

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2020. The meeting was viewed online due to PA Governor's guidelines implemented due to the COVID19 pandemic.

ROLL CALL: Participants were Council Member: Ryan Delaney, Paul Dern, Michael Doyle, Dan Hadley, Dave Odom, Mike Pastor and Dave Vento. Mayor Schlegel participated.

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Hadley, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020 Council meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY: Mayor Schlegel recognized the individuals, families and businesses of the Borough who have provided the police department with meals, cakes and other treats. Mayor Schlegel thanked Spitzer Toyota for donating turkeys to the Plum Food Pantry and thanked Dave Johnson of Erie Insurance for providing a Thanksgiving Dinner to the Police Department.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – Manager, Mike Thomas announced Council received a petition to create an Agricultural Security Area in Plum Borough. The ASA contains 200 acres owned by thirteen separate property owners,

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – Mr. Odom spoke of the cancellation of the Christmas at Plum Creek Event. Mr. Odom said he hoped things would be back to normal next year and the Borough may have additional events in the Spring.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS – None

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Delaney, to approve the Fedel Subdivision (FSC-07-20) conditioned upon the final review and approval of the Borough Engineer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Hadley, to adopt Resolution No 894-20 approving a new sewage facility for Boyce Park. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Pastor, to accept the Borough's portion of the net proceeds (18%) of the sale of lot & block 1233-J-342 and 1233-M-346 in exchange for full exoneration of the delinquent taxes owned.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Borough Clerical Union for 2021-2024. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern to appoint Terry Seifers to the Storm Water Task Force. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve a one-year extension to the Plum Fire Chief's Association agreement, ending December 31, 2021. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adopt Resolution No. 892-20 authorizing the Borough's annual lease to own program with Vision Financial Group. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adopt Resolution No. 893-20 establishing the 2021 tax rate at 4.78 mills. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Pastor, to enact Ordinance No. 950-20 establishing the 2021 wage tax rate at 1%. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to enact Ordinance No. 951-20 establishing the 2021 local services tax rate at \$52 annually. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Vento, to adopt Resolution No. 895-20 authorizing the 2021 Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$1,500,00 at 1.10%.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve the 2020 EIT forgiveness program for volunteer firefighters as per the certified list from each department. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adopt the 2021 budget as presented and advertised. Unanimously approve.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Vento, to forgive the penalty for 2020 real estate taxes assessed on the property owned by Ruth Robshaw. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastor, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adopt Resolution No. 891-20 accepting the SINC-UP grant for signals on Route 286. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastor, seconded by Mr. Vento, to accept the low bid from Rycon Inc. for construction of the new Municipal Center. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Schlegel reported the department responded to 744 calls; the police department is making welfare checks on seniors and participating in the Toys for Tot program; the ATS has been put away for the season and the department acquired a new golf cart and a drone; the department is in Phase I of three phases installing police body cams and the department is upgrading technology in their department under the direction of Assistant Chief Mark Focareta.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE W/PLUM SCHOOL DISTRICT – Mr. Odom reported there are no meetings scheduled.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Doyle reported the Borough recognized revenues of \$1,062,877 and incurred expenses of \$907,749; Real Estate is at 99% of budget; EIT is at 91%; we are trending to end the year over budget and we currently have no budget concerns.

ROADS, EQUIPMENT AND GROUNDS – Mr. Pastor reported the Jane Street/Garlow Blvd. stormwater project was delayed in starting due to delays in receiving materials; the East Oakmont stormwater project has started; the Holiday Park stormwater project is 95% complete; new vehicles have been delivered to the public works department; new street signs were installed as needed and leaf pickup ended December 4th.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Brian Maloney of Plum EMS reported their department responded to 282 calls of which 162 patients were transported; both Plum EMS and Holiday Park VFD attended a water rescue awareness course and EMS partnered with the police department, HPVFD and Concordia to deliver toys for the Toys for Tots toy drive.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Vento reported 73 permits were issued resulting in \$41,795.40 in revenues; the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board did not meet in November; the Borough worked with Allegheny County on addressing issues in Oakmont Heights; the Winter Maintenance Agreement with Parkside Estates was finalized; 81 occupancy inspections were conducted; 18 code violations were issued, and the staff volunteered for a project on Yettman Drive.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Mr. Delaney reported old fencing and dugouts were removed on field 7; lights and decorations were installed at Plum Creek Park in preparation for Christmas at Plum Creek; the contracts have been awarded for the installation of the new playgrounds at Logans Ferry and Renton Parks and residents should follow no parking signs and rules during snow events.

Mr. Odom announced the Planning Commission will meet on December 17, 2020.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

Mayor Schlegel stated he was contacted by a resident who did not receive a tax bill and received a notice of delinquency along with a penalty. The Mayor asked if the penalty could be removed.

Mr. Thomas said we have a policy for such requests and no action is needed at this time other than confirming with the tax collector.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Unanimously approved.



Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary

Borough of Plum
Monthly Payables Requiring Approval
Council Meeting - December 17, 2020

1)	General Fund		
	Payables Requiring Council Approval	\$	429,852.99
2)	Street Improvement Fund		
	Payables Requiring Council Approval		7,694.72
	Debt Payments		-
3)	Fire Fund		
	Payables Requiring Council Approval		16,300.90
	Debt Payments		-
4)	Liquid Fuels Fund		
	Payables Requiring Council Approval		57,068.23
5)	Debt Service Fund		
	Payables Requiring Council Approval		-
	Debt Payments		-
6)	Capital Improvement Fund		
	Payables Requiring Council Approval		12,781.00
7)	Flood Mitigation		
	Payables Requiring Council Approval		49,484.66
9)	Emergency Medical Services		
	Payables Requiring Council Approval		239.00
10)	2019 Bond		
	Payables Requiring Council Approval		266,244.37
11)	Purchasing Card Direct Vendor Payment		
	Republic Services		168,108.20
	Miscellaneous Borough Purchases		45.62
	<i>Total Payables To Be Approved</i>	\$	1,007,819.69