

## **COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 9, 2021**

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The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 9, 2021 at the Plum Borough Municipal Building, 4575 New Texas Road, Plum, PA 15239.

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

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2021, Council Meeting and the July 26, 2021, Special Meeting of Council. Unanimously approved.

**RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY** – Mayor Schlegel recognized Michael Cerniglia for his generous monthly donations to the police department. Mr. Cerniglia donates cakes and other sweets each month.

**CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Pam Calfo of Plum Community Library reported over 300 participants completed the Summer Reading Program. Ms. Calfo reported September is Love Your Library Month.

Tom Banta, Assistant Chief at Renton VFD reported there were 322 calls through the month of July and July has been their busiest month with 57 calls; their department joined in a joint training session with Unity VFD, and they have distributed over 500 smoke detectors.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS** – Mr. Odom reported the Rain Barrel event was a success; another session will be scheduled on October 14<sup>th</sup> a Storm Water Task Force Public Meeting was held on July 17<sup>th</sup>, topics included financial expenses and grants, long term projects and a review of retention ponds. Mr. Odom reported another public meeting will be scheduled and the next meeting of the Task Force is September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

### **COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve an amended site plan for MVP Properties (SP-03-19) to allow 25 outdoor spaces for the storage of vehicles and trailers in front of the existing facility, contingent upon the applicant installing privacy slats on two of the four sides of the existing fence. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Hadley, to approve FSC-06-21, the Coddington lot line revision, contingent upon the final review of the Borough Engineer. 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 Mr. Doyle, to accept the resignation of Joseph Fischetti effective August 9, 2021. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastor, seconded by Mr. Dern, to award the bid for the Malabar Drive culvert replacement to the low bidder, Lone Pine Construction at a cost of \$244,441. Unanimously approved.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Schlegel reported the department responded to 966 calls in July; the ATS radar was deployed to Shearer and O'Block Roads, Millers Lane and Trestle Road. Detectives Little and Moriarity attended the Western PA Drug Summit Law Enforcement Conference.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Intergovernmental Cooperative Committee with Plum School District** – Mr. Odom said there was no report

**Finance** – Mr. Doyle reported there were \$1,067,872 in General Fund Revenues and expenses totaled \$919,946; there have been no draws on the TAN; revenues continue to trend as expected and there are no current budget concerns.

**Roads/Equipment/ Grounds** – Mr. Pastor reported the COG has awarded the Holiday Park Phase 2 stormwater project which is expected to start the second week of August; inlet repairs have been done on various streets; topsoil was installed at the newly completed Renton Park playground area; we continue work on MS4 inspections; we have completed dirt hauling from the new building site and we have installed street sign where necessary.

**Public Safety** – Brian Maloney of Plum EMS reported they responded to 262 calls in July; a car seat safety clinic is scheduled for August 21<sup>st</sup> and cribs and car seats are available to those in need.

**Planning and Economic Development** – Mr. Vento reported 69 permits were issued resulting in \$21,289 in revenues; the planning commission did not meet in July; meetings were held on Repp Road grading issues; the new Municipal Building phones; PBMA to discuss billing issues and NPDES pre-application. Mr. Vento said they are working on Oakmont Heights Phase 3 development agreement. Mr. Vento reported 59 occupancy inspections were conducted; 21 complaints were addressed, and demolition hearings were conducted on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Parks and Recreation** – Mr. Delaney reported the Monday Market occurs every Monday; the last Movie in the Park is scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup>; FallFest is September 25<sup>th</sup> from 12 -6 p.m. and the Rain Barrel Clinic is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Odom announced the Planning Commission would not meet in August

**Citizen's Comments – Non-Agenda Items**

Sierra Kaufman of 588 Rainier Drive requested a change to the ordinance regulating farm animals. Ms. Kaufman said that the area required is too large and requests it be lowered. Ms. Kaufman has pet pigs which do not stink or bark.

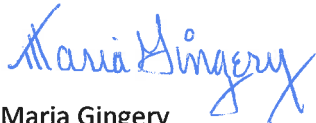
Erin Messenger-Yuhaschek of 4649 Sardis Road and Nicole McKinley of 4700 Sardis Road dispute the current ordinance that requires two (2) acres to keep chickens. They said that neighboring communities require 2000 square feet and that our ordinance is excessive. Both Erin and Nicole spoke of the benefits of raising chickens, noting chickens are now used for therapy and they eat ticks and spiders. The ladies requested the Borough ordinance be updated.

Rich Long of 1008 Michele Road stated he had requested use of Borough Fields for a college showcase softball tournament. Mr. Long said that PBSA had denied him use of the fields. Mr. Long said they had donated \$500 to PBSA for use of the fields the previous year. He asked for Council's assistance in securing the fields for October 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Odom said he didn't know why he was denied but would investigate it.

Sierra Kaufman requested a stay on her request until a decision is made. Mr. Dice explained she should seek the advice of an attorney to request the stay.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Vento, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.  
Unanimously approved.



Maria Gingery  
Assistant Borough Secretary