

ORDINANCE NO. 1 of 2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH CREATING A PLANNING AGENCY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 209.1 OF CHAPTER 30 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE

WHEREAS, the Borough is presently involved in aggressively pursuing revitalization of the Borough's business district as well as the residential areas as well;

WHEREAS, in order to assist in the revitalization project, the Borough Council feels it would be beneficial to create a planning agency;

WHEREAS, the creation of the planning agency may assist the Borough in obtaining addition grants to assist the Borough in the planning, revision of its current zoning ordinance, revise and update the current comprehensive plan, recommend capital improvement program and such other such matters that will promote the revitalization of the Borough;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Plymouth Borough Council in order to create the Planning Agency for the reasons stated above and in accordance with Section 209.1 of Chapter 30 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code does hereby enact the following:

Section 1.

In accordance with Section 209.1(a) of Chapter 30 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code(also referred to as "MPC") the Borough does hereby create a Planning Agency and does hereby request said agency and grant the power to said to do the following:

- (1) Prepare a comprehensive plan for the development of the municipality as set forth in this act, and present it for consideration to the Borough Council;
- (2) Maintain and keep on file records of its action. All records and files of the planning agency shall be in the possession of the governing body.

In accordance with Section 209.1(b) of Chapter 30 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities the planning agency will do the following:

- (1) Make recommendations to the governing body concerning the adoption or amendment of an official map.
- (2) Submit to the governing body of a municipality a recommended capital improvement program.
- (3) Promote public interest in, and understanding of, the comprehensive plan and planning.
- (4) Make recommendations to governmental, civic and private agencies and individuals as to the effectiveness of the proposals of such agencies and individuals.
- (5) Hold public hearings and meetings.
- (6) Require from other departments and agencies of the municipality such available information as relates to the work of the planning agency.
- (7) Prepare and present to the governing body of the municipality a study regarding the feasibility and practicability of using renewable energy sources in specific areas within the municipality.

Section 2. The Planning Agency shall consist of five (5) members, all of whom shall be residents

of Plymouth Borough, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The term of office of the members shall be four (4) years and should expire on December 31 or until a successor is appointed, except that terms of members first appointed shall be fixed so that on a commission of eight (8) members or less, no more than two (2) shall be reappointed during any future calendar year, and on commissions of nine (9), no more than three (3) shall be so reappointed or replaced. In the event of vacancies, the Borough Council shall appoint a resident of the Borough to fill the unexpired term.

All appointments in accordance with this Section shall be made by a Resolution of Council.

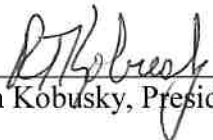
Section 3. It is the intent of the Planning Agency to be an advisory body to Council and make recommendations relating to the duties assigned to them in Section 1 herein above. The planning Agency shall not have any jurisdiction over reviewing and deciding specific subdivision and land development plans for development or zoning matters.

Section 4. The Planning Agency shall meet on a monthly basis.

This Ordinance shall become effective as provided for in § 3301.3 (b) of the Borough Code.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED the 11th day of February, 2020 at a regular meeting of the Plymouth Borough Council.

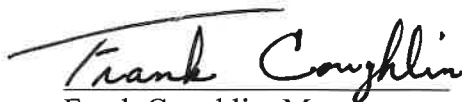
BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH

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APPROVED BY THE MAYOR


Frank Coughlin, Mayor

Dated: 2/11/20