

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at the Plum Borough Municipal Building, 4575 New Texas Road, Plum, PA 15239. The meeting was changed from Monday, October 12th due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

ROLL CALL: Present were Council Members: Ryan Delaney (virtually), Paul Dern, Mike Doyle, Dan Hadley, Dave Odom, and David Vento. Council member Pastor was absent. Mayor Schlegel was present.

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 council meeting and the September 22, 2020 special meeting of council. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY – Mayor Schlegel thanked the Borough Residents and Businesses who have provided baked goods, snacks and entire meals to the police department.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS – Mr. Odom reported on the Storm Water Task Force’s recent meeting. Mr. Odom announced an updated status on long term solutions for areas involved; work has begun on a joint permit with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and NPDES for O’Block, Keywest and Center Beach areas; additional storm water repairs continue; there was discussion in engaging other communities and participation in the Plum Creek Watershed Association. Mr. Odom said the minutes will be posted on the SWTF website and there are two applicants for a vacancy on the board. This will be discussed at their next meeting on October 29th.

Mr. Odom thanked Borough Staff for the Fall Fest Event.

Mr. Vento noted that Federal funding is available through the State for storm water mitigation. Mr. Vento said the SWTF Committee will discuss this at their next meeting.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Hadley, to accept the Beall Simple Subdivision (FSC-05-20) as complete. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to accept the Matassa lot line revision (FSC-06-20) as complete. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to award the bid for the East Oakmont Phase 2 Storm Sewer project to A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$329,451.12. This award includes both alternates A & B. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to authorize staff to advertise an ordinance to accept certain infrastructure. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Hadley, to grant preliminary/final land development approval for the Plum Borough Municipal Center Project (SP-02-20), as recommended by the Planning Commission and contingent upon the final review and approval of the Borough Engineer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to authorize the public bid for the Plum Municipal Center. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve a cost of living increase for a retired police officer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to appoint Meredith Hedeem to the Plum Library Board to fill an unexpired term until December 31, 2022. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to table vacating the 2019 Civil Service Eligibility List until the November meeting. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Vento, to table authorizing the establishment of a new civil service list until the November meeting. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to table a conditional offer of employment to a Public Works employee until the November meeting. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to appoint Ryan Whooten as an alternate to the Civil Service Commission to fill an unexpired term until December 31, 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Hadley, to adopt Resolution No. 887-20 approving the 2020-2021 PaDot Winter Maintenance agreement. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Schlegel reported there were 893 calls for service; officers visited the Plum Schools throughout September; the ATS radar trailer was deployed to several roads during the month and the Use of Force policy has been accredited.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE WITH PLUM SCHOOL DISTRICT – Mr. Odom announced he had received an email from a School Board Member requesting to meet.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Doyle reported on General Fund highlights: Revenues for September were \$3,753,000 and trending slightly above budget; the Borough has expended 71% of budget; real estate revenues are at 77% of budget and the Borough has paid off the principal portion of the 2020 TAN.

ROADS, EQUIPMENT AND GROUNDS – No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Dern announced that Holiday Park VFD would sponsor a Fish Fry from 4-8 p.m. Brian Maloney, Director of Plum EMS reported they responded to 225 calls; the EMS participated in Fall Fest and a free Flu Vaccine Clinic was conducted at the Holiday Park VFD last week.

Mr. Dern stated that the police department and fire departments will be patrolling from 6-8 p.m. on Halloween and the leaf pick up has begun.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Vento reported that 80 permits were issued resulting in revenues totaling \$11,741; the Planning Commission had met and recommended land development for the new Municipal Center and accepted the application for St. John’s parking lot expansion; the ZHB did not meet in September; meetings were held to discuss Phase 3 of Oakmont Heights; the expansion of apartments on Renton Rd and the Aroma Joes project on Rt. 286. Mr. Vento stated that 81 occupancy inspections were conducted, and 32 code violations were issued.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Mr. Delaney reported repairs were made to the bocce court at Larry Mills; a Halloween movie will be shown at Larry Mills Park on October 24th; ballfields 2 and 4 have been reseeded; bids for upgrades at Renton and Logans Ferry parks have been finalized and the Monday Market ended but should return in 2021.

Mr. Odom said the Mayor has received forms to support the police department. The Mayor asked Council to sign the forms showing their support.

Mr. Odom announced the Planning Commission will meet on Monday, October 19, 2020.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS – Robert Buell of 845 Jane Street spoke about a sink hole in his backyard. Mr. Mitall, Borough Engineer, said there is a plan in place to repair the storm sewer through his yard. Mr. Mitall said bids are expected next week and Mr. Buell will be notified when the work will begin.

Mr. Vento reminded residents to vote on election day.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Unanimously approved.



Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary