

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021, 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 Dave Vento. Mayor Schlegel was present.

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2021, Council meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY:

Mayor Schlegel called Mr. Michael Caruso, owner of Songahm Taekwondo Martial Arts Studio forward. Mr. Caruso presented Black Belt Certificates to Council President Dave Odom and his son Noah.

Mayor Schlegel presented a certificate of recognition to David Odom for serving as a council member from 2018-2022 and for serving as council president from 2020-2022.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pam Calfo of Plum Community Library announced the library partnered with Plum School District and 412 Food Rescue to aid families in need.

Karen Hochberg of Plum Community Center said she also partnered with 412 Food Rescue and many seniors have benefitted from the program.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Odom reported on the Storm Water Task Force Meeting that was held. Mr. Odom said there is a new format for long range projects; emails received by residents were discussed; MS4 reports were studied, and the next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2022. Mr. Odom said he would remain on the Task Force since he is no longer on Council.

Mr. Odom thanked Dave and Cindy Vento, Dave Seitz, Dave Majernik, and John Anderson along with staff members, Mike Thomas, and Chief Conley. Mr. Odom thanked his wife, Charmaine, and sons for sharing their dad during his years serving on council.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Hadley, to approve the Twilla Consolidation Plan (FSC-07-21) located at 1175 Renton Road (971-C-107), contingent upon the final review and approval of the Borough Engineer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to accept the Parco Consolidation Plan (FSC-09-21), located at 5068 Sardis Road (847-M-184), as complete. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Hadley, to accept the Nancy One Consolidation Plan (FSC-08-21), located at 109 Elwood Avenue (738-A-367), as complete. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adopt Resolution No. 915-21, declaring blighted properties to be demolished through a CDBG Grant. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Pastor, to approve a two-year agreement with Bureau Veritas for building inspection/plan review services as presented beginning in 2022. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve Resolution No. 916-21 authorizing the Borough to purchase employee supplemental insurance. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to table the termination of a police officer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Vento, to make an offer of conditional employment to Codie Szalkay as an entry-level police offer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to accept a lawsuit settlement offer with Edmund Kruse as presented. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Vento, to table the hiring of a public works employee. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve the Act 172 Firefighter Tax forgiveness list for 2021. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Vento, to enact Ordinance No. 958-21 establishing the 2022 local service tax rate. Unanimously approved.

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Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Hadley, to enact Ordinance No. 959-21 establishing the 2022 earned income tax rate. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adopt Resolution No. 917-21 establishing the 2022 real estate tax rate. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adopt Resolution No. 918-21 capital lease program. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve the 2021 budget fund transfers. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve the 2022 tax anticipation note as presented. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Vento, to adopt the 2022 annual budget as presented. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to forgive the penalty and interest for 2021 real estate taxes for a resident. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastor, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to accept a proposal for the installation of the key fob control system for the new Borough Building. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastor, seconded by Mr. Dern, to authorize the advertisement to vacate a portion of Elwood Avenue. Unanimously approved.

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 revenues and expenditures for the month; overall the Borough has recorded \$13.2M in revenues; through November, the Borough has expended 85% of budget and the independent auditor will begin field work in January.

ROADS, EQUIPMENT AND GROUNDS – Mr. Pastor reported work has started on the Center New Texas Culvert; sink holes have been reported and will be addressed and the leaf collection has ended for the season.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Dern reported the Borough has an ordinance stating house numbers must be clearly marked and visible so that they are more visible to emergency responders; the police department participated in the Stuff-A-Bus event and collected over 2,100 toys.

Brian Maloney of Plum EMS reported the department responded to 247 calls in November.

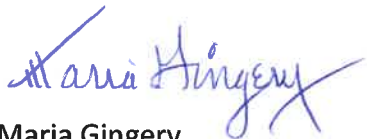
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Vento reported 224 permits were issued which resulted in \$18,233.50 in revenues collected; the Planning Commission did not meet in November; work continues on grant application; the grant application for Renton Park has been approved and abandoned vehicle complaints have been addressed.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Mr. Delaney thanked the staff for the Christmas at Plum Creek Event and thanked Council President Dave Odom for his service.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

Mr. Odom wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Unanimously approved.



Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary