

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020 at the Plum Borough Municipal Building, 4575 New Texas Road, Plum, PA 15239.

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. Dern, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of February. Unanimously approved.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2019 Council meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY – Mayor Schlegel announced that Payton Brenner and Emily Kavortek of Plum will be attending the U.S. Deck Hockey contest in Slovakia. The Mayor said that a Night at the Races Fundraiser will be held to offset some of their costs to attend the event. This event will be held at the Logans Ferry VFD on March 21st.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – Carlos Escalante of 4320 New Texas Road reported on a recent meeting of the Stormwater Task Force. Mr. Escalante said that six (6) problem areas have been recognized and the Borough and Borough Engineer are working on solutions to address those areas.

Karen Hochberg of the Plum Senior Community Center reported the Center has stepped up cleaning and sanitizing efforts due to the Coronavirus; the Center is partnering with the Census Bureau to assist older residents in census participation; May marks Older Americans Month and the 40th anniversary of the Community Center will be celebrated on May 16th.

Marilyn Klingensmith of Plum Community Library reported the Library is a U.S. census hub and their staff will assist people; their annual rummage sale will be held on March 28th.

MANAGER’S REPORT – Mr. Thomas announced online training is available to staff members with regards to the COVID virus.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS – None

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to accept the Bean Consolidation Plan (FSC-04-20) as complete. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Pastor, to accept the Corcoran Consolidation Plan (FSC-03-20) as complete. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to accept the Bonura Consolidation Plan (FSC-02-20) as complete. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Dern, to add Resolution No. 875-20 to the agenda. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento, seconded by Mr. Hadley, to approve Resolution No. 875-20, the McDade Sewage facilities planning module. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to accept a letter of resignation from Janis Bayne effective February 27, 2020. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Vento, to approve an agreement with Express Employment Services. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Doyle, to approve the 2020 staff salaries as presented. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Pastor, seconded by Mr. Dern, to award the bid for the 2020 road paving program to A. Liberoni at a cost of \$957,088.43.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Schlegel reported there were 803 calls to the police department last month; there is no School Resource Officer at the schools due to lack of an agreement, however, our officers conduct visits to all the schools and the ATS speed trailer will be deployed to areas as needed. Mayor Schlegel announced he will hold an informative session for residents at the Plum Community Center on Wednesday, April 8th from 10-11 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE WITH PLUM SCHOOL DISTRICT – Mr. Odom said there is no meeting scheduled.

FINANCE – Mr. Doyle reported that Maher Duessel will have a draft of the 2019 audit by the end of March and the Borough has not drawn funds from the TAN at this time. Mr. Doyle announced that Plum School District ranks 6th of 43 districts for performance.

ROADS, EQUIPMENT AND GROUNDS – Mr. Pastor reported the paving bid has been awarded and the roads to be paved will be announced in the near future; the Volvo wheel loader has been ordered; winter maintenance has been minimal; culvert and pipe replacement work continues; materials have been ordered for spring; the department cleaned the creek at Millers Lane; the department hauled scrap metal resulting in revenues of \$3,857 and the department continues patching potholes.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Dern announced the Public Safety Committee would meet tomorrow evening. Mr. Dern requested residents support the local fish fry's.

Brian Maloney of Plum EMS reported there were 119 hospital transports in February; school safety has increased, their department does a monthly walk through of the schools and a Crisis Safety Check will be conducted on April 18th at the YMCA.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Vento reported 114 permits were issued in February resulting in \$12,581.50 in revenues; there were 237 inspections; staff met with Ryan Homes to address storm water issues at Autumn Ridge and there were three applications for subdivisions.

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PARKS AND RECREATION – Mr. Delaney reported dirt was hauled from Larry Mills Park, work continues on fields 1 and 3 at Plum Creek Park; the Trout Fishing Event is Saturday, April 11th; the Pirates will sponsor a clinic here in July; reservations can be made online for field rentals and residents should contact Allegheny County with regards to the opening of the dog park.

CITIZENS COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

FOR THE GOOD OF PLUM – Mr. Odom encouraged residents to participate in the 2020 Census. Mr. Odom said that the results determine federal funding and the number of seats in the House of Representatives. Mr. Odom stated that a census taker will never ask for your social security number, bank or credit card information or whether you are a citizen.

Motion was made by Mr. Doyle, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.
Unanimously approved.



Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary