

Plymouth Borough  
Work Session and Regular Meeting  
August 8, 2017

The Plymouth Borough work session began at 6:00 P.M. and the regular meeting was immediately called to order by Mr. Gary Kochinski, President of Council.

Mr. Michael Amato, Plymouth Borough Engineer, provided a report during the work session regarding the Plymouth Borough projects and the status of each project. He said the LSA funded pave project has been complete. Mr. Amato stated that coordination was performed with residents and there are no outstanding issues with the contractor. Mr. Kochinski said as far he is aware of, everyone is satisfied with project.

Mr. Amato spoke about the park project and said it is progressing. He said the back stop and road paving should be completed by the end of the week weather permitting. He said he met with the Borough to discuss the drainage for the field. He said they provided an extension stump should there be any additional drainage in the future to go along the toe of the slope and they can dig some drain tile and extend that along the toe and it will act as a weepage pit. Mr. Kochinski said that was a big help. Mr. Amato said they regraded some of the piles and opened up the existing drainage ditch.

Mr. Amato said they reviewed the deeds, appraisal and available mapping regarding the lease of a Borough owned property. He said their preliminary determination has revealed issues with boundary. He said they will have to sit down with the Solicitor and Council and see what needs to be done and what is intended to become accomplished. Mr. Kochinski said they do not want to spend any money. Mr. Amato said they are trying to do this as painless and simple as possible.

Mr. Amato stated there is a structural issue regarding the demolition project at 111 East Main Street. Mr. Coughlin said a lot of the people are not familiar with the address and asked him to refer it as the building next to Wells Fargo. Mr. Amato said the common wall has become a serious issue. The building cannot be demolished without any sort of work prior to the demolition. He said they have torn down many buildings in Plymouth and have never encountered this condition.

Mr. Amato said usually post demolition consists of facade, painting and parging work. He said that will not be the case with this project. He said the way that the structural members are interconnected that it appears that a significant amount of work is going to have to be performed prior to the demolition. The condition of the building throws a monkey wrench in this project. He said a lot of temporary bracing and work will have to be done in order to supply a safe working area in order to perform the brace work to keep the wall.

Mr. Amato said this was something that was just discovered and there will be some financial and economical options to help consummate a decision. Mr. Coughlin said if anyone seen the pictures they would not want to go in that building. Mr. Amato said safety is an issue. Mr. Coughlin said most of the third floor is in the first floor. Mr. Kochinski said pictures of the building are available for anyone to view. Mr. Amato said this is an ongoing project where they feel they have to come up with the most economical solution. Mr. Kochinski said they need to talk to the property owner. He said it is one thing to pay fifty-four thousand dollars to tear a building down. Mr. Kochinski said they may be in for a lot more when they get into bracing another structure. He said he doesn't think that should be placed on the back of the taxpayers considering it's another building. Mr. Kochinski said he would like to speak to the property owner to see if they could work something out.

Mr. Amato said there are a couple sink holes and there is a meeting scheduled to meet with DEP Bureau of Waterways on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He said Andrew Orlovsky from DEP will meet with them to discuss funding. He said there is a sink hole on McGinnis Street. Mr. Amato said they have not gone over there to investigate as of yet. Mr. Kochinski said it is not their responsibility if it is on private property. Mr. Kochinski asked Mr. Dixon to view. Mr. Amato said they need to investigate to determine responsibility. Mr. Dixon said to look from the drain and the drain empties into the culvert on that intersection. Mr. Kochinski said he will take a look at it.

Mr. Amato said project design is progressing for the Smith Rowe & Beverly Drive project. He said they are in the process of studying the drainage areas in particular and mapping all the upstream areas and the flow characteristics. He said the design will be in accordance with Stormwater Management for water quality and release rate will be performed. Mr. Amato said the discharge will require DEP permitting. He said in their research and survey for easements continues. He said there are two unknown owners and they are suggesting that a title search be complete to determine ownership. Mr. Amato said once design is completed the final easement locations will be determined. He said at that time easement documents will be submitted to the Solicitor for acquisition and recording. Mr. Amato said he was there for any further questions.

Mr. Kochinski asked Mr. Amato how long will it take for the project to be complete. Mr. Amato said next year. Mr. Kochinski said he did receive a complaint from a resident on Smith Rowe about brown and grey water potentially seeping into this. He said the township is working to resolve this issue and has been meeting with DEP to discuss the matter. Mr. Kochinski said he wasn't sure if that would cause issues. Mr. Amato said that is why he mentioned the water quality and release rate. Mr. Dixon clarified a starting date. Mr. Amato said construction will begin next year. Mr. Dixon asked when it will start next year. Mr. Amato said his hope is to get it on the street this year. Mr. Dixon asked how long will construction take. Mr. Amato said construction can take up to three to six months for final restoration. Mr. Kochinski said the main issue is doing the paperwork with the deeds and getting the property lines straight.

Ed Mikulski of 51 Smith Rowe, said he was not aware that this project was taking place and his property is directly affected. He asked why he was not notified. Mr. Kochinski said he will be notified by mail regarding the easements. Mr. Mikulski asked when it is all done. He said the surveyors already went through it. Mr. Kochinski said it is not done yet. Mr. Mikulski said they are just trespassing before anything is going on. He asked who they will sue if someone gets hurt on his property. Mr. Mikulski said he is also the owner of one of the unknown properties. He brought up a map to Council. He said that they are planning to put a sess pool right next to his house. Mr. Mikulski said he owns 7 and 8 and that both pin numbers are the same. Mr. Mikulski said Mr. Kochinski said there was grey water and brown water coming in and he doesn't know what is going in there. Mr. Kochinski explained that they are working with Plymouth Township in conjunction with this project. Mr. Mikulski said he heard rumors that the houses up there don't have septic tanks. Mr. Kochinski said he knows that Plymouth Township is working with DEP to resolve any issues that they have up there.

Mr. Kochinski asked if everyone would just wait until citizen's input to discuss anything else. Mr. Amato offered to speak with the resident's outside in the lobby. Mr. Kochinski said thank you.

Mr. Kochinski introduced the representative from County Waste. He said his name Mr. Krietzler and explained that County Waste purchased Phillips Reduction. He explained that Phillips serviced most of Plymouth Borough residents. He said they will continue with the same system and rates and there will be no changes in that respect. He said they plan for additional services such as carts and their hope is

people will want to switch to that. Mr. Dixon asked if they will have a satellite office. Mr. Caswell said there is an office in Mountain Top. Mr. Coughlin asked if they plan on expanding where their stickers can be purchased in town. Mr. Caswell said they are still selling at Turkey Hill and all the gas stations in town. Mr. Coughlin asked if there was a discount if stickers were bought in bulk. Mr. Krietzer said if that was something Phillips had done in the past, they will not discontinue it.

Mr. Kochinski asked if recycling would work the same way. Mr. Krietzer said there are no plans to make any changes as of right now but they are open to new systems. Mr. Coughlin said he felt the recycling bags actually hurt the system. Mr. Krietzer said it keeps the volumes down. Mr. Coughlin said Council would love to work with them for the benefit of the citizens. Mr. Krietzer said Phillips did a great job but County Waste has a lot more to offer to the citizens and they would be happy to sit down with Council and discuss different services. Mr. Coughlin asked what the office hours were. Mr. Krietzer said typically someone is in the office from 7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

Mr. Peters said they will be celebrating the annual Kielbasa Festival on August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The Kielbasa Festival will be celebrating its 14<sup>th</sup> year. He said a big parade will be held on Saturday morning at 11:00 A.M... Mr. Peters told everyone to get out and support their town.

Mr. Coughlin said he spoke at last month's meeting regarding a nuisance ordinance where a homeowner or establishment has the police or fire department called so many times that they start charging them. He said there have been times where the firemen and ambulance has been out somewhere or the police have been tied up over something that should have never happened. He said he has been going through ordinances from other towns and he is not done yet and added that his next step will be to call the towns and ask why they approved it and how it works for them. Mr. Coughlin said he found an interesting ordinance for the Borough of Towanda. He read, "Music and dances: It shall be unlawful from and after the passage of this chapter between May 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> in any year for any person or persons either as principal agent to permit the playing of any musical instruments including phonographs, singing and dancing in any building in the Borough of Towanda, Bradford County, Pennsylvania which is licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages or non-alcoholic beverages are exposed for the sale between the hours of 12:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. eastern standard time." Mr. Coughlin said it goes into repeated violations. He continued to read, "Repetition of such violations is hereby declared to be a common nuisance and that the insistence of the town council proceeding shall begin to enjoin such repetition and it will be advisable to close the place at midnight." Mr. Coughlin said he isn't saying they are going to do this and added that these towns don't have any problems.

Mr. Kostelansky said they would have to look up the LCB's regulations on that because if they allow music until 2:00. Mr. Coughlin said he is just giving someone else's information. He said he has one from Bloomsburg and he thinks the main purpose of this ordinance was for when the college has big parties and things get out of hand. He said it states that if it happens so many times within thirty days the owner pays the bill for police, police salary, fuel and pay for the ambulance. He said he is sure that if people get hit with these prices they will think twice before violating things.

Mr. Coughlin said he was happy to have the same vendor do both projects because in the middle of town they tied in the streets that were done last year into this year's pave project beautifully. He said someone has a washer and dryer out on Franklin Street with a sign that says free. He said he seen someone else hauling something out and they put a sign that said free on it. He said sooner or later they have to look into something for that.

Mr. Dixon said they have had a lot of trouble with parking near the park where the park project took place. He asked if they could put residential parking on the one side where the residents are in the

back. Mr. Kochinski said they will have to look into doing permit parking in that area. Mr. Dixon said the first game is on August 20<sup>th</sup> and Council will not meet until the second week of September. He said he would like to have enough time to iron this out. Mr. Kochinski said after the road paving project is complete maybe they could paint parking lines to maximize the amount of cars that could park on top of the field.

Mr. Dixon said on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> they will be picking up the bucket truck and the street sweeper. He said they will take the bucket truck back on Monday and they will take the sweeper back on Tuesday. He asked Council if he should post it. Mr. Kochinski said it should be posted two days before. He said to post it on the poles and put the notices on people's cars so that they are aware.

Mr. Dixon said that he went to the West Side Council of Government's meeting and they discussed necessary training to use the shared equipment. He said they also discussed a regional electronic recycling event where all the towns participate. He said he does not have all the details because at the end of August they will call a special meeting and all the details will be presented at September's meeting and we will have all the information to see if we want to participate because it could cost us. Mr. Coughlin said if the cost is in their range they should jump in and do it. Mr. Dixon said that it will have to be voted on because he will have to take it back and he will have to give their vote as a member. Mr. Kochinski asked if Mr. Dixon will have enough time to do that for September's meeting. Mr. Dixon confirmed. Mr. Dixon said they are supposed to get the prisoners next week and they will work on the impounding dams.

Mr. Coughlin asked if they had a tentative date for paving Franklin Street. Mr. Amato said he does not have an answer and that he would reach out to the other engineer to find out. Mr. Kochinski said the latest information that he heard was that Franklin Street would be paved in two months but that is not a definite. He said Mr. Amato's office came up with a check list of all the things that need to be repaired on Franklin Street before paving commences. Mr. Coughlin said Council should look into the storm drains that need to be repaired before paving. Mr. Amato said that worked out well in the most recent projects. Mr. Dixon said they have to come back and do the restoration and curbs and then Plymouth Borough will do the drains.

Mayor Petrosky did not have anything to report.

Mr. Kochinski said Mr. Amato went through the main part of his list. He said they sent out a warning letter to 19 Center Avenue. He said the property is under a new LLC ownership. He said after fifteen to sixteen days that will expire and the owner will start receiving citations.

Mr. Kochinski thanked Mr. Thomas and Mr. Kovach for working on the town clock. He said there have been some issues and they are hoping the repairs come under warranty and it should be repaired shortly.

Mr. Kochinski said he discussed police staffing levels and additional cost briefly at last month's meeting. He noted the motion to accept a full time officer's resignation because he is taking a different position in another municipality for more money. Mr. Kochinski said he wanted to go over costs to try to get people to understand the difference and why their police are a little under paid compared to other municipalities. He added that they are also under staffed. He said he is not saying they are doing to do this. Mr. Kochinski wanted to briefly discuss a staffing level increase and how much taxes would have to go to. He wanted to stress the odds of them doing this are slim to none. He said he wants to explain it.

Mr. Kochinski said the Police Chief gets paid forty-one thousand dollars (\$41,000.00) and change. He said to make these positions competitive to other municipalities the average full-time police officer would have to have an increase of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) a year in order to try to

prevent them from going elsewhere. He said if Council would bring the Police Chief to fifty-three thousand (\$53,000.00), Sargent to fifty-two thousand (\$52,000.00), and patrolman to forty-eight thousand (\$48,000.00) from thirty-five and change right now, and increase staffing levels to six (6) full time officers and six (6) part time officers. Mr. Kochinski said the average home price is sixty-three thousand four hundred eighty-one dollars (\$63,481.00) and taxes would have to go to eight point zero nine (8.09) mills and there would be two officers around the clock. He said an extra officer would be able to focus on extracurricular activities. Mr. Kochinski explained that the difference would be with a home value of sixty-three thousand (\$63,000.00), it would have an additional cost of approximately one hundred fifty-one dollars and seventy-two cents (\$151.72) per year on a homeowner and it would break down to twelve dollars and sixty-four cents (\$12.64) a month or two dollars and ninety-two cents (\$2.92) per week.

Mr. Kochinski said the hand out that was provided last month showed the property values for the town and where they have been for the last four to five years. He said everyone could see on the graph where the property values are going. Mr. Kochinski said it lost several of millions of dollars in total assessed value. He said in 2013 their total assessed value was one hundred sixty-seven million five hundred seventy-three thousand and seven hundred dollars (\$167,573,700.00) and it has decreased to one hundred sixty-one million five hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$161,560,000.00) in 2017. Mr. Kochinski said that breaks down to a decrease of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) in revenue just in real estate revenue without increasing staffing levels, insurance costs, health insurance costs, liability issues and things of that nature.

Mr. Kochinski said if Council took taxes to eight point zero nine (8.09) mills, it would do the town a great service at first, they would see an increase in police presence, they would be able to push back on the crime issues that they have in town. He said ten to fifteen years later the staffing level would take a deeper decline. Mr. Kochinski said this is not an easy issue to solve by no means. He said Council should possibly consider if they want to hold on to their officers and keep the trained officers here, they would have to increase salaries to those levels otherwise they will continue to go through this cycle of training an officer and a couple years later they will move on to a better paying job elsewhere. Mr. Kochinski said he just wanted to put it out there and by no means is he saying they will take taxes to eight point zero nine (8.09) mills this year. He said it is just to help the residents understand why they have a smaller police force and why they are underpaid. He said the tax revenue just isn't here.

Mr. Kochinski began the regular meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

Mr. Cunningham was absent.

Mr. Kytör was excused do to work obligations.

Mr. Thomas was excused for doctor's appointment.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS AND COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests and comments regarding agenda items.

#### CITIZEN'S REQUESTS AND COMMENTS REGARDING GENERAL ITEMS

Mr. John Becker of 28 North Street, said in 2011 an area was re-zoned for commercial use. He said there was properties that were built and Plymouth Township did build a storm water drain pump to code and it was approved by DEP however, they came under Smith Rowe that dumps into a culvert and came right to Plymouth Borough and let it dump and that was since 2011. He said he understands that a lot of the members on council were not in office at the time. He said there are people that lived in that neighborhood for over forty years and every time it rains they are experiencing damage to their properties. He said he heard they finally got a grant. Mr. Becker asked why they are not going after Plymouth Township and the developer who is responsible by DEP regulations. Mr. Kochinski said they are working on it and they began discussing this in 2014 with Plymouth Township and they have been more than willing to work with Plymouth Borough.

Mr. Becker said the developer is responsible from the beginning to end and they are in violation. He said according to the Plymouth webpage, that they belong to the Chesapeake watershed and they are supposed to be monitoring this and Plymouth Township. Mr. Becker said it was great that they received the grant but felt the developer should have covered that cost. Mr. Becker felt the money could have been used elsewhere. Mr. Kochinski said this is the best course of action. Mr. Becker said he watches his neighbors every single rainstorm at the ages of sixty-seventy years old. Mr. Kochinski said they are up there. Mr. Becker said there is a house for sale that cannot be sold because of all the damage. Mr. Becker asked if the residents of Plymouth are going to keep paying for the improvements of Plymouth Township. Mr. Becker said Council is doing a great job but feels they need to hold them liable.

Mr. Becker asked if there was a temporary fix available. Mr. Kochinski said they cannot re-route the water because if someone encounters a problem after the temporary fix the Borough would be liable. Mr. Becker asked if Plymouth Borough could hold Plymouth Township liable for all the road treatment and could the Plymouth Borough residents go after them civilly for the damage to their houses. Mr. Kochinski said when this conversation started he came in council in 2014. He said it was discussed and he thought it would have to be a civil matter. Mr. Kostelansky said they would have to see who issued permits.

Mrs. Meeker of Beverly Dr., said she lived up there for fifty-one years and never had a problem like this for the past four to five years. She said Carl Coates is eighty-one years old and he gets water in his basement and he re-did it a couple years ago. She said they are over there every time it rains cleaning it up. She said she is concerned that the Township does not have county sewage lines and added they have sumps and septic tanks. She said they do not know what is coming down with that water. Mr. Kochinski said the engineer will be working on that.

Mr. Kochinski said this has been an ongoing problem and applying for a grant was the best course of action to try to resolve it instead of playing the finger pointing game and going through years of legal battles. Mr. Becker said until work starts the residents on Beverly Dr. and North Street will have to continue to suffer for an improvement Plymouth Township which is now damaging their home and they have no idea what is coming down. Mr. Kochinski asked if he had any other solution. He said everything that is done here costs money. Mr. Kochinski said both towns do not have the money to solve the problem and that is why they approached a grant and that was the best course of action to solve this issue. Mr.

Becker said it was the developer's issue. Mr. Kochinski asked if that will solve the problem sooner. Mr. Becker said he is disgusted with this problem. Mr. Kochinski said the whole development (Beverly Drive) was built and no one has curb lines or sidewalks and added that they didn't even put in storm drains when they developed the place up there. He asked who puts a development up there without storm drains. He said it was done all wrong from the beginning. Mr. Becker said they improved it and re-zoned it commercial. Mr. Kochinski asked what part was that. Everyone said it was on top. Mr. Becker said the developer is also the president of the Plymouth Township Board. Mr. Kochinski said he is not an engineer and cannot determine the contour of the land.

Mr. Greg Koswicki, of 1 Smith Rowe, stated that the development on Smith Rowe was built in 1910. Mr. Kochinski said he was talking about Beverly Drive. Mr. Koswicki said it was not a contractor who installed the drains into Plymouth Borough and said the person had received a grant and had extra funds left. He said he notified the Council ten years ago about what was happening. Mr. Koswicki said he contacted DEP and EPA regarding the drain installation. He said if they drove up Smith Rowe on a warm day that they could smell the water. Mr. Koswicki said he is concerned that none of them were asked for easements. Mr. Koswicki said he thinks the project is farther along than they are saying because he has maps of where the easements are listed. He said he will be effected by the easement because the easement will make his property un-buildable. He said as much as he wants this fixed it is not fair to him. He said he thinks he needs to look to see how this line is being routed. Mr. Amato said he is the author of that plan and it is a conceptual plan that was used to secure the grant. Mr. Koswicki said he would like to be more informed regarding the plan. Mr. Kochinski said the engineer will be in touch.

Ms. Alyse Chobiak of 631 Ransom St. asked where everything stands with condemning a house on West Main Street. She said a family has lived there for six months and the police have been there up to five times in a week. She spoke about many different problems that she is dealing with. She said there is an ordinance regarding how many times a police officer comes to a house and then it could become condemned. Mr. Kochinski said it is not condemning it, it is citing the landlord. Ms. Chobiak said the landlord's name is David Smith and he lives in North Carolina. She said he said he was getting them evicted. Mr. Kochinski said that they will look into the situation and get back to her. Mr. Kochinski asked if she filed a written complaint. Ms. Chobiak said no.

Ms. Corin Borland of 630 West Main Street said that she filed a complaint. She said she spoke with Mr. Kochinski with Mrs. Spece and she also contacted the board members regarding this problem. She said the very same thing as Ms. Chobiak. She said the kids are terrorizing the neighborhood by damaging property and leaving dead fish on people's porches. She spoke of the many different problems that their neighborhood is dealing with the people and kids who live at the property in question. Ms. Borland said she stopped calling the police because they do not respond. She said she was told that the kids are too young to be cited with anything. Mr. Coughlin & Mr. Kochinski said to keep calling the police. She said she is not renter and is not receiving any kind of assistance to live there. She said this needs to be addressed as soon as possible. She asked if they needed video and pictures. Mr. Kochinski said that would help.

Mr. Dixon said he needed to address something. He said people say they have called the police and nothing was done so they are going to stop calling. He said he has problems too. Mr. Dixon said by the time the police get there, they can't just go and arrest someone and people get frustrated. He said to still call the police. He said if any officer touches any kids they will be paying a lot of money because they will get sued. Mr. Dixon said it offends him when residents say they quit calling the police because he feels that they are saying that our officers are not doing their job. Ms. Borland said she is offended by

that because of the fact that she trusted Plymouth Borough Police however there are not enough them for the to do what they need to do. She said if you call the police a bunch times for nuisances, how are they supposed to take care of emergency situations. Mr. Kochinski said they prioritize their calls. Mr. Kochinski said when someone calls 9-1-1 a record is made that the call was made. Ms. Borland said it is a problem but it is not as much of a problem as an overdose or someone getting assaulted. Mr. Coughlin said the people that cause the trouble have more rights than the innocent people. Mr. Kochinski said they will research it and get back to her.

Ms. Candy Yanus, 449 West Shawnee Avenue, is complaining about storm water drainage behind her house. She said she filed two complaints. She said every time it rains her pool area is getting flooded and it is pushing out her stone wall. Mr. Kochinski asked if that is directly coming from the property behind her. She said yes, it is and she has pictures. She said the drainage is under her fence. Mr. Kochinski asked if it is definitely coming from that property. Mr. Kochinski said they could go up and speak to the owners and ask them to re-route the drain pipe but as far as the damage that has already be done that it would be a civil matter. Ms. Yanus said she already contacted her attorney. Mr. Kochinski said all they could do is ask them to re-route the drain pipe. Ms. Yanus said when the field stone comes out that she will sue the Borough. Mr. Kochinski said the only thing the Borough could do is ask them to re-route the drain pipe.

Mrs. Mary Jarret of Center Avenue asked if the Borough had a Land Lord Ordinance that takes care of three calls within a month and six calls within a year to start the eviction notice. Mr. Kochinski said it does not start the eviction notice but he believes it does start with a fine. Mrs. Jarret said according to the ordinance it is three calls within a month and six calls within a year. Mr. Kochinski said he will have to research that. Mrs. Jarret said it has never been used and that it is the property maintenance ordinance. Mr. Kochinski said they are in a transition period between employees and everything will be enforced. He said letters are being sent out and if issues are not getting resolved people will be getting cited. Mr. Coughlin said he is researching different ordinances and the only time he is wasting is his and he doesn't mind doing that if that will move the town ahead. Mr. Kochinski said they will look into it.

## Meeting Agenda

1. MOTION: I HEREBY MOVE TO HIRE ROBERT PALCHANIS AS A PART TIME FIRE DRIVER AS AN AT WILL EMPLOYEE AND SHALL RECEIVE NO BENEFITS OF ANY TYPE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SICK TIME, VACATION TIME, HOLIDAY PAY, OR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE. HE SHALL BE PAID AN HOURLY RATE OF TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) AN HOUR.

Mr. Dixon made the motion.

Mr. Peters made the second on the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

2. MOTION: TO ACCEPT WILLIAM ACUFF'S RESIGNATION FROM THE PLYMOUTH BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE AUGUST 12, 2017.

Mr. Peters made the motion.

Mr. Coughlin made the second on the motion reluctantly.

Mr. Kochinski thanked Officer Acuff for his years of service in Plymouth Borough. He said Officer Acuff will be leaving with a lot of training and experience that contributed within the police department and wished him the best of luck.

Mr. Dixon wished Officer Acuff of the best of luck. He said he is disappointed. He said he read in the newspaper that towns can't even get people to run for council because every time someone gets in there no one is satisfied. Mr. Dixon said no one is satisfied with the Council and police no matter what they do. He said they pay and work hard and send them to training and people complain about the police. He said they don't want to pay them so they will get what they asked for. Mr. Dixon said that he and the rest of council work very hard and no matter what they do they end up having an attitude of "We need change". He said they can have it. Mr. Dixon said the people make the town, not the police, not the Fire Department and not the Councilmen. He said if the town is bad it is because of the people. He said the only people that could resurrect it is the people.

Mr. Coughlin wished Mr. Acuff the best of luck. Mr. Coughlin said Plymouth Borough is land locked and another problem is that everything they do someone has something to complain about. Mr. Coughlin said he gives all the credit in the world to an individual who wants to be a police officer these days. Mr. Coughlin asked everyone if they would work for that money. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Coughlin voted yes with regret.

3. MOTION: TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR A SALT SPREADER AND INSTALLATION FROM C & S TRUCK SHOPPE IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$5,487.00)

Mr. Dixon made the motion.

Mr. Peters made the second on the motion.

Mr. Coughlin asked if that was the total for everything. Mr. Kochinski said that was for installation and for the new salt spreader for the green truck. Mr. Dixon said it was the co-star price.

The vote was unanimous.

4. MOTION: TO APPROVE JULY 11, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

Mr. Dixon made the motion.

Mr. Coughlin made the second on the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

5. MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE FIRE, POLICE AND TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. Dixon made the motion.

Mr. Coughlin made the second on the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

6. MOTION: TO PAY JULY BILLS:

GENERAL FUND:

17-401 – 17-460

LIQUID FUEL FUND: 17-080 – 17-091  
RECREATION FUND: 17-032 – 17-038

Mr. Dixon made the motion.

Mr. Coughlin made the second on the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

7. MOTION: TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING THE  
FIREMAN'S COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

Mr. Dixon made the motion.

Mr. Coughlin made the second on the motion.

Council members entered into Executive session at 7:23 P.M. and the Council Meeting resumed at 7:57 P.M.

8. MOTION: TO ADJOURN.

Mr. Dixon made the motion.

Mr. Peters made the second on the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M...

Respectfully Submitted,



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Holly A. Spece  
Borough Secretary & Treasurer  
Plymouth Borough