

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 8, 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 and Dave Vento. Council Members Delaney and Pastor were absent. Mayor Schlegel was also present.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Vento, 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. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Hadley, to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2021, Council meeting minutes. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY:

Mayor Schlegel recognized the Plum High School Girls and Boys Soccer teams on qualifying for the final Playoffs.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pam Calfo of Plum Community Library thanked the Plum Community Center. Ms. Calfo announced there are gift baskets and a raffle to benefit the library at the library.

Tom Banta, Assistant Chief at Renton reported the department responded to 51 calls in October; the department partnered with Oakmont in a training session; they participated in a Trunk or Treat at Pivik Elementary School, and they have 100 smoke detectors available for residents.

Keith Nowalk of Plum Community Center announced an upcoming bingo to be held at the Center.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Odom reported on the meeting addressing an injection well. Mr. Odom stated there are two residents having problems with their well water, there are concerns about noise and air quality. Mr. Odom said they will address those concerns with Penneco at a future meeting.

Mr. Odom also reported on the Storm Water Task Force. Mr. Odom reported they discussed the status of long-term issues; additional details are needed on a PEMA grant; the meetings will continue to be closed; and a MS4 status report had been issued in a timely manner by HRG.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS: None

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

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Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Hadley, to accept the Twilla Consolidation Plan (FSC-07i-21) as complete. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to award the bid for the demolition of three unsafe residential structures to Minniefield Demolition Services, LLC, in the amount of \$26,500.00 Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adopt Resolution #913-21, authorizing a grant application for the O'Block Pond Project. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Hadley, to re-approve the Dominion Ferguson Lot Line Revision (FSC-10-19). Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adopt Resolution #913-21, authorizing a grant application for CDBG Demolition Funds through the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Vento, 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. Dern, 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. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to add to the agenda a resolution addressing the action of a council member. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve Resolution #914-21 condemning the actions of councilman Michael Pastor. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Doyle to approve a Mutual Aid Rescue Agreement between the Borough of Plum and the Borough of Plum Volunteer Fire Departments.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to advertise the 2022 proposed annual budget as presented by the Finance Committee and to place a copy of the proposed budget on public display at the Borough Building. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to advertise the 2022 Earned Income Tax Ordinance at a total rate of 1%. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to advertise the 2022 Local Services Tax Ordinance at a total rate of \$52 per year. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schlegel reported there were 932 calls for service; Detective Moriarty was the lead investigator in a drug bust; the department participated in a "No Shave November" where each officer donates \$50 to not shave. Mayor Schlegel thanked the residents who continue to donate cake and other baked goods to the department. The mayor thanked Veterans in honor of Veterans Day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE W/PLUM SCHOOL DISTRICT – Mr. Odom said there is no meeting scheduled at this time.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Doyle reported on the revenues and expenditures for the month; the Finance Director and Borough Manager met with department heads to review their 2022 budget submissions and it is estimated that the Borough's Tax Anticipation Note for 2022 will be \$1.5 million.

ROADS, EQUIPMENT AND GROUNDS – Mr. Vento reported the 2021 paving is complete; the supervisor and four employees attended a MS4 seminar; street signs have been erected and the leaf collection continues.

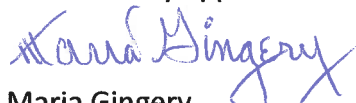
PUBLIC SAFETY – Brian Maloney reported EMS responded to 294 calls with 175 patients being transported; two free cribs were donated to needy families; EMS hosted four CPR courses; Covid-19 booster shots were administered to homebound residents and the PBSO is collecting toys for their Stuff-a-Bus Program.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Vento reported 206 permits were issued resulting in revenues of \$19,240.00 and the Planning Commission did not meet last month.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Mr. Odom announced the Christmas at Plum Creek event to be held at Plum Creek Park on December 2, 2021.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS- None

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Vento, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Unanimously approved.



Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary