Housing Development, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to approve FS-9-17, the Bilsky Consolidation Plan of Lots, as recommended by the Planning Commission with the following modification: A waiver of the requirement to set concrete monuments at the exterior corners of the property in favor of allowing the existing iron pins to remain on the perimeter corners of the lot and iron pins be set in places that do not contain iron pin monuments. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to waive the requirement for FS-9-17, the Bilsky Consolidation Plan to set concrete monuments at the exterior corners of the property in favor of allowing the existing iron pins to remain on the perimeter corners of the lot and iron pins be set in places that do not contain iron pin monuments. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to re-approve FS-7-16, the Graf Subdivision. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve FS-6-17 the Willow Village Lot Consolidation Plan, as recommended by the Planning Commission, with the following condition: the zoning line between existing lot 20 which is currently zoned R2 Residential and the existing Parcel C which is currently zoned B1 will not be altered by the consolidation. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to waive the requirement for FS-6-17 the Willow Village Consolidation Plan to set concrete monuments at the exterior corners of the property in favor of allowing the iron pins to be set on the perimeter corners of the lot. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to approve SP-2-17, the Willow Village Land development Plan, as recommended by the Planning Commission, with the following conditions:

- The zoning line between existing lot 20 which is currently zoned R2 Residential and the Existing Parcel C which is currently zoned B1 will not be altered by the consolidation;
- The emergency exit would be removed from the residential zoned area (formerly lot 20),
- A new fire hydrant would be installed on the land development property side of Saltsburg Rd,
- No commercial use of the R-2 zoned property, only residential uses would be permitted,
- The R-2 zoned property would be planted with grass per the submitted plan,
- The pine trees along Willow Village Dr. in front of the former lot 20 (the residential zoned lot) Would be cut down and removed,
- The area along Saltsburg Rd. currently used as a gravel parking area would be removed and Planted with lawn seed and be kept neat and trimmed.

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Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve a COLA for \$86.41 per month for a retired police officer as recommended by the Borough Actuary in a letter dated June 16, 2017. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve a COLA for \$73.29 per month for a retired police officer as recommended by the Borough Actuary in a letter dated June 16, 2017. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to adopt Resolution No. 834-17, approving the transfer of liquor license R-9894 for Sheetz of 2175 Hulton Road. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Vento, to adopt Resolution No. 835-17, approving the transfer of liquor license R-7901 for King's Family Restaurant on Route 286. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to adopt Resolution No. 836-17, authorizing the Borough to participate in the East Hills DUI Task Force grant. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Vento, to award a bid for \$102,302.05 to Sports and Recreation for improvements to ballfields No. 5 and No. 6. Mr. Thomas stated that a walking path was added.

On a roll call vote: Messrs. Anderson, Dell, Seitz, and Dern vote yes. Mr. Vento voted no. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Dern, to authorize the Borough Manager to sign a contract with UPMC for benefit management services. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to adopt Resolution #837-17 permitting the Borough to expand their investment as per Act 10 of 2016. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hrivnak reported there were 742 calls for service; the ATS radar speed display was deployed to several locations throughout the Borough; School Resource Officer Little and seven additional officers staffed the Plum High School graduations; School Resource Officer coordinated UPMC Children's Hospital Hard Heads program; Officers Barch, Rupert, Golnoski and Luther attended Field Sobriety Testing training; Officers Crystal Iachini and Luther attended DMT Datamaster Breath Testing Instrument Operator training; all officers will attend a training class in September on the areas of diversity, sensitivity and ethical decision making; the department took delivery of three new Ford Explorers and the department participated in Pennsylvania's

Click It or Ticket mobilization program.

Mr. Vento requested the speed trailer be placed on O'Block Road.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee w/Plum School District – Mr. Thomas said they had not met.

Finance Committee – Mr. Dell reported on the EMS fund and encouraged residents to support the EMS and the fire departments. Mr. Dell said that subscription fees have been lowered for the residents.

Roads, Equipment and Grounds – Mr. Dern reported that seal coating projects had been delayed due to the rain; a new truck was delivered in June; we have placed an emergency order for a new Case backhoe; public works have repaired inlets in Cherry Springs, Millers Lane, Rockland Manor and Regency Drive; several roads have been milled; the military banners have been hung; the department did general patching and repairs to curbs and the department had two callouts due to heavy storms.

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

Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Vento reported there were 81 permits issued in the previous month. Mr. Vento gave a breakdown on the type of permits issued.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Anderson asked residents to participate in the Stampede in the Park events. Mr. Anderson announced the Borough will sponsor four more Movies in the Park events with Finding Dory scheduled for this Saturday.

Mr. Dell announced the planning commission will meet on July 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Citizens Comments – Non Agenda Items

Harry Schlegel of 125 Winchester Drive commented how important he felt it was to continue Plum's canine program. Mr. Schlegel said that drug dogs are a necessity now because of the opioid crisis.

Susan Emanuele of 9440 Saltsburg Road was disappointed that Plum would consider eliminating the canine program.

George Emanuele of 9440 Saltsburg Road asked if the Borough pursues the monies involved in drug transactions. Mr. Emanuele suggested that council get opinions from other municipalities that have canine programs.

Chuck McMeekin of 221 Plum Street inquired about a road bond that was issued on Renton Road.

Mr. McMeekin noted he sat on council when the canine program began and it was their intent to get 3 more dogs. Mr. McMeekin stated that Officer Temple is a master trainer and a credit to our police department.

Kari Bauer, North Huntington Township Canine Officer, supports the canine program.

Skip Taylor of 375 New Texas Road said that eliminating the canine program is making a mistake. Mr. Taylor feels it is important to retain the program.

Bill O'Leary of 2289 Chapparral Drive asked which council members voted to discontinue the program.

Bill Chapla of 694 Pine Valley Drive distributed copies of a letter sent out by the school district on November 19, 2015. The letter addressed safety concerns. Mr. Chapla stated he does not feel all the training has been completed.

Ryan Walters of 1931 Renton Road is a canine handler for the municipality of Penn Hills. Mr. Walters said there are grants available to fund the canine program and the Borough should look into this. Mr. Walters feels we are taking a step backward by eliminating the program.

Bill DePew of 841 Kellywood Road and a teacher at O'Block Junior High School reported the dog occasionally visits his school. Mr. DePew would like it if the dog could visit at least once per week.

Bill Talmadge of 4208 New Texas Road stated he was a chef at Puglianos where there was an incident recently and the canine was called in. Mr. Talmadge said it made him feel safe know the dog was in the restaurant.

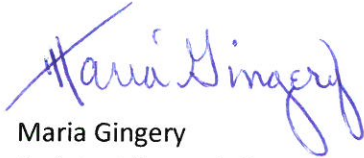
John Murrio of 7062 Leechburg Road said the canine program is a valuable tool which should not be discarded.

Stella Oravetz announced the DAD Foundation will sponsor a softball clinic on August 5 and 6th.

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Officer Temple requested a meeting with Borough Officials to discuss the program. Mayor Hrivnak said a meeting could be arranged.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.
Unanimously approved.



Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary