

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at the Plum Borough Municipal Building, 4575 New Texas Road, Plum, PA 15239.

ROLL CALL: Present were Council Members: Paul Dern, Mike Doyle, Dave Majernik, Dave Odom, David Seitz and Mayor Harry Schlegel. Council Members Anderson and Pastor were absent.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dern, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of October. Unanimously approved.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019 Council meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Mayor Schlegel announced that November is Epilepsy Awareness month. The Mayor introduced Haley, a young girl with Epilepsy. Mayor Schlegel announced there will a fund-raising event to raise funds for a service dog for Haley. The Mayor also said there is House Bill # to allow awareness and training in classrooms.

Mayor Schlegel reported that Robert Zunich is resigning from the Plum Borough Planning Commission after volunteering on their Board for thirty-eight (38) years. The Mayor thanked Mr. Zunich for his service to the community.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Anita Maydak, President of Renton Volunteer Fire Department reported there were 873 calls last month; their department has received a Fire Prevention Safety Grant. The grant will provide carbon monoxide detectors for homes.

Laura Mason, President of Plum Library Board thanked the community for their donations. Ms. Mason announced upcoming programs to be held at the library.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS – Mr. Doyle wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Thomas did not have a report.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS: - None

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Dern, to appoint Massaro CM Services Inc., as the construction manager for the new Borough Building project.

Motion was made by Mr. Odom, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to adopt Resolution #867-19 approving the MVP Properties sewage planning module. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Dern, to accept the resignation of Robert Zurich from the Planning Commission effective immediately. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. _____, to approve the personal employment contract with the Chief of Police dated October 16, 2019. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Odom, to approve an agreement with Hoffman Services for dog catching services for 2020. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to add to the agenda, the conditional hiring of an entry level police officer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to offer police candidate Eric Brandt a conditional offer of hire as a Plum police patrol officer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to approve an expense not-to-exceed \$15,000 to repair ballfields 1 and 3 for the 2020 spring season. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Odom, to authorize the advertisement of the proposed 2020 budget and the corresponding tax rates. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adopt Resolution #868-19 adopting a spending resolution from the 2019 GOB issue. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to accept a bid for rock salt from Cargill Inc., through the South Hills Council of Governments, at a cost of \$82.24 per ton. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Seitz, to adopt Ordinance No. 943-19 vacating Elwood Avenue Extension in accordance with Section 1731 of the Borough Code. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Odom, to approve the Stormwater Task Force Charter and Guidelines as presented. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Odom, to add to the agenda the sale of an out-of-service leaf vacuum. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Majernik, to authorize the sale of the 2001 Old Dominion Leaf Vacuum to the City of New Kensington for \$7,600. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Schlegel reported there were 1,065 calls in October; there were seven overdoses with four resulting in deaths; the ATS radar trailer was deployed to New Texas Road and it was noted that 85,027 vehicles traveled one way.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE WITH PLUM SCHOOL DISTRICT – No meeting has been scheduled.

FINANCE – Mr. Majernik reported revenues of \$746,481 and expenditures of \$772, 409; EIT collections are at 83% of budget; the Finance Director and Borough Manger met with department heads to review their 2020 budget submissions and the Borough’s Tax Anticipation Note for 2020 will be \$2.5M.

ROADS, EQUIPMENT AND GROUNDS – Mr. Dern reported the East Oakmont stormwater project phase I has begun as well as the pipe replacement at HPFD; the 2019 paving projects in Holiday Park and Boyce Park have been completed, the leaf pickup continues and new street signs have been replaced as needed.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mr. Brian Malone of Plum EMS reported they responded to 267 calls; the department conducted child passenger safety checks, one infant crib was donated, and a flu vaccine clinic was conducted.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING – Mr. Odom reported 114 permits were issued resulting in revenues of \$4,884.50; planning staff attended the PA DEP pre-construction meeting for the Renton Mine Fire Project and the Borough Solicitor worked on issues related to the vacation of Elwood Avenue Extension.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Mr. Seitz reported that Logans Ferry Park will be updated in 2020; Renton Park will also be updated in 2020; Allegheny County has not given an exact date on the opening of the dog park and restoration work has begun on ballfields #1 and #3 at Plum Creek Park.

Mr. Seitz announced that Christmas at Plum Creek will be celebrated on Thursday, December 5th. A new feature for this year will be a Santa’s Shoppe. Mr. Seitz said there will be a Borough Bonfire on December with s’mores.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None

Motion was made by Mr. Majernik, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Unanimously approved.



Maria Gingery
Assistant Borough Secretary

Borough of Plum
 Monthly Payables Requiring Approval
Council Meeting - November 13, 2019

1) General Fund		
Payables Requiring Council Approval	\$	296,681.75
2) Street Improvement Fund		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		8,868.67
Debt Payments		-
3) Fire Fund		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		18,090.40
Debt Payments		-
4) Liquid Fuels Fund		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		-
5) Debt Service Fund		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		-
Debt Payments		-
6) Capital Improvement Fund		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		923.00
7) Flood Mitigation		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		36,173.97
9) Emergency Medical Services		
Payables Requiring Council Approval		56,992.61
10) Purchasing Card Direct Vendor Payment		
Republic Services		169,178.80
Miscellaneous Borough Purchases		155.37
<i>Total Payables To Be Approved</i>	\$	587,064.57