

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 9, 2019 at the Plum Borough Municipal Building, 4575 New Texas Road, Plum, PA 15239.

ROLL CALL: Present were council members: John Anderson, Paul Dern, Dave Majernik, Dave Odom and Dave Seitz. Council members Doyle and Pastor were absent. Mayor Schlegel was also present.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to approve the expenses for the month of August (see attached). Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019 Council Meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Schlegel recognized Josh Whiteman for his volunteer efforts with the flood cleanup. The Mayor also recognized three Plum Police Officers for their immediate reaction when a car drove into a resident's swimming pool.

Mayor Schlegel announced that Plum Soccer Association sponsored a successful soccer tournament recently with 210 teams participating.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – Marilyn Klingensmith of Plum Community Library announced that donations made during the month of September will be matched by the Buncher Foundation.

Karen Hochberg of Plum Community Center announced that Farmers Market Vouchers were still available; new Silver Sneaker programs will be beginning along with YOGA classes and there is an AARP driving class available whereby seniors can get a discount on their auto insurance.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – None

MANAGER'S REPORT – No report

CITIZENS COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS – None

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Dern to approve FSC-11-19, the St. John Consolidation Plan. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to approve FSC-10-19, the Dominion Energy/Ferguson Lot Line Revision. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the revised Oakmont Heights Phase 2 PRD as recommended by the planning commission with the following conditions:

- Curtis Court needs to be renamed and approved by staff and Allegheny County
- The HOA will be responsible for enforcing no parking on the street. The Borough will enforce no parking on the one-way section of Dana Drive
- The 25-foot access easement off of Curtis Court needs to remain blocked and only used in emergency situations
- A developer's agreement is required
- All approvals are subject to the final review of the Borough Engineer

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to appoint Sam Propkopik to the Assistant Planner position effective August 15, 2019 at a starting salary of \$43,000. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve the separation agreement with Jeff Armstrong as presented. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Odom, to accept the retirement of Jeff Armstrong effective October 1, 2019. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to appoint Lieutenant Lanny Conley as the Chief of Police effective October 1, 2019. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve the dumpster reimbursement policy as outlined on the Flood Reimbursement request form. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dern, to enact Ordinance No. 941-19, authorizing the Borough to enter into guaranty agreements with the Plum Borough Municipal Authority, guarantying the payment of principal and interest on the Authority series 2019 guaranteed water revenue bonds and guaranteed sewer revenue bonds and related bond obligations of the Authority, and authorizing all other necessary actions of the Borough in connection with such guarantees. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Odom, to adopt Resolution No. 866-19 establishing the 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation for pensions. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Dern to award the bid for Route 286 storm water improvements to Sciarretti Site Development and Paving Company at a cost of \$192,494. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to award an emergency contract to Liberoni Construction for the Tahoe Drive Storm Sewer Relocation project at a cost of \$208,247.26. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Odom, to approve the Allegheny County Snow and Ice Municipal Agreement for the years 2019 through 2022. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Schlegel reported there were 1,008 calls for service during August; the ATS radar speed display was deployed to Center New Texas Road, Alcan Drive New Texas and Repp Roads throughout the month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE WITH PLUM SCHOOL DISTRICT – Mr. Thomas reported they had not met.

FINANCE – Mr. Majernik reported the Borough recognized revenues of \$2,496,811 and incurred expenditures of \$1,461,479; the Finance Director kicked off the 2020 budgeting process. The Committee will review the preliminary budget during October, and it will be presented at the November 4th work session.

ROADS, EQUIPMENT AND GROUNDS – Mr. Dern reported the stormwater project in East Oakmont will begin at the end of the month; a bid has been awarded for the Route 286 stormwater project; the Ford F-550 is being outfitted and will be put into service at the beginning of October; stormwater work continues throughout the Borough; new street signs have been installed and the department had 17.5 hours of overtime in August.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Joe Festa of Plum EMS reported they responded to 267 calls of which 149 people were transported and the department participated in the school district's in service training with first aid training.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING – Mr. Odom reported 87 permits were issued resulting in \$17,699.50 in revenues; the Planning Commission recently met and recommended action on Oakmont Heights Development and the underground injection control well land development plan as complete.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Mr. Anderson reported crews prepared Larry Mills Park for the soccer tournament; worked on extending the pavilion area at Larry Mills; All Clean was hired to clean structures following the July flood; pavilion rentals at Plum Creek Park are canceled for the remainder of the season due to storm damage; the Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th followed by Christmas at Plum Creek on Thursday, December 5th.

Mr. Seitz announced the Planning Commission will meet on September 16th.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS – Carlos Escalante of 4320 New Texas Road spoke about the Borough's and Meritage Group's slow response to nine (9) corrective action items which had been identified. Those actions were addressed prior to the July 21st storm even which occurred resulting in significant damage to Mr. Escalante's driveway.

Mr. Escalante questioned why Plum Borough took ownership of a pond that did not meet specification of the approved plan. Mr. Escalante said he has not received a response as to whether the Borough will repair his culvert.

Patricia Meek of 4320 New Texas Road asked that the Borough be proactive in making repairs. She commended the Borough for forming a Stormwater Task Force and said this should included input from the citizens. Ms. Meek recommended posting the following documents to the Borough's website:

- MS4 permits
- MS4 annual reports
- Annual maintenance reports for stormwater basins owned and maintained by the Borough

Dave Vento of 717 unity Center Road inquired about upgrades to the storm water system that effects his property. Mr. Mitall said he has inspected the area and stated the problem lies with people dumping in the ravine.

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Unanimously approved.



Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary