

Plymouth Borough
Work Session & Regular Meeting
February 14, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

Mr. Cunningham	Mr. Kytora	Mr. Peters	Mr. Kochinski
Mr. Dixon	Mr. Thomas	Mr. Coughlin	

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS AND COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Mrs. Diane Thomas of 153 Shawnee Avenue asked about the motion to accept the Tree Service quote and asked how many will be removed. Mr. Kochinski said fifteen trees along Main Street and possibly a few by the Borough parking lot will be removed because they have become overgrown and will cause the sidewalks to shift and heave. He said if Council is serious about the Street Scape Project, it will require the trees to be removed. Mrs. Thomas said if UGI is removing poles wouldn't it be UGI's responsibility to take down the trees if they are in their way. Mr. Kochinski said they try not to cut the trees. Mr. Dixon said UGI will not take the trees down. He said they will trim the branches around the wires but they will never cut a tree down. Mr. Dixon said the only way they would remove a tree is if they wanted to place a pole were a tree stood. Mrs. Thomas said the trees look nice. Mr. Kochinski said they became overgrown and said it will be nice to eventually plant smaller trees with the plans to remove them every fifteen years and replant new trees. Mrs. Thomas asked if new trees will be planted. Mr. Kochinski said not this year but in time they will be. Mr. Coughlin said that he agrees that some trees should be replanted.

Mr. John Frey of Shawnee Avenue asked about the Resolution No. 1 of 2017 and asked if the gun was being auctioned. Mr. Kochinski said it will go through www.GunBroker.com. Mr. Frey asked if there was a minimum bid. Mr. Kochinski said the minimum bid was twenty thousand dollars with a set reserve. Mr. Kochinski said they thoroughly researched it.

Mr. Frey asked when the fire trucks get replaced is intended that the fire trucks will be replaced on a rotating basis for example one get replaced and then in a few years another will be replaced. Mr. Kochinski said they will have to devise a plan to see how much everything will cost and then figure out

whether or not to take a loan and purchase fire trucks three to five years later or do it immediately. Mr. Kochinski said one should be replaced within five years. He said if it is affordable they will purchase three trucks. Mr. Frey said some are in worse shape than others. Mr. Kochinski agreed.

Mr. John Lelak of Third Street asked if Third Street will be getting paved. Mr. Kochinski said Third Street is on the list to get paved this year.

Meeting Agenda

1. RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF 2017: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PLYMOUTH, LUZERNE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, HEREBY AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A COLT THOMPSON MODEL 1921 AC .45 ACP NAVY OVERSTAMP SUBMACHINE GUN TO BE SOLD BY AUCTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1201.2 (A) AND (A.1) OF THE BOROUGH CODE.

Mr. Thomas made the motion.

Mr. Coughlin made the second on the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

2. MOTION: TO APPOINT JOSEPH MAZUR TO SERVE AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF PLYMOUTH BOROUGH ON THE WYOMING VALLEY SANITARY AUTHORITY BOARD WITH A TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

Mr. Thomas made the motion

Mr. Cunningham made the second on the motion.

On the Question: Mr. Thomas asked if this motion was to re-appoint him. Mr. Kochinski said yes and that he is working on a project over at the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority regarding regionalizing MS4 efforts. He said DEP is getting strict on all the towns regarding MS4 guidelines since the flood in 2011.

The vote was unanimous.

3. MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE COMMISSIONER FIRE COMPANY AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE GRANT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE GARY KOCHINSKI, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT AS THE GRANTEE'S AUTHORIZED AGENT.

Mr. Cunningham made the motion.

Mr. Peters made the second on the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

4. MOTION: TO PROVIDE AND ACCEPT THE 2017-2018 SALT CONTRACT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT PROVIDED BY COSTARS DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES.

Mr. Dixon made the motion.

Mr. Thomas made the second on the motion.

On the Question: Mr. Coughlin asked what the price was per ton. Mr. Kochinski said they paid one thousand seventy-eight dollars for the last two truckloads.

The vote was unanimous.

5. MOTION: TO ACCEPT PETROSKI'S TREE SERVICE QUOTE OF THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO REMOVE TREES FROM THE TREE LAWNS ON MAIN STREET.

Mr. Cunningham made the motion.

Mr. Peters made the second on the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

6. MOTION: TO ACCEPT KUHARCHIK'S QUOTE OF TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$2,320.00) TO INSTALL A LOOP AT THE INTERSECTION OF GAYLORD AVENUE AND MAIN STREET.

Mr. Dixon made the motion.

Mr. Thomas made the second on the motion.

On the Question: Mr. Kochinski provided the definition of a loop and said that it is a stop wire that is driven over that trips the light.

The vote was unanimous.

7. MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE TWO-YEAR CONTRACT WITH SOUTH JERSEY ENERGY.

Mr. Coughlin made the motion.

Mr. Cunningham made the second on the motion.

On the Question: Mr. Kochinski said this was the third party company that provides the savings for electrical service use. Mr. Coughlin said they provide a great savings and they learned about South Jersey Energy from the West Side Council of Governments.

The vote was unanimous.

8. MOTION: TO MAKE A MONETARY DONATION TO THE SPCA IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$600.00).

Mr. Coughlin made the motion.

Mr. Peters made the second on the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

9. MOTION: TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 10, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND THE JANUARY 20, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.

Mr. Dixon made the motion.

Mr. Cunningham made the second on the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

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

Mr. Cunningham made the motion.

Mr. Coughlin made the second on the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

11. MOTION: TO PAY JANUARY BILLS:

GENERAL FUND: 17-041 – 17-104

RECREATION FUND: 17-002 – 17-006

LIQUID FUEL FUND: 17-009 – 17-017

Mr. Coughlin made the motion.

Mr. Cunningham made the second on the motion.

The vote was unanimous except for Mr. Thomas who voted yes on all the bills except his supplemental insurances for which he has a personal interest because of contractual agreements.

12. MOTION: TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING POLICE PERSONNEL MATTERS.

Mr. Thomas made the motion.

Mr. Cunningham made the second on the motion.

Council entered into executive session at 6:37 P.M. and the Regular Council meeting resumed at 6:50 P.M...

CITIZENS REQUESTS AND COMMENTS REGARDING GENERAL ITEMS

Mrs. Mary Jarret of Center Avenue had mentioned some concerns regarding Kirby sales people that were going door to door, being pushy and looking through windows. She said she told people to contact the police department. She said she told people that if they knock on their door ask to see a permit and she was told that Plymouth does not do that anymore. Chief Williams asked her when she had learned of this. She said it was on Facebook and it was all over town. Chief Williams said the Police Department received one call about this matter. Chief Williams asked her what time she learned of this. She said the first one was at or around 1:00. He asked her if she dealt with them. Mrs. Jarret said she went for a ride to look at them herself and said they were creepy. Chief Williams said they received one call about this which did not help them.

He said citizens need to pick up the phone and call the police or 9-1-1. Mrs. Jarret said they are encouraged to do that. Chief Williams said Facebook is not a means to report incidents. He said Facebook has a lot of incorrect and inaccurate information posted. He said a lot of the times it alarms the public needlessly. He said if it was something she witnessed she could have contacted them and it would have been handled immediately. He said they are required to come to the police department where they do what they need to do by vetting them to ensure the public safety. Mrs. Jarret asked if there is an actual permit. Chief Williams said there is nothing signed and they register with the police department. He said the problem is because they were not contacted and this is not the first time the police hears of things well after the fact and a lot of people take to Facebook to air out their grievances that are actually inaccurate.

Mrs. Jarret said that no one wants to bother the police. Chief Williams said that is what they get paid to do. He said that Mrs. Jarret is standing in front of Council and she is bringing these concerns up and it is his job to address that part. Chief Williams encouraged everyone to call the police when there is a problem. He said that they do not pay someone to monitor Facebook nor do they have the means to do so. Chief Williams said Facebook is not a means to report incidents and said that it actually caused a lot of problems for the Police Department. He said those problems has put officers lives in jeopardy and has ruined multiple investigations

where the Police Department devoted many man hours and many times off the books because they are concerned about the problems in this town. Chief Williams said they have a devoted group of officers and he is not pleased how these investigations get ruined by gossiping on the Facebook community.

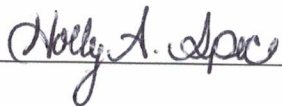
Mr. Kostelansky provided a thorough explanation as to why the Borough should not provide a peddlers permit. He said it would require an extensive amount of research on the business itself to ensure proper work completion or guarantee of a product. Mr. Thomas said the Mooney's took Plymouth Borough to court and found that the Solicitor's Ordinance was unconstitutional and that is why it was never enforced.

Chief Williams said the Police Department requires the soliciting employees to provide proof of company identification and valid state identification and then they could do proper background checks on the individuals. He said a police officer was out at the beginning of the meeting to inform Kirby Vacuum Sales that they are to register with the Police Department. Mr. Coughlin asked if sales people are required to wear company uniforms. Chief Williams said they cannot enforce a certain dress code but they do need to have their company identification on them. He said he asks the soliciting company to not be out bothering people after dinner and to be respectful when interacting with the citizens. Chief Williams said there is usually a point of contact for the company and they are notified if there is a problem.

13. MOTION: TO ADJOURN.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 P.M...

Respectfully Submitted,



Holly A. Spece
Borough Secretary & Treasurer
Plymouth Borough