

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 8, 2020 at the Plum Borough Municipal Building, 4575 New Texas Road, Plum, PA 15239.

ROLL CALL: Present were Council Members: Ryan Delaney, Paul Dern, Michael Doyle, Dan Hadley, Dave Odom, Mike Pastor and Dave Vento. Mayor Harry Schlegel was present.

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020 Council Meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY – Mayor Schlegel said there had been a parade recognizing the Plum High School graduating class of 2020; the event was a success with many teachers and students participating.

Council Member, Mike Doyle, announced his son Aidan graduated from the high school and the school district had a nice program at the Pittsburgh Mills.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – Mr. Odom spoke of the civil unrest that has impacted our Country. Mr. Odom said it was very disheartening and we denounce any form of racism.

Mr. Odom stated that Chief Conley has a program in place to make sure the department adheres to rules and regulations in policing; the Chief has taken measures to assure the department has received diversity and cultural training and to make sure everyone is treated equally.

Mr. Odom reported on the stormwater task force, stating Mr. Escalante has resigned as chair person; possible flood control solutions were presented by KU Resources as a plan for the property at Center Beach to address Anderson Avenue problems and another is to approach Allegheny County for a joint project in Boyce Park to assist Pine Valley Drive residents; a public meeting of the Task Force has been postponed until Allegheny County moves to the green phase; the committee will meet on June 18th.

Mr. Dern suggested we accept applications from residents who may be interested in serving on the Storm Water Task Force to fill Mr. Escalante's position.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Thomas announced the PA Turnpike will have a detour in place at Davidson and Saltsburg Roads beginning July 6th and lasting approximately 27 days.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS - None

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adopt the BoroConnect Customer Service Policy. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Pastor, to adopt the Boro Media Policy. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve a COLA for a retired police officer as recommended by the Borough Actuary. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve a COLA for a second retired police officer as recommended by the Borough Actuary. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Vento to adopt Resolution No. 879-20 establishing a defined contribution plan for the Department of Public Works. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Vento, to enact Ordinance No. 947-20 making Ralph Street one-way. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastor, seconded by Mr. Hadley, authorizing change order No. 3 for the 2019 Paving Contract. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastor, seconded by Mr. Dern, authorizing the expense of \$201,350. for the Saltsburg Road Storm Water Repair Project. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Odom gave an overview of Borough actions regarding the proposed Penneco injection well. Mr. Odom explained an injection well is used by the oil and gas industry to dispose of fluids that may impact residents who rely on well water. Mr. Odom said the Borough has appealed the permit that was issued by the EPA; defended the Penneco challenge to the Zoning Hearing Board and appealed the lower court decision to the PA Commonwealth Court.

Mr. Odom reported that a survey was sent to residents to get their input on whether or not to continue the legal challenge on the establishment of an injection well and the impact to the

taxpayers. Mr. Odom said the results of the survey indicated residents did not want to fight the injection well as the legal costs increased.

Council Members Doyle, Vento, Dern and Odom agreed that they did not want to proceed. Mr. Hadley disagreed.

Mr. Odom suggested other alternatives such as setting aside funds that would be spent on a lawsuit to set up a fund for legal recourse against Penneco in the event that they violate any ordinances associated with the operation of the well. Mr. Odom suggested setting up an oversight committee so that Penneco is operating according to State requirements.

Mr. Dice explained the Borough is precluded as to how wells are built, run or maintained.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Schlegel reported there were 732 calls in May, there was a house fire in the Highlands where Officers C. Iachini and Kingerski assisted; the ATS radar sign has been at various locations throughout the Borough.

The Mayor thanked the police who have helped residents celebrate birthdays and other occasions with drive-by parades.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE WITH PLUM SCHOOL DISTRICT – Mr. Odom announced the Committee had not met, nor do they have a meeting scheduled.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Doyle announced the Police Department has received a grant for 10K for funding of new tasers thanks to the assistance of Senator Brewster.

ROADS, EQUIPMENT AND GROUNDS – Mr. Pastor reported Youngblood Paving has completed the 2019 paving contract; Woltz and Wind delivered the new staff car; there was a pre-construction meeting with W.A. Petrakis for a water line and storm water project on Saltsburg Road; there will be a yard waste collection the third Saturday in June, September and October; pipe replacement was done on Jackson Road and inlet work has been done on various roads.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Dern reported the EMS responded to 232 calls in May with 132 patients being transported.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Vento reported there were 100 permits issued resulting in revenues of \$25,739.50; staff participated in two Hazard Mitigation training sessions and 31 violations were issued for various reasons.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Mr. Delaney reported the department continues sanitizing the Borough facilities; the Community Center is waiting to reopen; fence work has been done at the

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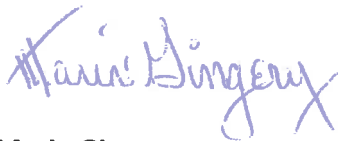
ballfields; the Pirate Baseball Camp is still on schedule; the department has been mowing at the parks and the dog park recently opened.

FOR THE GOOD OF PLUM – Mr. Odom announced the Borough is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce on a program that will promote local businesses. The Chamber will be sending a mailer to residents with the information.

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Mr. Thomas announced there will be a Movie in the Park on Saturday. There will be free popcorn and they will be showing Pets2.

Meeting adjourned unanimously.



Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary

Borough of Plum
Monthly Payables Requiring Approval
Council Meeting - June 8, 2020

1) General Fund		
Payables Requiring Council Approval	\$	301,283.24
2) Street Improvement Fund		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		3,145.16
Debt Payments		-
3) Fire Fund		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		24,385.43
Debt Payments		-
4) Liquid Fuels Fund		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		-
5) Debt Service Fund		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		-
Debt Payments		-
6) Capital Improvement Fund		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		139,168.00
7) Flood Mitigation		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		34,429.19
9) Emergency Medical Services		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		35,791.05
10) 2019 Bond		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		25,749.66
11) Purchasing Card Direct Vendor Payment		
Republic Services		167,711.05
Miscellaneous Borough Purchases		56.94
<i>Total Payables To Be Approved</i>	\$	731,719.72