

COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 13, 2020

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The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 13, 202 at the Plum Borough Municipal Building, 4575 New Texas Road, Plum, PA 15239j.

ROLL CALL: Present were Council Members: Ryan Delaney, Paul Dern, Michael Doyle, Dan Hadley, Dave Odom, Mike Pastor and Dave Vento. Mayor Harry Schlegel was present.

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

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

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the minutes of the December 9 and December 17th Council meeting minutes. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY – Mayor Schlegel reported on a family that recently located to our area from California; the family was in need of winter clothing and other items. The Mayor said that the Police Athletic League, the Knights of Columbus and the Marines provided toys, winter coats, a hot meal and decorated Christmas tree to the family.

Marilyn Klingensmith announced upcoming programs to be held at the Library.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS – Mr. Odom thanked the former council members for their past service and welcomed the new council members. Mr. Odom thanked former council president Mike Doyle for his leadership.

Mr. Odom announced there was a new item to be added to the agenda: For the Good of Plum. This item will report about positive things occurring throughout the Borough. Mr. Odom reported on the Plum Angel Fund whereby Boro staff members dress casually on Friday and contribute money to the Angel Fund. Funds are also collected with donations from the pony rides at Fallfest and the carriage rides at Christmas at Plum Creek. Mr. Odom announced that donations raised approximately \$7,500 over the past years. The donations are then used to purchase gifts for needy families in Plum Borough.

MANAGER’ REPORT – Mr. Thomas announced the Council meeting schedule for 2020 noting there is a meeting change on Labor Day and Columbus Day.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS – None

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve Ordinance No. 946-20 establishing the fees associated with Borough services, permits and licenses. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Hadley, to approve the conditional use request from Dollar General (CU-14-19) with the following conditions: 1. The exterior shall be finished on the East,

North and Southern elevations as recommended by the Planning Commission. The East elevation finish will need to wrap around the front corner of the building. Unanimously approved

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve preliminary/final land approval for the Dollar General Store project on Unity Center Road (SJP-12-19) (Lot & Block 852-E-98), contingent upon compliance with the outstanding items identified in the Borough Engineer's updated review letter dated December 10, 2019, and the modifications recommended by the planning commission. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve FSC-01-20 the McDade simple subdivision as complete. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adopt Resolution No. 872-20, supporting House Bill 1775 stormwater facilities on State highways, which would make PennDOT responsible to maintain storm water drainage facilities on State highways within boroughs. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to add to the agenda Resolution No. 873-20 a Sewage Planning Module. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Doyle, to approve Resolution No. 873-20 a Sewage Planning Module. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Pastor, to appoint Stephen Bullick to the Library Board for a 3-year term, ending December 31, 2022. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to appoint James Rumbaugh to the Municipal Authority for a 5-year term, ending December 31, 2024. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Doyle, to appoint David Seitz to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term, ending December 31, 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Vento, to appoint Michael Babusci to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term, ending December 31, 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Vento, to appoint Michelle Chapkis to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5-year term, ending December 31, 2024. Unanimously approved. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Vento, to appoint Paul Freese the Vacancy Board for a 1-year term ending December 31, 2020. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Schlegel reported there were 1,079 calls for service; new Borough employee, Eric Brant, began his career as a police officer in Plum; the department has purchased mobile video recording cameras for the police fleet. The cameras will work in conjunction with body cameras which will be introduced in early February.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE WITH PLUMSCHOOL DISTRICT – Mr. Odom said there is a tentative meeting scheduled for January 21st.

FINANCE – Mr. Doyle reported the General Fund revenues for 2019 were \$13,608,525; this is \$493,593 ahead of the previous year; General Fund expenses through 2019 were \$12,958,718 or approximately 99% of budget. Mr. Doyle announced the auditors will begin interim work on January 14th.

ROADS, EQUIPMENT AND GROUNDS – Mr. Pastor reported the Edgemeade storm water project has been completed; road maintenance projects are at a minimum this time of year; the leaf pick up concluded on December 6th; pothole patching continues with cold patch; storm water pond maintenance continues; building maintenance was done on the PWD garage and new street signs were installed where necessary.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Dern expressed sympathy to the family of James Sims from Holiday Park VFD upon the loss of his mother. Brian Maloney of Plum EMS reported they responded to 251 calls; there were 44 calls of mutual aid to other communities; the department participated in the School District's Lockdown program and the EMS subscription drive will begin at the end of the month.

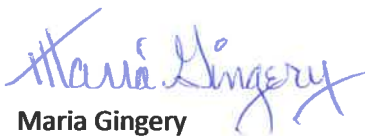
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING – Mr. Vento reported 41 permits were issued resulting in revenues of \$2,930.50; the Planning and Economic Committee will meet on Thursday, January 30th and the Stormwater Task Force will meet next week. Mr. Vento said that a progress report will be reported at the next council meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Mr. Delaney reported crews continue working on the new walkway at Larry Mills; the department cleaned up the remnants of the Christmas at Plum Creek event; Borough staff met with consulting engineers to discuss final design and bidding for Logan's Ferry and Renton Parks; the dog park appears to be completed however we are waiting to hear from Allegheny County on the opening.

Mr. Odom reported the Planning Commission meets on January 20th at 6:30 p.m.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS – Trish Meek of 4320 New Texas Road reported on the upcoming 2020 US Census. Ms. Meek requests that Plum promote the importance of participating in the census. Ms. Meek suggested information be placed in the water and sewage bills; put alerts on Savvy Citizen and work with local nonprofit and the school district to promote the census.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Vento to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Unanimously approved.



Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary