

COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 13, 2017

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The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 13, 2017 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, Dave Seitz, Leonard Szarmach and Dave Vento. Mayor Hrivnak was present.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve the expenses for the month of January. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Council Meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Hrivnak read a proclamation proclaiming this Multiple Sclerosis awareness week.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Anderson announced upcoming programs to be held at the Plum Community Library. Maria Schaefer of the Plum Community Senior Center reported on the events that are forthcoming at the Library.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – Mr. Doyle did not have a report.

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. Anderson, to adopt Resolution No. 824-17, authorizing the Borough Manager to act as signatory for the Green Light Go Grant. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to accept a proposal from HRG Engineering to update the traffic impact fee program at a cost of \$15,800. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to adopt Resolution No. 825-17, re-establishing an impact fee advisory committee. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to adopt Resolution No. 826-17, or the Allegheny county Vacant Property Recovery Program for lot and block 845-G-358. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to adopt Resolution No. 827-17, for the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program for lot and block 733-N-287. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve the request from Ecoland Solutions for revised PRD approval (PRD-2-16-R) as well as preliminary and final subdivision and land development approval (FS-1-17) for phase 1A of the Autumn Ridge Plan of Lots, contingent upon the conditions recommended by the Planning commission. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to accept the modification request from Eco-Land Solutions for the minimum size of a lot in Phase 1A of the Autumn Ridge Plan of Homes. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to authorize the staff to apply for a CITF Grant to address storm water management concerns in Edgemoor Housing Plan. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to appoint Dave Favero to the position of School Crossing Guard at a rate of \$15 per hour. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to appoint Maryellen Gamble to the position of School Crossing Guard at a rate of \$15 per hour. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to accept a domestic relations order regarding spousal retirement benefits for a police officer as ordered by the Court of Common Pleas. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Dell, to approve a cost-of-living adjustment for a retired police officer as recommended by the Borough actuary in his correspondence dated 1/18/17. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to approve a settlement agreement for a salary continuance claim for a Borough employee as agreed upon with Teamsters Local 205. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Szarmach, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to approve 2017 Administrative Salaries as presented by the Borough Manager. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to add to the agenda an amendment to Ordinance No. 907-16 authorizing the issuance of a general obligation note for Holiday Park VFD. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to enact Ordinance No. 912A-17, amending Ordinance No. 907-16, authorizing the issuance of a general obligation note in the amount of \$412,000 for Holiday Park VFD. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dell, to add to the agenda an amendment to Ordinance No. 911-16 authorizing the issuance of a general obligation note for Renton VFD. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to enact Ordinance No. 913A-17, amending Ordinance No. 911-16, authorizing the issuance of a general obligation note in the amount of \$412,000 for Renton VFD. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to authorize the use of the Municipal Center for the Holiday Park PTA to sponsor a color run fundraiser at Old Mine Road. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to adopt Resolution No. 828-17, setting the compensation for the elected property tax collector for the years 2018-2021. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dell, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve an amendment to the Borough purchasing policy raising the minimum bidding threshold to the amount set by the Department of Labor and Industry effective January 1, 2017 and to include all future increases. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Szarmach, to approve a purchase agreement with Chrislynn Energy for electricity generation effective 2/1/17. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve advertising for public bid the proposed 2017 road overlay program as presented by Borough Staff. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hrivnak reported there were 935 calls for service last month; the ATS radar speed trailer remains out of service during the winter months; Lieutenant Conley and Detective Farmerie attended a class titled "Investigation and Prosecution of Persons for Drug Delivery"; changes were made to the departments' Vehicle Pursuit and Domestic Violence Policies.

Mayor Hrivnak announced that retiree Sergeant Bill Snyder recently passed away. The Mayor commended the Public Work's employees for a great job with snow removal. The Mayor stated that PennDOT will be closing a bridge on Route 909 by Penn Glenn Oil beginning in October. The bridge is scheduled to be closed for 3 months. The Mayor encouraged residents to write to their representatives to oppose the project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee w/Plum School District – Mr. Thomas announced the Committee would meet on Wednesday, February 15th at 7 p.m.

Finance Committee – Mr. Dell reported that three vehicles were recently sold on govdeals for a total of \$30,178 which went to the Capital Improvements Fund. Mr. Dell noted that no money has been drawn on the TAN.

Personnel and Management – Mr. Szarmach announced that he is resigning as of today due to work scheduling conflicts and personal reasons.

Roads, Equipment and Grounds – Mr. Seitz reported the Public Works Department is cold patching potholes, updating height of stop signs from 4' to 6' and has installed 50 signs in school bus safety zones.

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

Planning and Economic Development – Mr. Vento reported 126 building permits were issued and along with other permits total fees collected were \$14,028.

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

Mr. Doyle announced the Planning Commission will meet on Monday, February 27, 2017.

Citizen Comments – Non-Agenda Items

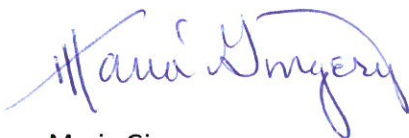
Dan Gray of 117 Old Farm Drive distributed surveys and drawings of a proposed addition to his home. Mr. Gray is seeking a variance on a building permit to remove an existing deck and put an addition on to his home. Mr. Gray explained there is an easement in his back yard; he applied for the variance and was denied. Mr. Thomas said that in 2016 we approved an ordinance prohibiting building over easements. Mr. Dice suggested the planning department come up with a waiver process amendment to the ordinance.

Karen Seich of 28 Ridgetop Drive and office manager at It's All Clean stated that in 2014 a woman approached their business, representing herself as a Borough Employee, and soliciting ads for a borough map/directory. Ms. Seich said the map was never published and she is seeking a refund of their money and that from other Borough Businesses.

Mr. Thomas stated the woman was not a Borough Employee. Mr. Thomas said that any monies collected for this map/directory went directly to the company, PRINT. There were no funds deposited into our General Fund.

Mr. Dice suggested Ms. Seich see the police chief and if there is enough evidence, file a claim in small claims court.

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



Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary