

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 9, 2020 at the Plum Borough Municipal Building, 4575 New Texas Road, Plum, PA 15239.

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

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2020 Council meeting minutes. Unanimously approved.

**RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY:** Mayor Schlegel recognized the following individual and groups:

Darius (DD) Flowers – Plum Mustang Team Captain

Plum High School Boys Soccer Team – Section 4-AAA Champions

Plum High School Girls Soccer Team – Class AAA, Section III Champions

Plum High School Girls Volleyball Team- Class AAA, Section I Champions

Plum High School Football Team – Undefeated season

The Mayor proclaimed Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> as a day to honor all Plum Student Athletes.

**CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Karen Hochberg of Plum Community Center reported the Center remains closed due to the Covid Virus; Meals on Wheels continue to be delivered; fitness classes can be viewed on Zoom; bingo is being held virtually and residents can register for yoga, tai chee and craft classes online. Ms. Hochberg stated that when the Center reopens everyone will have to pre-register for classes.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENT S-** Mr. Odom announced Malabar Drive is closed by PennDOT. Mr. Thomas stated there is no time frame to reopen at this time.

Mr. Odom reported on the Storm Water Tax Force meeting of October 29<sup>th</sup>. Topics discussed were long term solutions to existing problem areas; a rain barrel educational seminar sponsored by the Conservation District; meeting format options and a quarterly public forum. Mr. Odom reported that drawings have been submitted to the DEP for the Center Beach area and a recommendation for the position vacancy will be provided to Council at the December meeting.

Mr. Odom thanked veterans for their service as this week is Veteran's Day.

Mike Whitico, Finance Director, provided a review of the proposed 2021 budget.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None**

**COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Hadley, to approve the Beall Simple Subdivision (FSC-05-20) contingent upon the final review and approval of the Borough Engineer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve the Matassa Lot Line Revision (FSC-06-20) contingent upon the final review and approval of the Borough Engineer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Pastor, to approve awarding the Garlow Emergency Storm Sewer Project to W.A. Petrakis in the amount of \$136,700.00. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve awarding the bid for demolition of unsafe structures to the low bidder, Lutterman Excavating LLC in the amount of \$22,400.00. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to accept the Fedel Subdivision No. 3 (FSC-07-20) as complete. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to adopt Resolution No. 888-20, approving the acquisition of vacant property known as lot and block 1096-M-210 in accordance with the Borough's comprehensive plan. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Vento, to make an offer of conditional hire to Ramin Fashandi as a Class 2 employee in the Public Works Department, Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Vento, to make an offer of conditional hire to Gary Harris as a Class 2 employee in the Public Works Department. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to make an offer of conditional hire to Kyle McAleavy as a Class 2 employee in the Public Works Department. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to make an offer of conditional hire to Nick Scibetta as a Class 2 employee in the Public Works Department. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to make an offer of conditional hire to Jim Yamnitzky, Jr. as a Class 2 employee in the Public Works Department. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to make an offer of conditional hire to Michael Hooper as a patrolman in the Police Department. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve a cost-of-living increase for a retired police officer as recommended by the Borough Actuary. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Vento, to approve a cost-of-living increase for a second retired police officer as recommended by the Borough Actuary. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Vento, to add a resolution for the Borough to apply for a grant from The Flood Mitigation Assistance Program. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Vento, to adopt Resolution No. 890-20, designating the Borough Manager as the agent of the Borough for the purpose of applying for federal assistance through the Flood Mitigation Assistant Program. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney, seconded by Mr. Vento, to adopt Resolution No. 889-20, authorizing the submittal of a joint active Allegheny grant between Verona, Oakmont, Penn Hills and Plum Borough.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to authorize the advertisement of the proposed 2021 budget. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to authorize the advertisement of the proposed 2021 Real Estate resolution. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Hadley, to authorize the proposed 2021 Earned Income Tax Ordinance. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Pastor, to authorize the advertisement of the proposed 2021 Local Services Tax Ordinance. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve an ordinance authorizing the Borough to incur lease rental debt in an amount not to exceed \$12,500,000 guaranteeing up to \$12,500,000 of the water and sewer revenue bonds series of 2020 to be issued by the Plum Borough Municipal Authority. Unanimously approved.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Schlegel reported there were 852 calls for service in the police department; the ATS radar was placed on several roads and Senator Jim Brewster secured a grant to assist with storm water issues.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE W/PLUM SCHOOL DISTRICT** – Mr. Odom said he did not know when they were going to meet.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Mr. Doyle reported on highlights from the General Fund stating that revenues were slightly above budget and expenditures are tracking below budget; the Finance Director and Borough Manager met with department heads to review 2021 budget submissions and it is estimated that the TAN for 2021 will be \$1.5M. Mr. Doyle said there are no current budget concerns.

**ROADS, EQUIPMENT AND GORUNDS** – Mr. Pastor reported the Jane Street/Garlow Blvd. stormwater project will start next week; East Oakmont storm water will begin Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>; Holiday Park Phase I stormwater project is underway; Malabar Drive remains closed due to a failing culvert; street signs have been installed as needed and inlet repairs were done on various roads.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – Mr. Dern reported there were a total of 268 responses; crew members participated in a Trunk and Treat event at the Midget Football Field; EMS vehicles patrolled neighborhoods on Halloween and EMS hosted an Emergency Vehicle Operators Course for crew members.

**PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Mr. Vento reported 109 permits were issued resulting in revenues of \$13,936; St. John's parking lot expansion was tabled; Oakmont Heights Phase III revised plan decreases the number of units; the Zoning Hearing Board approved a commercial expansion at Matt's Machine and a construction of a residential garage on Leechburg Road. Mr. Vento said the underground fuel tank was removed at the old Public Works garage site; the Borough filed paperwork for the FEMA Go Program and the Borough received a SPC grant for synchronization of traffic signals.

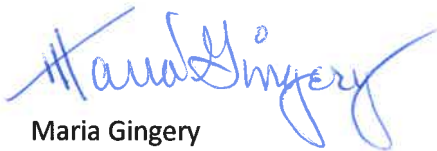
**PARKS AND RECRITATION** – Mr. Delaney reported minor repairs were done at Logans Ferry Park; the Borough is obtaining fencing estimates for Plum Creek Park and Christmas at Plum Creek will be celebrated on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Odom announced the Planning Commission will meet on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – Lawrence Paolino of 224 Plum Street expressed concerns about the numbers of voters at the various polling places. Mr. Paolina said the amount of people allowed to vote at each location should be equal.

Mr. Odom said the Borough would approach Allegheny County election officials to see what can be done to get a better distribution of voters at each poll location.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Vento, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.  
Unanimously approved.



Maria Gingery  
Assistant Borough Secretary