

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

February 8, 2010

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

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

Staff: Karen Weiss ----- Manager
Michael Clarke ----- Solicitor
Michele Mintz ----- Associate, Rudolph, Pizzo
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director
Joe Lawrence ----- Chief of Police
Russ Benner ----- CMX Corporation

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Gillen and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Gillen announced that a Lafayette Street Neighbor Meeting was held this evening at 6:00 p.m., followed by an Emergency Management Plan Review at 7:00 p.m.

Citizen Board Service Resolutions - ACTION

1) Tony Stipa - Planning Agency - Ms. Weidinger read the Resolution recognizing Tony Stipa for his generous and outstanding service while serving Plymouth Township on the Planning Agency from March, 2005 until December 31, 2009. Mr. Eisenberger 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.

2) Jennifer Mishkin - Historical Architectural Review Board - Ms. Readinger read the resolution recognizing Jennifer Mishkin for her generous and outstanding service while serving Plymouth Township on the Historical Architectural Review Board from January, 2006 until December 31, 2009. 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.

3) Scott Apel - Planning Agency - Mr. Simpson read the

resolution recognizing Scott Apel for his generous and outstanding service while serving Plymouth Township on the Planning Agency from January, 2008 until December 31, 2009. Mr. Simpson 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.

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 February 1, 2010

Chairman Gillen announced that Council held an Executive Session on February 1, 2010 to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

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| a. Reorganization | January 4, 2010 |
| b. Workshop Meeting | January 5, 2010 |
| c. Regular Meeting | January 11, 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.

Mr. Eisenberger 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 Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

ADMINISTRATION

a. Revision to Investment Policy Statement - Mr. Clarke read the resolution amending the asset allocation range in the Investment Policy Statement for the pension funds. 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.

Post Retirement Resolution - Mr. Clarke read the resolution amending the asset allocation range in the Investment Policy Statement for the post retirement health care funds. 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. Mobile Phone Ordinance - First Consideration - Mr. Clarke read the resolution pertaining to the use of mobile phones while operating a motor vehicle in Plymouth Township. The fines and penalties will be no less than \$150 and not more than \$300. If the fine is paid within ten days, the fine will be reduced to \$75. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the ordinance for first consideration. The motion 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. A resident asked how the public would be made aware of the new mobile phone ordinance. Mr. Gillen stated that a member of the press is present this evening and that the ordinance has been advertised in the local newspaper. The second and final reading of the ordinance will be at the Regular Council Meeting next month and will be advertised.

c. E-Gov Link Website Agreement - Mr. Eisenberger stated that the Township is in receipt of a proposal from E-Gov Link for the re-design of the Township website. The initial license and set up fees are \$10,000 with annual fees not to exceed \$2,760. Total costs for the first year are not to exceed \$15,000. The total cost for the Township for each year afterwards will be \$2,760. This item does not need to be bid publicly because it is a professional services contract which is specifically excluded from the bidding process under the State statute. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the agreement and was seconded by Ms. Readinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Mr. Simpson, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

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. Ms. Readinger mentioned that the event is being sponsored by the Police Association.

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWERS

a. Approval Request - Rear Load Body - Mr. Eisenberger stated that Council received a request from Chris Loschiavo, the Public Works Director to replace a ten year old trash truck body. \$60,000 has been budgeted for the purchase but the actual cost is \$54,314.00 less a trade-in on the old body of \$5,500 bringing the net cost to \$48,814.00. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the purchase 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.

ENGINEERING

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. Extension granted to April 30, 2010 - ACTION - Ms.

Readinger made a motion to accept the extension 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.

c. L.D. 09-6 Bhavi Motel LLC/Homewood Suites Lot3

1. Expiration date February 8, 2010 - ACTION - Mr. Clarke

read the resolution granting conditional approval for the land development plan prepared by Bhavi Motel LLC/Homewood Suites Lot 3, owner/developer, land development application 09-6 in accordance with said plan and under and subject to the conditions read. Mr. Simpson 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.

d. L.D. 09-7 Cold Point Village

1. Extension granted to April 30, 2010 - ACTION- Mr.

Gillen made a motion to accept the extension 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.

e. Escrow Release - ACTION

1. H & R Landscape - Final - Mr. Clarke read the resolution

releasing the final financial security for H & R Landscape in the amount of \$176,475.20 under the improvement agreement as amended under and subject to the conditions read. 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.

f. PA Turnpike Maintenance Relocation - Mr. Clarke read the resolution whereas Plymouth Township Council does hereby approve the waiver of the provisions of the Plymouth Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of 1980, Appendix C of the Plymouth Township Code requested by the PA Turnpike Commission in connection with the construction of five buildings with associated parking, retaining wall, guide wires and other improvements to a site with frontages on Belvoir and Gallagher Roads subject to the conditions read. Ms. Weidinger made a motion to approve the resolution 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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

ZONING

PARKS AND RECREATION

a. DCNR Grant Resolution - Mr. Clarke read the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources resolution in connection with the grant application for a Harriet Wetherill Park Building Feasibility Study. 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.

b. Waiver of Quote - Bus Service - Ms. Readinger stated that the Parks and Recreation Department sent out three requests for quotes for transportation service for its Summer Camp Program and received two quotes by the deadline. Staff is requesting a waiver of the three quote requirement and to use Tropiano for its transportation at a cost not to exceed \$8,416, with the costs most likely being less. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the request and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger abstained as he believed there may be a conflict of interest.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

a. Citizen Board Appointments - Mr. Gillen stated that as discussed at the Executive Session the following appointments have been discussed and will be voted upon this evening. Mr. Eisenberger requested that there be separate votes for each appointment. Mr. Clarke stated that this would be appropriate.

Environmental Advisory Board - Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the appointment of Walt Palac. 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.

East Norriton-Plymouth-Whitpain Joint Sewer Authority - Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to appoint Ed Isett 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.

Civil Service Commission - Mr. Gillen made a motion to appoint Arlene Smuckler and was seconded by Ms. Readinger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 3-2 with Mr. Gillen, Ms.

Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger and Mr. Simpson were opposed.

Property Maintenance Code Appeals Board - Mr. Simpson made a motion to appoint Tony Morrione 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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison
Recording Secretary