

**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**August 9, 2010**

Plymouth Township Council held its Regular Meeting this evening at the Plymouth Township Building. The following officials were in attendance:

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**Council:** Vince Gillen ----- Chairman  
Mary Lou Readinger ----- Vice-Chairman  
Sheldon Simpson  
Dean Eisenberger  
Maria Weidinger

**Staff:** Karen Weiss ----- Manager  
Mike Clarke ----- Solicitor  
Michele Mintz ----- Solicitor's Office  
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director  
Russ Benner ----- T & M Associates  
Joe Lawrence ----- Chief of Police

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The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Gillen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment** - Chairman Gillen asked if there was any public comment pertaining to any of the items advertised on the agenda and there was none.

**ANNOUNCEMENT - Executive Session held August 3, 2010** - Mr. Gillen announced that Council held an Executive Session on August 3, 2010 to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairman Gillen called for the approval of the minutes.

- a. Special Meeting                      June 30, 2010
- b. Workshop Meeting                    July 6, 2010
- b. Regular Meeting                      July 12, 2010

Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the minutes without the necessity of reading. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

**APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND BILLS:** Chairman Gillen called for the approval of the departmental reports and bills.

Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the reports and bills and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the

motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

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#### **ADMINISTRATION**

**a.CFA Resolution** - Mr. Eisenberger read the resolution whereas the Township of Plymouth hereby requests an alternative and clean energy program grant of \$59,252 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for energy efficiency improvements to the Plymouth Township Municipal Building. Improvements shall entail the replacement of the building's boiler and water source heat pumps with Energy Star rated replacement models. The applicant does hereby designate Karen Weiss, Township Manager and Vince Gillen, Chairman of Plymouth Township Council as officials to execute all documents and official agreements between Plymouth Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority in order to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

**b.Electricity Rate Cap** - Mr. Clarke read the resolution whereas due the de-regulation of utility rates in PA, Plymouth Township will be receiving quotes to provide electricity to the Township buildings and facilities. Whereas, Plymouth Township will receive quotes for rates to provide electricity that will be in effect for a definite period of time prior to the rates increasing and Plymouth Township Council expects that the rates will expire prior to its next public meeting and the market price for energy may increase, therefore be it resolved that Plymouth Township Council authorizes the Township Manager, Karen B. Weiss to accept the quote for an amount not to exceed 9.9 cents per kilowatt hour and authorizes Karen B. Weiss to enter into a contract subject to the approval of the Township Solicitor.

**c.Tax Assessment Settlement** - Mr. Clarke stated that this item pertains to a proposed settlement between the Colonial School District and Commercial Net Lease Realty, Inc. that is being recommended for approval. The result is an underpayment of taxes to the Township in the amount of \$480.00 for the years 2009 and 2010. The School District and the County agree to the stipulation to settle. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the tax settlement and was seconded by Ms. Readinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

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#### **POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY**

**a.Chariots** - Ms. Weidinger made a motion to sell three battery operated chariots to the Greensboro, North Carolina Police Department at a cost of \$499.00 each. Ms. Readinger seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

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## PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER

**a. N. Gravers Road Ratification** - Ms. Readinger stated that the Township's annual street paving has already been bid and awarded; then made a motion to add North Gravers Road to the project. Ms. Weidinger seconded the motion, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

**Proposal - Scour Critical Bridge** - Mr. Eisenberger reported that the Township is in receipt of a proposal from T & M Associates for the preparation of plans for the New Hope Street Bridge which was noted in the Federal Highway Bridge Inspection Program as being a Scour Critical Bridge and therefore requires plans for monitoring. The estimated cost for the proposal from T & M Associates is \$4,100. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the proposal and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

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## ENGINEERING

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### SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

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**a. S.D. 08-3 Iannuzzi/2750 Narcissa Road**

**1. Expiration date November 30, 2010**

**b. L.D. 09-5 Antioch Church**

**1. Expiration date August 15, 2010 - ACTION** - Mr. Clarke read the resolution granting conditional approval for Land Development Application 09-5 in accordance with said plan and under and subject to the conditions and waivers as read. Mr. Simpson asked whether the Antioch Church has taken action to resolve the overflow parking issues. Mr. Clarke stated that the church is in compliance with the Township ordinance but will add more services to alleviate parking problems. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. A representative of the Antioch Church was present and agreed to the resolution as read.

**c. L.D. 09-7 Cold Point Village**

**1. Expiration date August 31, 2010 - ACTION** - Mr. Clarke read the resolution granting conditional approval for Land Development Application 09-7, Cold Point Village located at 2380 Butler Pike and 121 Plymouth Road, in accordance with said plan and under and subject to the conditions read. Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Readinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. A representative of the developer was present and agreed to the conditions as read.

**d. Escrow Releases - ACTION**

**1. Exeter Crossing** - Ms. Readinger stated that the Township is in receipt of correspondence from T & M Associates authorizing

the release of escrow funds in the amount of \$320,851.00 for items completed in accordance with said plans. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the escrow release and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

**2. Kilduff-Gravers Road Phases 1 and 2 Final** - Mr. Clarke read the resolution for the final release of the financial security under the improvement agreement as read for Kilduff-Gravers Road Phases 1 and 2 subject to the approval of the Township Zoning Officer. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

**3. Jones Brothers** - Mr. Eisenberger stated the Township is in receipt of correspondence from the developer pertaining to Jones Brothers for a release of escrow funds in the amount of \$37,242.50 for items completed in accordance with said plans. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the escrow release subject to the payment of \$1,674.00 by Jones Brothers which is owed to the Township. The motion was seconded by Ms. Weidinger; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

**4. Kilduff-Gravers Road Phase 3** - Mr. Eisenberger stated that the Township is in receipt of correspondence from the developer pertaining to Kilduff-Gravers Road for a release of escrow funds for Phase 3 in the amount of \$12,500 for items completed in accordance with said plans. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the escrow release and was seconded by Mr. Simpson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

**e. Waiver Request - ACTION**

**1. Florig/910 Brook Road** - Mr. Clarke read the resolution for the proposed addition to R.J. Florig, located at 910 Brook Road under and subject to the conditions read. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

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**CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH**

**a. Mosquito Control Announcement** - Mr. Simpson announced that the Township is conducting the mosquito spraying program again this year which includes treatments in all Township parks and certain tributaries running through Plymouth Township from June through September. If additional information is needed, residents can contact Ed Slanker, the Public Works Foreman at 610-277-4105.

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**ZONING**

**a. Zoning Hearings** - Ms. Weidinger announced that the Zoning

Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 16, 2010 commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications. 1) SUBURBAN SPORTS TRAINING CENTER, LLC, 2) WAYMON BOSKET (RATOSKY & TRAINOR, INC., 3) JOHN J. CIRAFESI, SR. AND 4) BEN & CINDY COOPER. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

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**PARKS AND RECREATION**

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**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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**MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS**

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**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Barbara Thompson, 408 Park Drive asked how residents will be aware that there is a cell phone ordinance in effect in the Township. Ms. Weiss stated that signs will be posted and there will be an article in the Township newsletter informing residents of such.

Margaret Garriott, 415 Park Drive stated that there is a problem in her neighborhood pertaining to cats. The Township Code Enforcement Department will look into this matter.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison  
Recording Secretary

A Rezoning Hearing was held following the Regular Meeting commencing at 8:00 p.m. on the following: An application to amend the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map, Article IX, of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance of 1960, Ordinance No. 342, as amended. The applicant was Keith Tornetta on behalf of Plymouthtowne Apartments.