

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the Plum Borough Municipal Building, 4575 New Texas Road, Plum, PA 15239.

ROLL CALL: Present were council members: Paul Dern, Mike Doyle, Mike Pastor, Dave Majernik, Dave Odom, David Seitz and Mayor Harry Schlegel. Council member Anderson was absent.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve the expenses for the month of October (see attached). Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2018 council meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY – Mayor Schlegel presented First Responder Flags to the Police Chief, the Fire Chiefs and the EMS Director.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – Marilyn Klingensmith of Plum Community Library announced upcoming programs to be held at the library.

Jim Sims of Holiday Park Volunteer Fire Department reported there were 900 calls for service this year. Mr. Sims suggested residents check their CO detectors and use caution when using turkey fryers at Thanksgiving.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – Mr. Doyle reported a safety audit was performed on our schools. As a result of the report, the Borough will donate \$160,000 to provide safety measures at our schools.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Thomas reported the December council meeting will be changed from December 10th to December 17th to accommodate advertisement requirements of the 2019 budget. The meeting is set for 6 p.m.

Mr. Thomas announced the Borough's Annual Christmas at Plum Creek Event is scheduled for November 29th from 5:30-9 p.m.; there will be no parking on site, shuttles will run from various locations throughout the Borough.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS - None

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Owen Slagle and the Form Architecture Group for the occupancy and development of property at 2170 Hulton Road. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve CU-13-18 the conditional use application for Oakmont Country Club. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Dern, to authorize staff to advertise a proposed stormwater ordinance amendment. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to approve Resolution No. 854-18 approving a 537 plan update by the New Kensington Sanitary Authority. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Pastor, to approve an agreement with Hoffman Kennels for dog catching services for 2019. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dern, to authorize the Borough staff to advertise the proposed 2019 Budget as presented. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dern, to authorize staff to advertise an ordinance establishing the real estate tax rate for 2019 at 4.78 mils. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dern, to authorize staff to advertise an ordinance establishing the local services tax for 2019 at \$52 per person. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to authorize staff to advertise an ordinance establishing the earned income tax rate for 2019 at 1%. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Pastor, authorizing a donation to the Plum Borough School District for school safety improvements for an amount not to exceed \$160,000. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Schlegel reported there were 1,024 calls for service last month; the police department partnered with the school district in monitoring school bus stops. Officers randomly followed buses on their routes in an effort to identify and apprehend drivers who violate the no passing law.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE WITH PLUM SCHOOL DISTRICT – Mr. Thomas reported the committee met last week. Mr. Thomas said the SRO program was discussed and there are no projected changes at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Majernik reported on revenues and expenses for the month; the Borough is at 85% of EIT revenues; overall revenues continue to trend as anticipated; the Borough is anticipating a lower TAN for 2019. Mr. Majernik said it is estimated the 2019 Tan will be \$2.5M.

ROADS, EQUIPMENT AND GROUNDS – Mr. Pastor reported the Edgemeade and Short Street storm water projects have been awarded and will begin shortly; inlets and pipe were replaced in various locations throughout the Borough; leaf pickup has been light due to the amount of precipitation; the department has been doing pothole patching and asphalt repairs and new street signs have been installed with the new Boro logo.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Brian Maloney, EMS Director, reported they responded to 292 calls in October; the Borough has mutual aid agreements with 13 municipalities; the department participates in the Cribs for Kids project and donated two cribs to needy families; the department also provides car seat checks for free.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Odom reported 86 permits were issued the previous month resulting in \$24,562 in permit fees; the Planning Commission and the Zoning Hearing Board did not meet in October; the department met with Crown Castle to discuss small cell antennas and they also met with members from Verona, Penn Hills and Oakmont to discuss a trail feasibility study.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Mr. Anderson reported Verona, Penn Hills, Oakmont and Plum met to discuss a trail feasibility study. The trail will be funded by Allegheny County.

CITIZENS COMMENTS NON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Odom, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.
Unanimously approved.

Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary