

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

### **AUGUST 23, 2023**

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday August 23, 2023 at the Municipal Center at 2000 Old Mine Road, Plum, PA 15239.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of July 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the expenses for the month of July 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Seitz to approve the minutes of the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Council Meeting. Unanimously approved.

#### **RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY:**

Mayor Schlegel recognized the First Responders for their efforts on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

#### **CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Jim Sims from the Holiday Park VFD spoke about the support of fire departments on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Brian Maloney from Plum EMS spoke about the support his staff and surrounding areas provided on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

Mr. Doyle provided a list of all the fire trucks and surrounding groups that supported the Plum Community on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

None

#### **COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Hadley to table the acceptance of an easement from the Whispering Pines HOA. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Vento to enact Ordinance 974-23, accepting the Oakmont Heights Phase 1 dedication of the street and storm lines. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Taylor to adopt Resolution 960-23, approving the Boro to be included in the Allegheny County Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Programs for 2024-2026. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Seitz 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. Seitz to approve the staff salary structure as presented. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Vento to appoint Michael DeMarco as the Building Inspector-Code Enforcement Officer I, at a rate of \$20 per hour, effective August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Vento to accept the resignation of Assistant Police Chief Mark Focereta, effective August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Seitz to appoint David Soboslay as interim Borough Manager effective August 14, 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Vento to appoint David Soboslay as interim Zoning Officer effective August 14, 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor & seconded by Mr. Hadley to enact Ordinance 975-23, amending the Civil Service Regulations. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor & seconded by Mr. Vento to reject Change Order #2 for Renton Park Phase 3. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor & seconded by Mr. Vento to approve the request from Holy Family Parish to use Larry Mills Park for their soccer program, as outlined. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the grant application to the National Fitness Campaign in the amount of \$30,000. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento & seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the easement request from Olympus Energy contingent upon the final review and approval of the Borough Solicitor. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento & seconded by Mr. Hadley to approve the donation of out-of-service police phones to the North Braddock Police Dept. Unanimously approved.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Schlegel highlighted the Police Chief's report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE W/PBSD: Mr. Hadley reported there was no July meeting.

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

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

PUBLIC SAFETY: No report.

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:**

Carol Reitmeyer of 153 Valley Fields requested information on fire hydrant testing reports.

Pauline Calabrese, Mayor of Penn Hills expressed her condolences to the Boro.

Adam Podrat of 89 Rustic Ridge Drive expressed concerns about first responder access on August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Parish of 330 Thistle Court requested information on water pressure and fire hydrant issues.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion was made by Mr. Vento & seconded by Mr. Hadley to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm.