

PLYMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING- JANUARY 14, 2014

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY: MR. TOM MCTAGUE.

MR. MCTAGUE LEAD IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL: PRESENT

Mr. Dixon	Mr. Mahon
Mr. Madrack	Mr. Gerko
Mr. Coughlin	Mr. McTague
Mr. Kochinsky	

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Charles Lupher from High Street had concerns over 97 High Street being used as a boarding house. He acknowledges that John Thomas has been to the house and has been in the house and John told Mr. Lupher that he saw nothing out of the ordinary in the house, however Mr. Lupher disagrees with John's assessment and furthermore fears the crime rate has increased and that the people living at 97 High Street are a threat to the neighborhood. Getting "out of hand", and contributing to increased vandalism.

Tom McTague says he will hand it over to John Thomas to reassess.

Adam Morehart, of the Citizens Action Committee, states that the committee is putting together a letter to send to Mr Mullery and several other officials regarding some of the stumbling blocks that the town faces when enforcing laws to improve the town. He acknowledges that many times council's "hands get tied" and they are unable to do many of the positive things to solve the problems we are having locally as a community. However, Adam feels by taking a different approach with a letter, which was composed with and by John Frey, they can accomplish a way to get things done here in and for the town. Adam finished by inviting council and audience members to the next meeting of the Citizen's Action Committee, which meets first Tuesday of the month, here at the borough building at 7P.M..

Tom took a moment to congratulate the new council members on their recent appointments to the seats of council.

Gary Kochinski thanked everyone for their support in his election to council. He also explained that he will be shadowing the police to better understand what is involved from day to day. He feels this will allow him to make more informed decisions regarding the police force. He also thanked Chief Collins, Mr. McTague and Mayor Petrosky for their cooperation in putting this project together.

Jim Mahon thanked everyone who supported him for the election. He also stated that he will donate his salary to the different organizations in the community throughout the year.

Mr. Gerko thanked everyone who voted for him. And states that he will do the best job he can to put Plymouth back on the map.

Frank Coughlin also thanked those that voted for him and hopes that he and the rest of council will continue to earn the people's confidence. The new website address is:

www.plymouthborough.org. It is not completed as yet, but it is a work in progress. There is some stuff on it and if anyone has ideas please drop them off at the borough building with Frank's attention on it.

COG is planning on purchasing a street sweeper which is slated to cost \$2,057.00 per town. Originally it was to cost each town \$3233.66, but now more towns have decided to join the COG therefore reducing the cost for each town. Frank and Mr. Dixon attend the COG meeting and are determined to be on the top of the list of usage when the sweeper is purchased.

Mr. Coughlin proceeded to pass handouts detailing what each town is involved in and the cost for each town of insurance. He said the cost for our town would be \$239.61, down considerably from when first proposed. Frank thinks that the COG is a growing thing and a positive for the town.

Frank said he is looking into the purchase of a bobcat that comes with a bucket and 2 attachments, one of which is a brush that we can use as a sweeper when the sweeper is not available, and the other attachment is a cutter for mulching.

The next COG meeting is January 23, 2014 at the Kingston Fire Company on Wyoming Ave. in Kingston and is open to the public.

Tom mentioned reading that Wilkes Barre and Nanticoke are showing interest in joining the COG. He is concerned for this as he feels we will never get a chance to use the desired equipment.

Frank clarified that it was not Wilkes Barre, but rather Luzerne County that wished to join, and that they just want to join to share information, and wanted to get that in writing, however if that changed and they wanted to use the equipment, Frank would object.

Bill Dixon also added that Mr. Lawton said that the county would be willing to loan equipment it owns for towns to use.

Frank added that the county made promises before and didn't come through, so he was waiting to see what they do.

Mayor Petroski gave a police report for 2013:

In December there were 572 dispatched and officer initiated calls

Total calls for the year were 7507 and didn't include walk-ins or phone calls.

Tom inquired as to the condition of the officer that was in the tussle, Chief Collins said the officer was doing well.

AGENDA VOTING

*Motion to approve minutes from previous meetings:

- REGULAR MEETING JUNE 11, 2013
- SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 30, 2013

Motion: Mr. Clif Madrack

Second: Mr. Frank Coughlin

Vote: 7 YES

*Motion to procure professional services regarding Disaster Recovery Buyout Consultants

Motion: Mr. Frank Coughlin

Second: Mr. Bill Dixon

Vote: 7 YES

Tom recognized Gary Kochinski will join the Civil Service Board, and have officers go through the Civil Service to apply for employment.

*Motion to accept the Civil Service Board:

Motion: Mr. Clif Madrack

Second: Mr. Gary Kochinski

Vote: 7 YES

Tom made a plea for new members and offices for the various boards. Mr. Dixon has agreed to head the Recreation board, but we have other boards that need members such as; Health Board, Parks and Recreation, and the Zoning Board. If really interested in joining any of these boards, please contact the secretaries at the borough office. We'd really like to have you.

*Motion to pay January- 2014 bills:

General Fund - Bill No. 14-001 to 14-044

Liquid Fuels - Bill No. 14-001 to 14-012

Street Light Fund - Bill No. 14-001 to 14-009

Recreation Fund - Bill No. 14-001 to 14-003

Motion: Mr. Clif Madrack

Second: Mr. Jim Mahon

Vote: 7 YES

Tom spoke about the garbage on Main Street. Someone is dumping household garbage into the receptacles on Main Street. Please if you see something; try to get a license number. The same thing with old furniture popping up everywhere. I'm sure someone must see these things. We could use your help.

Thank you very much.

Meeting is adjourned.