

COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2022

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday December 14, 2022 at the New Municipal Center at 2000 Old Mine Road, Plum, PA 15239.

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. Dern & seconded by Mr. Hadley to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of November 2022. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor & seconded by Mr. Hadley to approve the expenses for the month of November 2022. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern & seconded by Mr. Vento to approve the minutes of the November 14th, 2022 Council Meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY:

None

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pam Calfo from the Plum Library provided information about last month's story times with community members and resources available for kids over the Holiday Break.

Karen Hochberg from the Plum Community Center provided information about the groups that donated to the Meals on Wheels program.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

None

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS:

- Matt Kelso of 500 Milltown Road urged Council to deny the Hermes Pipeline applications (Agenda items #3-4)

- Don Ziegler of 40 Crystal Drive inquired as to whether the Hermes Pipeline would be transporting gas or water or both (Agenda items #3-4)

- Matt Vento of 859 Blue Ridge Road urged Council to deny the Hermes Pipeline applications (Agenda items #3-4)

- Steven Hewitt of 109 Leroy Street spoke on the sink hole along the yards of residents on Leroy Street to bring it to Council's attention

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Vento to approve the Conditional Use Request (CU-02-21) for the Plum Storage Expansion (Lot & Block 1238-C-210), conditioned upon

the applicant placing a fire hydrant in the back corner of the property. The Borough will review and approve the final placement of the hydrant. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Dern to approve the request for preliminary/final land development (SP-01-21), for the expansion of the Plum Storage facility, conditioned upon the final review and approval of the Borough Engineer. The applicant shall enter into a development agreement with the Borough. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the conditional use request from Hyperion Midstream (CU-03-22) for the Hermes Pipeline and the Rolling Hills Interconnect project, conditioned upon the receipt of required third-party permits, and the final review and approval of the Borough Engineer. Mr. Doyle called for a Roll Call Vote. Mr. Thomas stated "on the motion to approve the conditional use request from Hyperion Midstream (CU-03-22); Mr. Delaney – no, Mr. Dern – yes, Mr. Doyle – yes, Mr. Hadley – yes, Mr. Seitz – yes, Mr. Taylor – yes, Mr. Vento – no. Motion carries."

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Dern to approve the request for preliminary/final land development (SP-04-22) for the Hermes Pipeline and Rolling Hills Interconnect project, conditioned upon the final review and approval of the Borough Engineer. The applicant shall enter into a development agreement with the Borough. Mr. Doyle called for a Roll Call Vote. Mr. Thomas stated "on the motion to approve the request for preliminary and final land development (SP-04-22); Mr. Dern – yes, Mr. Doyle – yes, Mr. Hadley – yes, Mr. Seitz – yes, Mr. Taylor – yes, Mr. Vento – no, Mr. Delaney – no. Motion carries."

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Dern to enact Ordinance 966-22, accepting the dedication of Colonial Pointe Phase 2 streets which includes a portion of Winchester Drive and all of Patriot Court, including the storm sewers in said streets. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Dern to enact Ordinance 967-22, accepting the dedication and taking ownership of four storm ponds in Colonial Pointe Phases 1 & 2, and as well as certain rights of ways and easements. The lot and blocks include 736-G-30, 736-M-20, 736-S-210 and 736-S-168. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Hadley to enact Ordinance 968-22, providing for the establishment of a stop sign on Patriot Ct @ Winchester Drive, and a stop sign on Old Mine Road @ Old Leechburg Road. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the 2023 Public Meeting Schedule as presented. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Seitz to approve the 2023-2027 Police Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented by the Borough Manager. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Vento to promote Officer Timothy Cerula to the position of Patrol Corporal effective January 1st 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Dern to accept the resignation of Jim Stecik from the Municipal Authority Board, effective December 1st, 2022. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Dern to remove Bill Chapla from the Stormwater Task Force as a result of his detrimental comments and unacceptable behavior towards the Committee, the Borough and Borough Staff. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern & seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the Act 172 Volunteer Firefighter Earned Income Tax Forgiveness List for 2022. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Dern to adopt Resolution 945-22, approving the 2023 Vision Financial Group Capital Lease Program. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Taylor to adopt Resolution 946-22, approving the 2023 Tax Anticipation Note as presented. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Hadley to adopt Resolution 944-22, re-establishing the 2023 Real Estate Tax rate. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Hadley to enact Ordinance 969-22, re-establishing the Earned Income Tax rate. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Dern to enact Ordinance 970-22, re-establishing the Local Service Tax rate. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the 2022 budget fund transfers as presented. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Dern to adopt the 2023 Annual Budget as presented. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schlegel highlighted information from the Police Chief including thoughtful citizens and the promotion of Officer Timothy Cerula.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE W/PBSD: Mr. Hadley highlighted discussion from the committee meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Seitz highlighted the Finance Committee report.

ROADS, EQUIPMENT & GROUNDS: Mr. Hadley highlighted the Roads, Equipment and Grounds Committee report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Mr. Dern asked Brian Maloney from Plum EMS to present his report. Brian reported on the number of calls EMS responded to in November and the participation in Stuff-A-Bus, Library Story Time and Christmas at Plum Creek.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Delaney highlighted the Planning Committee report.

PARKS & RECREATION: Mr. Taylor highlighted the Parks & Rec report, BoroHAPS report and schedule of events.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Linda Garlitz of 508 Anderson Avenue spoke on the effectiveness of the Stormwater Task Force.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Vento to adjourn the meeting at 6:11pm.