

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 10, 2017 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, Dave Majernik, Dave Seitz and Dave Vento. Mayor Hrivnak was present.

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve the minutes of the March 6th Special Council Meeting and the March 13, 2017 Council Meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY – None

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maria Schaefer of the Plum Community Senior Center announced they will be hosting an Arts & Appletini event and a Tea and Fashion Show. Tickets are available at the Center.

Councilmember John Anderson reported on events being held at the Plum Community Library.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – Mr. Doyle stated a school board member had approached him regarding a large digital sign they would like to have erected at the high school. The school board member is part of a group looking at ways to fund the \$30,000 sign.

Mr. Vento suggested spending money on iPads and other educational materials rather than waste money on a sign.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Thomas said that a resident came to last month's meeting to make us aware that a tree is lying across lines on Route 286. Mr. Thomas said the lines belong to Verizon, they were contacted but will not do anything with the tree. Mr. Thomas said he also contacted PennDOT.

Mayor Hrivnak suggested contacting Senator Markosek's office.

Mr. Thomas announced a Trout Fishing Program for children 12 and under. The event will be held at the Borough ballfields on Saturday, April 15 from 8 a.m. until noon.

Mr. Thomas announced a Color Run on Saturday April 22nd at the Plum Municipal Center on Old Mine Road.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS – None

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to schedule a public hearing on May 1, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. for Spring Communications for a conditional use in an R3 zoning district. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to approve the revised PRD and Final Subdivision/Land Development for Phase I of the Oakmont Heights PRD subject to the following conditions:

- Applicable comments being resolved to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer in the Oakmont Heights at Plum Borough – Revised P.R.D./Final Subdivision and Land Development Approval Letter from the Borough of Plum listing the conditions of final approval – dated August 21, 2015, signed as accepted by the applicant on August 27, 2015 and,
- Comments in the following review letter be addressed to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer: Applicable subsections of R. F. Mitall and Associates, Inc. review letter dated April 8, 2015 – reference number 15-030 and,
- Presentations as made at the Planning Commission meeting by the applicants consultant by Mark B. Schmidt, P.L.S. or Hampton Technical Associates, Inc. being addressed including:
 - On the duplex lots – Lot 102 through 106 being designated with a sub-designation of “A” and “B”
 - On the duplex lots – Lot 102 through 106 being the consultant agreed to add the bearing and distance to the proposed interior lot line between the sub-designation of “A” and “B” lots to avoid future recording of the plan.
 - No other conditions of previous approvals have been changed or altered with this approval

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve a waiver, for the Nowalk Subdivision Plan, of the requirement to set concrete monuments at the exterior corners of the property in favor of allowing iron pins be set at these locations. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to approve preliminary and final approval for the Nowalk Subdivision Plan application for recording with the following conditions:

- Comments in the following review letter be addressed to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer:
- R.F. Mitall and Associates, Inc. review letter dated March 7, 2017, last updated March 19, 2017- reference number 17-033 and,
- The applicant agrees to the following conditions based upon presentation as made at the March 20, 2017 Planning Commission meeting, including:
- An area being dedicated so that a hammerhead turnaround may be constructed

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dell, to adopt Resolution #831-17 for the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program for 7061 Leechburg Road, lot and block 848-B-167. Unanimously approved.

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Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dell, to appoint Sandra Szarmach to the part-time administrative assistant position effective April 17, 2017 at a rate of \$15.99 per hour. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to accept the resignation of Paul Dern from the Civil Service Commission effective immediately. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Vento, to appoint Tom Tevis to the Civil Service Commission to fill the unexpired term of Paul Dern, ending December 31, 2021. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dell, to enact Ordinance No. 914-17 amending the Borough solicitation ordinance, to expand the permitted hours of solicitation from 9 a.m. to 9 pm from May 1st through September 30th. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Vento, to authorize a donation of an out-of-service vehicle to the Unity Volunteer Fire Department. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve a three-year agreement with Zambelli Fireworks for the 2017-2019 Community Days fireworks display. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve a proposal by the Phoenix Benefits Group for the 2017 actuarial study of the Police Pension Plan. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Dell, to award the 2017 bituminous overlay project, "option 1" to Youngblood Paving for \$1,029,126.47. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to award the bid for the 2017 paving and sealing to the low bidder, Youngblood, at a cost of \$439,537. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hrivnak report there were 927 calls for service last month; three traffic details were conducted resulting in 18 citations being issued; Officer DeMarco is off work for several months, the ATS speed display will be put out soon; there were several bomb threats at the schools and the individuals making the threats have been identified; a DUI roving patrol was conducted resulting in 2 arrests, the DEA will conduct a Drug Take Back on April 29th at Bill's Hometown Pharmacy; the Department will be participating in wave 2 of the PA Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Project and the Department has updated its Vehicular Pursuit Policy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee w/Plum School District – Mr. Thomas announced the Committee will meet on May 1st at 6 p.m.

Finance Committee – Mr. Dell said that a meeting will be scheduled for next month.

Personnel and Management – No report

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Roads, Equipment and Grounds – Mr. Seitz announced the 2nd annual clean-up day is scheduled for April 22nd. Mr. Seitz said that volunteers are needed.

Public Safety – Mr. Majernik stated this is the last week for fish fry's at the fire departments and residents are encouraged to support them.

Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Vento reported there were 187 permits issued generating revenues of \$21,066.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Anderson reported on the Color Run Race and the Opening Day Trout Fishing program for children

Mr. Doyle announced the Planning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 17, 2017.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Stella Oravitz spoke of the D.A.O. Memorial Foundation, a group formed in memory of her late husband. Mrs. Oravitz said the foundations is structured to assist families with terminally ill members. Mrs. Oravitz would like to hold a tournament on the Borough Ball Fields to raise funds for the Foundation. Mr. Seitz will check on the availability of the fields and get in touch with Mrs. Oravitz.

Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary