

**PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING-SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 at 6:00PM**

**WORK SESSION:**

Meeting work session:

Ms. Alexis Eroh said the Planning Agency met and came up with four ideas for the \$20,000.00 from the SCI grant award for downtown Main Street: First: was for lighting and landscaping around the new welcome to Plymouth Gateway signs. Second: was for new trash cans (10 each side) for Main Street as the old ones were damaged. Third: was for a pavilion at the Beade Street Park. The fourth idea was for landscaping and benches, and possibly a sign in the municipal lot across from the library.

This evening the agency would like to have Laura Hudak, President of Planning Agency, present the Mary Atkinson Home Award to The Sosa Family of Academy Street.

Mr. John Thomas no report at this time.

Mr. William Dixon asks residents to please be patient as we are finishing up with the street paving project.

Reminder shred event Oct 14, 9-12 in side parking lot. We will post signs throughout town.

Mr. Earl Cunningham has no report at this time.

Mr. Thomas Hogan would like to remind all that school is starting and to slow down. Thank you to the crossing guards for the job you do.

Mr. Adam Morehart said that over next couple days I will be talking about PA Act13 Flood Mitigation and I will speak to Daryl of Penneastern Engineers regarding dredging the creeks and what we should be looking for.

Also going to seek some multimodal money to do a couple of things in town.

Hometown hero's project is coming to an end for this season. Last day to submit is September 30. We have some at the printer and hope to get those hung once we get them back. He will send one more batch to the printer, so get those applications in by September 30 for that last batch of banners this year. Happy National Police Woman's Day to Officer Ali Baloga. Fantastic officer & she certainly deserves the recognition.

Ron said the replacement generator project is currently underway. They are running all new conduit to and from the new pad where the generator will sit. He was told that the building will be closed for approximately two days in mid-October to tie in the new electric to the new panel box. At that time there will be no electricity going to building therefore there will be no access to the building. We will let all know via website and word of mouth. Patience please.

We will hold a special meeting in two weeks from tonight, (September 26 at 6). Purpose is to submit two grants that will need to be submitted before next month's meeting.

Tonight, we will open the bids for the long-awaited project on Main Street for the manholes. Also, the Beade Street Flood Gate Project should be starting and should take around 90 days.

Mayor stated that he is impressed with the job that the pavers are doing on the streets. In all his years on council he has never seen a paver seal the center seam in the road. Great job!

Reminder school is back in. Please slow down & obey the rules to keep the kids safe.

Police calls for Sept. 360 calls. Please understand that the police are going to respond to the most urgent calls first. They do try to answer all calls.

This Saturday, September 16, is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Police Community Day and the mayor invites all to attend. There will be smoke house, obstacle course, bounce house, games, hot dogs, sno-cones, pop corn, cotton candy & drinks. A lot of fun to be had. Come out to meet the police & have some fun.

The mayor introduced the three new police academy cadets that were hired at a special meeting. Christopher Reilly, John Kobusky & Stephen Glova. Pictures were taken.

Ron gave a brief explanation of the agreement with the cadets: Borough will pay them while they attend academy (next 9mo) and pay for supplies. After graduation, they will stay with the police department for a minimum of 5 years of service.

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The regular meeting for September 12, 2023 was called to order, and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited and followed by a moment of silence.

The roll was called and all members of council were present:

Mr. Earl Cunningham, Ms. Alexis Eroh, Mr. Thomas Hogam; Mr. Adam Morehart,  
Mr. John Thomas, Mr. William Dixon and Mr. Ron Kobusky.

Citizens' requests and comments regarding agenda items:

George Tensa II had concerns regarding the locks that were put on Community Field. He asked if the park is open? Mr.

Kobusky explained that the park was indeed open and that the gates would be unlocked during the day, but locked at night.

Linda Johnston reminded everyone that the Community Yard Sale would be September 30, 2023 from 9AM – 2PM. She asked permission to have some residents from the hills set up in the Municipal parking lot. Council briefly discussed and agreed they could, but must clean up afterwards.

She thanked all for cooperation on National Night Out and said next year it would be on the same date which would be a Thursday. Hope to see all participating again!

Theresa Bradley – Temperance Hill – works at the library. September is National Library Card month. Come in and get your library card for free. Explained the benefits of the library and the resources available with the card.

There will be a session at the library on September 25 at 5 pm on what you can do with your card. The library will participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Police Community Day.

There will be a Tea Party at the library on September 24, 2023, from 2 pm to 4 pm. The proceeds will benefit the Catherine McAuley House. Thanked the Octagon Bar and Grill for donating sandwiches.

During the yard sales there will be a book sale at the library, \$5.00 to fill a bag.

AGENDA VOTING:

As the LSA & MTF Inlet & Manhole Replacement Project was duly advertised and bids were accepted, a motion was made to have the engineer open the bids that came before 2:00PM on September 12, 2023. Daryl Pawlush began the bid opening:

James O'Hara	\$2968,000.00
Sikora Brothers	\$2,795,000.00
Don E Bower	\$2513264.00

The engineer stated that he thought the bids were way over budget and would like to have council reject all bids and redesign the project and put it out to rebid.

Mr. Kobusky called for a motion to change the agenda.

Motion: Mr. Thomas  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Eroh

Motion was made to change the agenda from table the bids to reject all the bids.

Motion: Mr. Dixon  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Cunningham

At this time, Mayor Frank Coughlin presented The Good Shepard Church with a Proclamation in celebration of 125 years of outstanding service to the community. Council withed the church a Happy Anniversary and pictures were taken of the presentation.

Motion was made to approve submission to The Office of Community Development to request partial payment to Don E Bower Inc, for work performed so far on the CDBG Street Paving Project which was awarded to Don E Bower Inc at the regular council meeting on April 11, 2023.

Motion: Mr. Dixon  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Eroh

A motion was made to approve Resolution 4 of 2023 for submission of a LSA Grant for Susquehanna Warrior Trail to extend the Susquehanna Warrior Trail 1.4 miles from the Levee to the Avondale Mine Site.

\*On the question: Ron clarifies that Plymouth is sponsoring the Susquehanna Warrior Trail but the Warrior Trail Committee is submitting the for grant. Mayor Coughlin added that he has been on the board and involved with the progression of this trail from the beginning and lets all know that the

trail begins at Canal Park in West Nanticoke and extends all the way at the Riverlands by the nuclear power plant. He encourages all to walk the trail.

Motion: Ms. Eroh  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Morehart

A motion was made to approve the proposed agreement from Prestige Disposal for the borough waste management needs. This agreement is for a term of 1 year and after that renewable monthly. This is for garbage generated by the borough, the fire companies and the library.

Motion: Ms. Eroh  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Thomas

A motion was made to pay the \$2,400.00 invoice to Stu Krasavage Concrete Construction for curb and sidewalk installation on Carver Street.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Thomas

A motion was made to pay the \$1,800.00 invoice to Stu Krasavage Concrete Construction for repairs made to a collapsed sewer main on Jeanette Street. \*This is a partial fix.

Motion: Mr. Dixon  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Cunningham

Motion made to approve reimbursement payment for property reassessment of 2023 property taxes to: William Baird Jr. \$675.15 and Russel & Mary Owens \$112.73

Motion: Mr. Dixon  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Morehart

A motion was made to pay Uline invoice in the amount of \$1,562.90 for the purchase of a pallet of yard waste bags and 2 bags of gloves for police.

\*On the question: This is more than we usually get but we got free shipping and decided to take advantage of it. This will carry into next year.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Eroh

A motion was made to pay Toro Fencing invoice in the amount of \$2,906.59 for fencing around the football field and part of Community Park.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Dixon

Motion made to approve the Workers Compensation agreement with AmTrust for 2023-24 in the amount of \$58,872.00.

\*On the question: Payments are made monthly throughout the year, but this is to approve the total agreement for 2024.

Motion: Mr. Dixon  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr. Thomas

Motion was made to accept the August fire and police reports.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Eroh

Motion made to pay the monthly bills.

GENERAL FUND:	23-640GF – 23-702GF
LIQUID FUELS:	23-116LF – 23-130LF
RECREATION FUND:	23-028RF – 23-032RF

\*On the question: Mr. Thomas wished to vote to pay all bills except his monthly insurance reimbursement, as he has a personal interest in that bill.

Motion: Mr. Morehart  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Ms. Eroh

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Cunningham

Respectfully submitted by:



Gail Burdulis, Plymouth Borough Secretary

Approved November 14, 2023