

Plymouth Borough
Special Meeting
December 21, 2017

Mr. Gary Kochinski, President of Council called the Special Meeting of Plymouth Borough to order at 12:00 P.M...

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

Mr. Dixon	Mr. Peters	Mr. Kochinski
Mr. Thomas	Mr. Coughlin	

Mr. Cunningham was excused because he was working.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS AND COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Kochinski stated that he met with members from all three fire companies and everyone strongly felt that if drastic cuts are made to the fire companies and staffing is reduced to a volunteer basis that the staffing levels would not be sustainable long term. He said Council has done everything possible to try to implement the budget proposals with the lesser tax increase but due to the lack of fire protection coverage long term, that it has been determined that it is not possible at this current time. Mr. Kochinski said this decision was made with the best interest for public safety in mind. He asked if Council would support the decision of changing the budget and passing budget number 2 on December 31st, 2017. This budget would allow a 25% increase of police presence and would keep the paid fire protection intact.

Ms. Cheryl McMann, 307 East Main Street, respectfully asked Council to consider Mary Jarret for the Council seat since she was the fifth most vote getter in the town. Mr. Kochinski said they would take it under consideration.

Mrs. Mary Jarret, Center Avenue, said a petition drive was held in support of keeping all fire and police services. She said if a tax increase is needed then it has to be.

Michelle McIntyre, 13 Willow Street, asked about item number 3 on the agenda. Mr. Coughlin explained that the LSA gaming grants allow non-profit organizations to file along with the municipality that it resides in.

Mary Rittenhouse, West Main Street, asked if budget number 2 was being considered. Mr. Kochinski said it was the revised budget number 2. Mr. Kochinski explained that it was the 17.9% tax increase and that the millage would increase to 6.72 mils and everything would remain as is except for the 25% increase in police presence.

Mrs. Rittenhouse asked Council which properties are being considered for demolition on Main Street. Mr. Kochinski said it was based around the Borough parking lot which was the candy store, the liquor store, and the building directly behind the liquor store which would square up the entire area to make it a more viable building lot. He said this project would allow more parking and provide more room to possibly gain developers interest. Mrs. Rittenhouse stated her support for Mary Jarret.

Mrs. Maryanne Meeker, Beverly Drive, asked if renters could be considered for council. Mr. Kochinski said yes and that the candidate must be a voter of Plymouth Borough for a year and a resident.

Mr. Coughlin said the man that purchased the PNC Building is working on improving the building. He said it is the same gentleman that owns the consignment shop at the end of town and improved the old poultry market. Mr. Coughlin said this gentleman is making a big difference in town.

Ms. Corrin Borland suggested that Council consider opening social media accounts. Mr. Kochinski said that they would look into it.

CITIZENS REQUESTS AND COMMENTS REGARDING GENERAL ITEMS

There was no requests or comments regarding agenda items.

Meeting Agenda

1. RESOLUTION NO. 4 OF 2017: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, HEREBY REQUESTS A TOTAL OF SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$661,329.00) FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA GAMING LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE TO ACQUIRE AND DEMOLISH FOUR PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT OF THE BOROUGH TO PROVIDE AN IMPROVED EGRESS AND INGRESS TO THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT. THE APPLICANT DOES HEREBY DESIGNATE GARY KOCHINSKI, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, AS THE OFFICIAL TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PLYMOUTH BOROUGH AND THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO FACILITATE AND ASSIST IN OBTAINING THE REQUESTED GRANT TO IMPROVE THE EGRESS AND INGRESS OF THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT.

Mr. Dixon made the motion.

Mr. Coughlin called the second on the motion.

The motion was unanimously carried.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 5 OF 2017: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, HEREBY REQUESTS A TOTAL OF TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$222,340.00) FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA GAMING LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE TO REPAIR AND REPLACE MULTIPLE STORM DRAINS AND MANHOLES LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH AND STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY. THE APPLICANT DOES HEREBY DESIGNATE GARY KOCHINSKI, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, AS THE OFFICIAL TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PLYMOUTH BOROUGH AND THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY TO FACILITATE AND ASSIST IN OBTAINING THE REQUESTED GRANT TO REPAIR AND REPLACE MULTIPLE STORM DRAINS AND MANHOLES LOCATED WITHIN THE BOROUGH AND STATE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Mr. Thomas made the motion.

Mr. Peters called the second on the motion.

The motion was unanimously carried.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 6 OF 2017: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE BOROUGH TO MAKE A JOINT APPLICATION WITH THE WYOMING VALLEY WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$135,476.00) FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA GAMING LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT UNDER THE PENNSYLVANIA FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAKING ROOF REPAIRS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S HIGH SCHOOL SITUATE IN THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH.

Mr. Coughlin made the motion.

Mr. Peters called the second on the motion.

The motion was unanimously carried.

4. MOTION: TO PAY JANUARY BILLS:

GENERAL FUND: 17-714 –17-754

RECREATION FUND: 17-059—17-063

LIQUID FUEL FUND: 17-140 –17-145

Mr. Dixon made the motion.

Mr. Thomas called the second on the motion.

The motion was unanimously carried except for Mr. Thomas who approved all bills except for his supplemental insurances in which he has a personal interest because of contractual agreements.

5. MOTION: WE RECEIVED 3 LETTERS OF INTEREST FOR THE VACANCY ON BOROUGH COUNCIL. THE CANDIDATES ARE MARY JARRET, DONNA MANGLAVETI, AND ALEXIS EROH. AT THIS TIME, DO WE HAVE A MOTION TO APPOINT A CANDIDATE FOR THE VACANT COUNCIL SEAT FOR THE PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL WITH A TERM EXPIRING THE FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY 2020?

Mr. Dixon made the motion to appoint Donna Manglaviti.

Mr. Thomas called the second on Mr. Dixon's motion.

Mr. Coughlin said they received three letters of interest and all provided great letters. Mr. Coughlin welcomed the new candidate and said that he would vote for the person he feels he could work with the best. Mr. Dixon said he nominated Donna Manglaviti because he felt she is someone that he could work with and she provided an excellent resume. Mr. Kochinski asked Mrs. Spece to insert Ms. Manglaviti's name in the resolution.

The motion was unanimously carried.

6. RESOLUTION NO. 7 OF 2017: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FILLING THE VACANCY IN COUNCIL OCCURRING DUE TO RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN MARK KTYTOR.

Mr. Dixon made the motion.

Mr. Peters called the second on the motion.

The motion was unanimously carried.

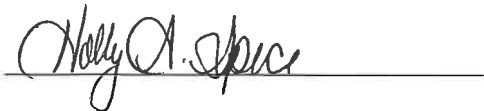
7. MOTION: TO ADJOURN.

Mr. Dixon made the motion.

Mr. Peters called the second on the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 P.M...

Respectfully Submitted,



Holly A. Spece
Borough Secretary & Treasurer
Plymouth Borough