

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 17, 2018 at the Plum Borough Municipal Building, 4575 New Texas Road, Plum, PA 15239.

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

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2018 council meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY – None

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – Mr. Doyle congratulated Manager Mike Thomas and staff on the Christmas at Plum Creek Event. Mr. Doyle stated that the school choir, band and other groups were unable to participate because of a pending strike by teachers.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Thomas did not have a report

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS – None

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adopt Ordinance No. 932-18 amending the Borough's zoning ordinance and zoning map. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to adopt Ordinance No. 933-18, amending the Borough's subdivision and land development ordinance. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to adopt Ordinance No. 934-18, the Plum Borough Stormwater Management Ordinance. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to approve the request from Maronda Homes to transfer all previous planning approvals for Parkside Estates to Showcase Properties.

Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dern, to enact Ordinance No. 935-18, establishing the 2019 real estate tax rate at 4.78 mills. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Pastor, to enact Ordinance No. 936-18, establishing the local services tax rate at \$52 per person. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to enact Ordinance No. 937-18, establishing the earned income tax rate at 1%. Unanimously approved. Mr. Anderson noted that there is no tax increase, everything is the same as last year.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to adopt Resolution No. 855-18, authorizing the 2019 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note from Standard Bank for \$2.5 million at a rate of 2.8%. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Odom, to authorize the transfer of \$300,000 from the unreserved general fund balance to the Capital Improvement Fund for 2019 Capital Expenditures. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dern, to authorize the transfer of \$135,000 from the unreserved general fund balance to General Fund reserves for 2019 police retirement buyouts. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to authorize the use of the remaining \$240,158 2016 GOB proceeds for the 2019 Storm Sewer Projects. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adopt Resolution No. 856-18 authorizing the Vision Finance Group Annual Lease. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to adopt the 2019 annual budget as presented by the Finance Committee. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Schlegel thanked Plum Resident Dave Johnson for preparing a Thanksgiving Dinner every year since 2012 for the police department.

Mayor Schlegel reported there were 993 calls for service during the previous month.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE WITH PLUM SCHOOL DISTRICT – Mr. Thomas reported the committee met on November 5th; the SRO program will be discussed in executive session in January.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Majernik reported on revenues and expenditures for the month; real estate taxes are at 96% of budget; cable TV franchise revenue will end the year \$19,000 under budget and the independent auditors will begin field work in January.

ROADS, EQUIPMENT AND GROUNDS – Mr. Pastor reported the Edgemeade storm water project has begun; the Short Street project has had some change orders and the leaf pickup concluded on December 7th.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Dern wished everyone Happy Holidays. Brian Maloney of Plum EMS reported they responded to 244 calls and Mr. Johnson provided Thanksgiving Dinner to his crew as well.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Odom reported 61 permits were issued resulting in \$19,393 in permit fees; the Planning Commission met in November to review changes to the zoning ordinance and the subdivision and land development ordinance and the staff is working with Peoples Gas on their proposed gas line replacement in Holiday Park.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Mr. Anderson did not have a report.

PERSONNEL – Mr. Seitz read a list of open positions on boards and commissions.

CITIZENS COMMENTS NON AGENDA ITEMS – Karen Hochberg of Plum Community Center reported on the Subaru Share the Love Program which benefits the Center's Meals on Wheels Program. Ms. Hochberg announced the Center received \$6,000 last year from this program. Ms. Hochberg wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Unanimously approved.

Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary