

**COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday February 4, 2022 at the Plum Borough Municipal Building located at 4575 New Texas Road, Plum, PA 15239. The meeting was called to order at 6:59pm by President Mike Doyle.

**ROLL CALL:** Present were Council Members including Ryan Delaney, Paul Dern, Mike Doyle, Dan Hadley, David Seitz, Steve Taylor, Dave Vento, and Mayor Harry Schlegel.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor & seconded by Mr. Dern to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of January 2022. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern & seconded by Mr. Seitz to approve the expenses for the month of January 2022. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor & seconded by Mr. Hadley to approve the minutes of the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Re-organization Meeting and January 10, 2022 Council Meeting. Unanimously approved.

**RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY:**

- Mayor Schlegel presented a Proclamation to recognize Plum 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader Joey Byrnes for beating acute lymphoblastic leukemia in Sept 2019.
- Mayor Schlegel recognized Pat & Stan Kaczmarek for supporting our Plum Police Department by providing sweets & treats.
- Mayor Schlegel recognized Angels in DaSkys (Melissa & Lisa DiPasquale) for their selfless support of families in need both locally and throughout the country.

**CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Pam Calfo (Plum Library) provided information to the public regarding the new items they have to check out with a library card, including baking items and fitness kits.
- Karen Hochberg (Plum Community Center) is still in search of partners for their Super Bingo events. The PCC is also providing 300 free tax appointments which have all been filled.
- Jim Sims (Holiday Park Fire Chief) provided information regarding the Fire Company's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual magazine ("Fully Involved") which includes statistics and information about events that the fire department hosts/participates in. He reported that fish fries will start on Ash Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

None

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS:**

None

**COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Vento to approve the Klobucher Consolidation Plan (FSC-10-21) as recommended by the Borough Engineer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Taylor to appoint Jessica Yamnitzky as the Right to Know Officer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Seitz to re-appoint Leigh Anne Rethage to the Library Board for a term of 3 years, expiring on December 31, 2024. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Seitz to appoint Jessica Beichler to the Library Board for a term of 3 years, expiring on December 31, 2024. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Taylor to appoint Milanne McCutcheon to the Library Board to fulfill an unexpired term, ending December 31, 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Vento to appoint Dee Marsalese as an Emeritus Library Board member for a lifetime appointment. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Dern to re-appoint Matt Vasil to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of 5 years, expiring on December 31, 2026. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Vento to adopt Resolution 920-22 authorizing the destruction of certain Boro records. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Dern to appoint Jim Dreano as the Human Resources Coordinator effective February 14, 2022 at a salary of \$65,000 per year. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Dern to promote Heather Oravitz as the Director of Community Development, effective February 14, 2022 at an annual salary of \$70,000. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Taylor to promote Sam Prokopik as the Building Code Official, effective February 14, 2022 at an annual salary of \$56,000. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Dern to adopt Resolution 921-22, terminating the employment of Dennis Rupert as a Plum Boro Police Officer, effective December 12, 2021. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Seitz to accept the resignation of probationary officer Jacob Hensell, effective February 14, 2022. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Vento to offer a conditional offer of employment to Joshua Rosenblatt as a Police Patrolman. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Dern to offer a conditional offer of employment to Jacob Kingerski as a Police Patrolman. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern & seconded by Mr. Vento to approve an increase to the annual PFCA Stipend of \$40,000 to be split equally among the four fire companies. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor & seconded by Mr. Vento to authorize the 2022 Boro Haps events as presented. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento & seconded by Mr. Dern to approve the donation of a 2010 Ford Explorer to the Plum Community Center. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento & seconded by Mr. Dern to approve the 2022 Paving Contract Award to Derry Construction Co, Inc in the amount of \$892,302.90. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento & seconded by Mr. Seitz to approve the disposition of Borough capital equipment as presented on the 2022 Asset Sales List. Unanimously approved.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The Mayor provided information from the monthly Police Department report, including responding to 820 calls. The Plum Police Department received the United States Marine Corp Reserve "Commander's Award" in January, as well as started their Childsafe Gun Lock program. The Police Department donated \$2250 to Plum Meals on Wheels by collecting money to participate in No Shave November & December.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE W/PLUM SCHOOL DISTRICT – Mr. Doyle:** The District proposed identifying a Student Government member to serve as liaison/student Council support. Mike Thomas will serve as the liaison between PBSB and the Boro. PBSB also proposed the idea of employee sharing – bus drivers are in need. Lastly, a discussion will be had between PBSB and the Boro regarding the sharing of athletic fields.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Seitz:** The Audit is in process and they are completing field work. Expecting to receive a preliminary report in April. The Boro has the TAN funds in the amount of \$1.5 million and has not utilized any of this at this time.

ROADS, EQUIPMENT & GROUNDS – Mr. Vento: 2022 Paving Bids have been accepted and Derry Construction is the low bidder. All capital budget and truck orders have been processed but due to delays the Boro may not receive equipment until end of the year.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Dern: Provided statistics from the VFD for January 2022 calls. Brian Maloney presented EMS statistics for January 2022.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Delaney: Provided information regarding the number of permits the Boro processed and the minutes of the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board meetings

PARKS & RECREATION – Mr. Taylor: Provided information about the interagency meeting he attended to meet with local government officials to discuss grant opportunities. Mr. Taylor also presented the 2022 Boro Haps Calendar of events.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Mr. Dern & seconded by Mr. Vento to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm.

*Assistant Boro Secretary*