

Plymouth Borough  
Work Session and Rescheduled Regular Meeting  
November 19, 2017

The Plymouth Borough work session began at 1:00 P.M. and the regular meeting was immediately called to order by Mr. Gary Kochinski, President of Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Kochinski
Mr. Dixon	Mr. Peters	

Mr. Coughlin and Mr. Ktytor were excused.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS AND COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests or comments regarding agenda items.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS AND COMMENTS REGARDING GENERAL ITEMS

Ms. Phyllis Scott, of 104 Girard Avenue, said she has lived in the borough since 1995. She knows about the property values and said that she is looking at the diagram with the data indicating the decline in values. She said that she understands the need to re-evaluate, to find ways to lower costs and the possibility of increasing taxes. She said mills could be increased by 20% and that it will not make any difference if property values continue to decrease. Mr. Kochinski agreed. Ms. Scott suggested aligning a grant from one of the foundations in the region and to work with a university that has an urban redevelopment or a public policy program and allow graduate students come in and examine what is going on to help stop the property values from decreasing any further. She said it's absurd that she looks in the newspaper and will see a house for sale in Wilkes-Barre that is in a neighborhood worse than her area and will see it go for forty thousand dollars more than her property.

Ms. Scott said the apartment complex on Center Avenue needs to be demolished. She said it has no roof and there has to be a way to get it demolished. She recommended not wasting any time with trying to find someone to buy the apartment building. Ms. Scott said while driving on her block she noticed that there was a house that wasn't actually a house and added that it did not have windows. Ms. Scott said there are property owners on her block who are trying to keep their properties up to date.

Ms. Scott offered her assistance and recommended working with outside sources that will not cost anything. She also suggested to find grant funds to cover expenses that might be incurred to help turn

the town around. She said she doesn't think anyone on this panel has a master's degree or PHD in public policies. Mr. Kochinski said that is why they have the solicitor attend the meetings. She said that he needs to have someone that is looking at what is going on. She added that Plymouth is not the only town that needs to be turned around. Ms. Scott said this is now her town and she would like it turned around because there are some beautiful houses and some people trying really hard. Mr. Kochinski asked Ms. Scott to leave her contact information with the Secretary and they will reach out to her.

Mrs. Mary Jarret of Center Avenue suggested someone attend the Housing Alliance Conference in Harrisburg which will be held the first week in December. Mr. Kochinski said they could look into who's schedule it could fit into. Mrs. Jarret said it is a well recommended convention. She said she was going to go and knows they are still accepting reservations. Mr. Kochinski asked if no one was able to attend from Council if she could attend and bring back the information. Mrs. Jarret said she would and that it was worth attending.

### Meeting Agenda

1. MOTION: TO AUTHORIZE GARY KOCHINSKI, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL AND EARL CUNNINGHAM, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR TO SIGN THE PLYMOUTH BOROUGH EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS FOR BROWN CREEK DAM, DUFFY RUN DAM, AND WADHAM CREEK DAM.

Mr. Thomas made the motion.

Mr. Peters made the second on the motion.

The vote was unanimously accepted.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 3 OF 2017: A RESOLUTION OF PLYMOUTH BOROUGH, COUNTY OF LUZERNE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION OF 111 EAST MAIN STREET, PLYMOUTH, PENNSYLVANIA.

Mr. Dixon made the motion.

Mr. Cunningham made the second on the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

3. MOTION: TO HIRE SHAWN MURPHY AND RICHARD FORSEY AS CROSSING GUARDS AS AT WILL EMPLOYEES AND SHALL RECEIVE NO BENEFITS OF ANY TYPE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SICK TIME, VACATION TIME, HOLIDAY PAY, OR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AND SHALL BE PAID AT AN HOURLY RATE OF EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$8.50) FOR HOURS WORKED.

Mr. Cunningham made the motion.

Mr. Dixon made the second on the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

4. MOTION: TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 10, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND THE OCTOBER 16, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.  
Mr. Dixon made the motion.  
Mr. Peters made the second on the motion.  
The vote was unanimous.
5. MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FIRE, POLICE AND TREASURER'S REPORT.  
Mr. Cunningham made the motion.  
Mr. Dixon made the second on the motion.  
The vote was unanimous.
6. MOTION: TO DISTRIBUTE THE FINAL 2017 TAX ALLOTMENT OF TO PLYMOUTH BOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENTS 1, 2, AND 3.  
Mr. Thomas made the motion.  
Mr. Dixon made the second on the motion.  
The vote was unanimous.
7. MOTION: TO DISTRIBUTE THE FINAL 2017 TAX ALLOTMENT OF TO PLYMOUTH BOROUGH PUBLIC LIBRARY.  
Mr. Thomas made the motion.  
Mr. Dixon made the second on the motion.  
The vote was unanimous.
8. MOTION: TO PAY NOVEMBER BILLS:  
GENERAL FUND: 17-584 – 17-647  
LIQUID FUEL FUND: 17-117 – 17-133  
RECREATION FUND: 17-049 – 17-053  
Mr. Cunningham made the motion.  
Mr. Dixon made the second on the motion.  
The vote was unanimous.
9. MOTION: TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING REAL ESTATE MATTERS.  
Mr. Dixon made the motion.  
Mr. Peters made the second on the motion.  
Council entered into Executive Session at 1:29 P.M. and the meeting resumed at 1:50 P.M...

10. MOTION: WHEREAS, THE BOROUGH LISTED THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 25 EAST MAIN STREET, PLYMOUTH BOROUGH, PA, PIN # H8SE4 040 026, MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED IN LUZERNE COUNTY RECORD BOOK 3016, PAGE 154408 WITH MERICLE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE GROUP, INC. 100 BALTIMORE DRIVE, 4TH FLOOR, WILKES-BARRE, PA 18702. WHEREAS, AN OFFER WAS MADE BY KMB PROPERTIES, LLC, TO PURCHASE SAID REAL ESTATE FOR THE SUM OF \$5,000.00; WHEREAS A COPY OF THE AGREEMENT OF SALE DATED, NOVEMBER 7, 2017 IS ATTACHED HERETO; NOW THEREFORE, I HEREBY MOVE TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE AFORESAID PROPERTY AS STATED IN THE SALES AGREEMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH AND THE BOROUGH SECRETARY TO ATTEST TO HIS SIGNATURE WHERE REQUIRED. I FURTHER MOVE TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO CLOSE THE TRANSACTION INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO A DEED TRANSFERRING THE PROPERTY TO THE PURCHASER AND THE BOROUGH SECRETARY TO ATTEST TO HIS SIGNATURE WHENEVER REQUIRED.

Mr. Dixon made the motion.

Mr. Peters made the second on the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

11. MOTION: TO ADJOURN.

Mr. Dixon made the motion.

Mr. Peters made the second on the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 1:51 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Holly A. Spece

Borough Secretary & Treasurer

Plymouth Borough