

COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 10, 2020

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The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 10, 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, Dave Odom and Dave Vento. Council Members Dan Hadley and Mike Pastor were absent. Mayor Schlegel was present.

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 Council meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY – Mayor Schlegel recognized the Borough Staff for the Movie in the Park event that was held last weekend.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

James Sims, Holiday Park VFD Chief, announced that September is National Preparedness Month; CPR, First Aid and a fire extinguisher class will be offered on Wednesday nights throughout September; the department recently began their annual fund drive. Mr. Sims thanked Charles Prokopik of KU Resources/Mitall Division for his assistance on a project that was done in front of the fire station.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – Mr. Odom reported on the Storm Water Task Force meeting. Mr. Odom said the Force reviewed applications for committee vacancies and made a recommendation to Council; reported on the work on Nassau Drive and updates from KU Resources on issues. Mr. Odom announced a public meeting will be held on September 12th. Mr. Odom said the attendance will be capped, registration will be online, and the event will be live streamed.

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. Dern, to adopt Ordinance No. 948-20 adopting the 2018 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to adopt Ordinance No. 949-20 regulating abandoned and junk cars and vehicles. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve a conditional use for the Bonura Cabinets Expansion (CU-01-20) for property located at 7942 Saltsburg Road (852-G-94), I as recommended

by the planning commission. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve a modification to section 725.B.1 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for the Bonura Cabinets Expansion Project. The modification allows the ADA parking space to be less than the required ten feet from the building. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve the Bonura Cabinets Expansion (SP-01-20) as recommended by the planning commission, and the final review and approval of the Borough Engineer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to reaffirm the appeal of the ZHB decision ZHB-2020-3 of July 21, 2020. Unanimously approved

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve the employment and compensation conditions of the Assistant Chief of Police. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to make an offer of conditional employment to Gerald Vargo, Jr. for a position in the Department of Public Works. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Vento, to table offering employment to a second Public Works employee. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to appoint Bill Chapla to the Storm Water Task Force. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Dern stated he hoped Mr. Chapla would be concerned about the entire borough not just the area in which he resides.

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney, seconded by Mr. Vento, to authorize a BoroHaps fundraiser for local businesses. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adopt Resolution No. 883-20 supporting the CARES Act grant. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to authorize Plum EMS to participate in the Boro 2020 VFG lease-financing program for new capital equipment purchases. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Schlegel reported there were 975 calls for the month and residents like having the ATS radar display speeds on local roads.

Mayor Schlegel and Chief Conley thanked the residents who donated lunches, dinners, gift cards and cookies to the police department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE WITH PLUM SCHOOL DISTRICT – Mr. Odom said the committee had not met.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Doyle reported revenues continue to trend as anticipated with uncertainties resulting from the pandemic; the Borough has expended 55% of budget and we have processed our 1st draw against the 2020 Tax Anticipation Note. Mr. Doyle stated we may not have to draw any additional funds from the TAN.

ROADS, EQUIPMENT AND GROUNDS – No report in Mr. Pastor's absence.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Brian Maloney of Plum EMS reported they responded to 261 calls; the EMS continues to respond to potential Covid-19 positive patients with crews taking appropriate steps to sanitize before taking another patient.

Mr. Dern reported there have been a lot of speeders on the roads and a plan is being put together to address this.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Vento reported that 92 permits were issued resulting in revenues of \$13,183; the planning commission and zoning hearing board met; there was a pre-construction meeting with Penneco; the traffic signal at New Texas and Route 286 was being checked and traffic concerns resulting from the turnpike work detour were being addressed; the final paving was done at Chavelle Estates and Oakmont Heights; 74 occupancy permits were issued; demolition hearings were held for 4 properties and a flood mitigation grant application was submitted.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Mr. Delaney reported the public works department continues to clean park facilities; baseball and softball programs continue, and people are encouraged to wear masks.

Mr. Odom said the planning commission will not meet in August.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS – Leigh Ann Weiss of 425 Vale Drive expressed concerns about comments made regarding a school board member.

Conversations continued between Mayor Schlegel and Ms. Weiss.

Amy Bedali of 526 Cresthaven Drive talked about racism in Plum Borough

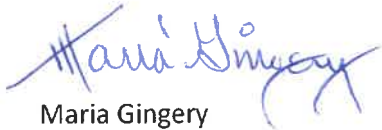
Amy Wetmore of 834 Unity Center Road spoke about minorities in Plum Borough.

Lloyd Zeiset of Jackson Road inquired about abandoned vehicles on Jackson Road and damage to his mailbox.

Bill Chapla of 694 Pine Valley Drive requested viewing maps and studies related to storm water.

Mr. Delaney encouraged residents to get involved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento. Seconded by Mr. Dern, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.
Unanimously approved.



Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary