

**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**May 10, 2020**

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  
Dean Eisenberger  
Sheldon Simpson  
Maria Weidinger

**Staff:** Karen Weiss ----- Manager  
Michael Clarke ----- Solicitor  
Michele Mintz ----- Solicitor's Office  
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director  
Russ Benner ----- CMX Corporation  
Joe Lawrence ----- Chief of Police

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The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 May 3, 2010**  
**Executive Session held May 10, 2010**

Chairman Gillen announced that Council held Executive Sessions on May 3, 2010 and May 10, 2010 to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

- a. Workshop Meeting April 5, 2010
- b. Regular Meeting April 12, 2010

Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the minutes without the necessity of reading 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.

**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 departmental 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. Montgomery County Consortium Amended By-Laws** - Mr. Clarke read the resolution whereas the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities has amended its by-laws and Plymouth Township does hereby endorse the amended by-laws. 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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#### **POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY**

**a. Announcement - Open House and Shredding Event - May 15, 2010 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** - Mr. Simpson announced that the Township Police Department will hold an Open House and Shredding Event on May 15, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

**b. Department Promotion** - Chief Lawrence stated that after the testing process was held in June, the Plymouth Township Police Department would like to promote Officer Rocco Wack to the position of Sergeant. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the promotion 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.

**c. Lost or Stolen Firearms Ordinance - ACTION** - Mr. Clarke read the ordinance providing for the prompt notification to the Plymouth Township Police Department of lost or stolen firearms. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the ordinance 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.

**d. National Police Week Resolution** - Mr. Gillen read the resolution declaring the week of May 9<sup>th</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup> as National Police Week and commending the Township Police Department for their services and dedication to the Township. Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the resolution 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. Officer of the Year Resolution** - Mr. Eisenberger read the

resolution recognizing Detective Anthony Costello as the Plymouth Township Police Officer of the Year. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the resolution 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.

**f. Public Safety Director Ordinance - First Consideration -**

Mr. Clarke read the ordinance authorizing an amendment to the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 2-77 to the Code to establish the position of Director of Public Safety. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the ordinance for first consideration and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was opposed.

Jim Saring asked a question pertaining to the ordinance which was answered by Mr. Gillen.

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**PUBLIC WORKS/SEWER**

**a. Snow Removal Ordinance - ACTION -** Mr. Clarke read the ordinance authorizing an amendment to Section 20-1 of the Code of Ordinances to prohibit throwing, shoveling or plowing snow onto highways, streets or roads within Plymouth Township and an amendment to Section 20-2 allowing for a fine for throwing, shoveling or plowing snow onto highways, streets or roads within Plymouth Township. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was opposed.

**b. National Public Works Week Resolution -** Mr. Gillen read the resolution declaring the week of May 16<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>rd</sup> as National Public Works Week and commending the Township Public Works Department for their services and dedication to the Township. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the resolution 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.

**c. Highway Materials Bid Award -** Ms. Weidinger reported that the Township held a bid opening on April 26, 2010 for the Highway Materials and Street Paving Project. Chris Loschiavo, the Public Works Director has recommended that the bid be awarded as follows: 1) Item 1A - Fine Graded Course to Glasgow, inc. in the amount of \$4,950 - Item 1B - Wearing Course 9.5 mm to Glasgow, Inc. in the amount of \$4,875 - 3) Item 1C - Wearing Course 12.5 mm to Glasgow, Inc. in the amount of \$4,600 - 4) Item 1D - Wearing Course 19mm to Glasgow, Inc. in the amount of \$4,575 - 5) Item 1E - Binder Course 19mm - Glasgow, Inc. in the amount of \$4,525 - 6) Item 1F - Binder

Course 25mm - to Glasgow, Inc. in the amount of \$3,900 - 7) Item 1G - Base Course 25mm - to Glasgow, Inc. in the amount of \$3,850 and 8) Pavement Milling and Overlay to G. Antonini Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$\$230,011.66. The Cold Mill Recycling to E.J. Breneman, LP in the amount of \$44,194.00. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the bid award as recommended by staff. Ms. Readinger 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.

Mr. Gillen made a motion to include paving the rear lot at the Township Administration Building in the paving this year at a cost not to exceed \$25,000. The motion 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.

Mr. Gillen made a motion to add-on to the bid award, the repaving of the employee parking lot 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.

**d. Mosquito Control Announcement** - Ms. Weidinger 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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## ENGINEERING

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### SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

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

1. Expiration date July 31, 2010

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

1. Expiration date June 30, 2010

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

1. Expiration date June 30, 2010

**d. Escrow Release - ACTION**

1. **Hillcrest Glen - Final Resolution** - Mr. Clarke reported that this item is not ready for action this evening. Mr. Gillen made a motion to table action 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.

2. **Exeter** - 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 \$242,154 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.

**3. Julian Court** - Mr. Gillen stated that the Township is in receipt of correspondence from the T & M Associates authorizing the release of funds in the amount of \$45,941.65 for items completed in accordance with said plans. Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the escrow release 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.

**4. Sherwood Reserve** - Ms. Readinger stated that the Township is in receipt of correspondence from T & M Associates authorizing the release of funds in the amount of \$107,977 for items completed in accordance with said plans. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the escrow release and was seconded by Mr. Gillen. 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. Dedication - ACTION**

**1. Hillcrest Glen - Street and Open Space Ordinances - ACTION** - Mr. Clarke reported that this item is not ready for action this evening. Mr. Gillen made a motion to table action on the ordinances 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.

**f. Extension Requests - ACTION**

**1. 1310 Wood Street to June 10, 2011** - Ms. Readinger stated that the Township is in receipt of a request from the developer asking for an extension until June 10, 2011 in order to record the plan. The applicant agrees to pay all fees and assessments in effect at the time of recording. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the extension request 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. Roizman to June 30, 2010** - Ms. Weidinger stated that the Township is in receipt of a request from the developer pertaining to 830 & 832 Germantown asking for an extension until June 30, 2010 in order to record the plan. The applicant agrees to pay all fees and assessments in effect at the time of recording. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the extension request 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. 474 Old Elm Street to July 9, 2011** - Mr. Eisenberger stated that the Township is in receipt of a request from Ratosky & Trainor pertaining to 474 Old Elm Street asking for an extension until July 9, 2011 in order to record the plan. The applicant agrees to pay all fees and assessments in effect at the time of recording. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the extension request 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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## CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

**a. Waiver Request - Plymouth Meeting Friends School - Ms. Readinger** stated that the Township is in receipt of a request from the Plymouth Meeting Friends School asking the Township to waive the \$50.00 special event fee since they are a non-profit organization. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the request 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.

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## ZONING

**a. Zoning Hearings - Mr. Simpson** announced that the Zoning Hearing Board of Plymouth Township will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 17, 2010, commencing at 7:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Township Building on the following applications. 1) PLYMOUTH PARK APARTMENTS, AND 2) GARY KAUFFMAN. Any citizen of Plymouth Township or interested person may attend the public hearing and have an opportunity to be heard.

**b. Waiver Request - Plymouth Valley Church - Mr. Simpson** stated that the Township is in receipt of a request from the Plymouth Valley Church asking for permission to install a temporary sign on its property for its annual Fair. The sign will be installed on May 5<sup>th</sup> and will be removed on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the request 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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## PARKS AND RECREATION

**a. Diamond Brite - Bid Award - Ms. Readinger** stated that a bid opening was held on April 21, 2010 for the Leisure Pool Plaster Replacement Project. Three bids were received and staff has recommended that the bid be awarded to D.G. March & Associates in the amount of \$71,368. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the bid award 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. Summer Concerts - Ms. Readinger** stated that as part of the Plymouth Township Parks & Recreation Summer Events, a Summer Concert Kick Off will be held including the PW High School Jazz Band and the Colonial Middle School Jazz Band on Thursday, May 13 at the Community Center Park at 7:00 p.m.

The Summer Concert & Movie Series will continue as follows. 1) Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> - Movie: Toy Story 2 at the Community Center Park beginning at dusk, 2) Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mr. Scott the Music Man at the Community Center Park from 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m., 3) Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> - Flower Power Band at the Community

Center Park from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 4) Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> - Melissa Martin & The Mighty Rhythm Kings at the Community Center Park from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 5) Plymouth Township Day - Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> - The Mango Men at East Plymouth Valley Park from 7:00 p.m - 9:00 p.m. 6) Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> - Street Corner Five at the Community Center park from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. All concerts are free but donations are accepted. All of the events are advertised on the Township website or call 610-277-4312 for additional information.

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## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

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## **MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS**

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### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Mary Shorley, 1523 Sandy Hill Road asked if there was a problem in the Township that necessitated the appointment of a Public Safety Director. Mr. Gillen stated that there was no problem and that the appointment was made to help streamline the emergency services and to offer a more hands on approach to day to day emergency services.

Ms. Shorley also asked where the funding was coming from for the improvements to the Leisure Pool at the Community Center. Mr. Gillen stated that the money comes from the Community Center Fund and the Community Center Capital Improvement Fund and it will not affect the Township General Fund.

Jim Saring, 1518 Sandy Hill Road asked for clarification on the following: The status on the Township televising its meetings, the energy plan that was completed for the Township, and the Public Safety Director. All were explained by Ms. Weiss and Mr. Gillen.

Rick Schickling, 111 Boulder Road asked about the Lafayette Street Project and whether the Township could look into the Westbound lanes of Ridge Pike and whether there could be a right turn lane at Fairfield. Mr. Gillen asked Mr. Schickling if he could put his request in writing and submit it to the Township Manager.

Ms. Weiss mentioned that the plans for the Lafayette Street Project are available for review at the Township Building and that Mr. Schickling is welcome to review them at any time.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison

Recording Secretary