

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

January 11, 2010

Plymouth Township Council held its Regular Meeting 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
Russ Benner ----- Engineer
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director
Joe Lawrence ----- Chief of Police

Public Hearing and Meeting - Official Map Ordinance - A Hearing was called to order by Chairman Gillen at 7:00 p.m. pertaining to the following ordinance.

Official Map - Mr. Clarke read the ordinance amending the Plymouth Township Official Highway Map including new legends, notations, references and other data shown thereon.

The Hearing was adjourned with no questions asked by the audience or Council and no statement made either in favor of or in opposition to the ordinance.

The Public Meeting was convened whereupon Council took action on the proposed ordinance. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Eisenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Gillen, Mr. Eisenberger, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

The Public Meeting was adjourned and the Regular Meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m.

Citizen Board Service Resolutions - ACTION

1) **Tony Morrione - ENPWJSA** - Mr. Eisenberger read the resolution recognizing Tony Morrione for his generous and outstanding service while serving Plymouth Township on the East Norriton Plymouth Whitpain Joint Sewer Authority from January, 1996 until December, 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. Eisengerger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

2) Patrick O'Hara - Property Maintenance Appeals Board - Mr. Eisenberger read the resolution recognizing Patrick O'Hara for his generous and outstanding service while serving Plymouth Township on the Property Maintenance Appeals Board from October, 2003 until December, 2009. 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.

3) Frank McCreesh - Zoning Hearing Board - Mr. Simpson read the Resolution recognizing Frank McCreesh for his generous and outstanding service while serving Plymouth Township on the Zoning Hearing Board from October, 1999 until December 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.

Jim Saring, 1518 Sandy Hill Road, read citations from State Representatives Kate Harper and Mike Gerber and the Montgomery County Commissioners thanking Mr. McCreesh for his service.

Council went out of the regular order of the agenda to handle the following.

CHD Proclamation - Ms. Readinger asked Ms. Dempsey to briefly talk about her son who has Congenital Heart Disease.

Ms. Readinger then read the Certificate of Recognition in support of CHD Awareness Week - February 7-14, 2010. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the Certificate of Recognition 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.

Council then returned to the regular order of the agenda.

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 January 5, 2010
Executive Session held January 11, 2010**

Chairman Gillen announced that Council held an Executive Session on January 5, 2010 and January 11, 2010 to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

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

A roll call vote was taken on the motion made by Mr. Gillen and seconded by Ms. Readinger. The motion passed 3-2 with Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Eisenberger and Mr. Simpson were opposed.

POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY

PUBLIC WORKS/SEWERS

a. Liquid Fuels Resolution - Mr. Clarke read the resolution Whereas every year Plymouth Township receives an allocation from the PA Department of Transportation which is to be used for maintenance and repair of Township roads as specified. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Ms. Weidinger.

Mr. Simpson asked if there was a conflict of interest for Mr. Gillen to vote on this resolution since he is an employee of the state. Mr. Clarke stated that there was not. 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. Approval Request - Rear Load Body - Mr. Gillen stated that this item pertains to a request from Chris Loschiavo, the Public Works Director to replace a ten year old trash truck body with a rear load body at a cost of \$60,000. Mr. Simpson made a motion that Council not approve the request. The motion was not seconded and therefore failed. Mr. Gillen made a motion to approve the request and was not seconded and therefore the motion failed. Mr. Gillen made a motion to table action on the request 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. This item will be handled at the February Council Meeting.

c. Consultant Agreement - Hough Associates - Mr. Clarke stated that this item pertains to a consultant agreement authorizing Hough Associates to collect 2009 recycling data for Plymouth Township and to prepare a joint 904 Performance Grant application with Whitmarsh Township. Hough Associates has been collecting this data for the last several years. The motion to approve this agreement would be contingent upon a consultant agreement subject to the Township Solicitor's satisfaction. Mr. Gillen 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, Ms. Readinger, Mr. Simpson and Ms. Weidinger in favor.

ENGINEERING

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

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

1. Extension granted to July 31, 2010 - ACTION - Mr. Gillen made a motion to accept the extension 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.

b. L.D. 09-4 Roizman & Co/830 & 832 Germantown Pike

1. Expiration date January 31, 2010 - ACTION - Mr. Clarke read the resolution granting conditional approval for the land development plan prepared by Roizman & Company, owner/developer, land development application 09-4 in accordance with said plan and under and subject to the conditions read. 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 4-1 with Mr. Eisenberger, Mr. Gillen, Ms. Readinger and Ms. Weidinger in favor. Mr. Simpson was opposed.

c. L.D. 09-5 Antioch Church

1. Expiration date February 28, 2010

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

1. Extension granted to March 8, 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.

e. Cold Point Village

1. Expiration date March 7, 2010

f. Escrow Release - ACTION

1. Hill Subdivision - Mr. Eisenberger stated that the Township is in receipt of a request from the developer pertaining to the Hill Subdivision for a release of escrow funds in the amount of \$1,643.75 for items completed in accordance with said plans. Mr. Eisenberger 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. Exeter Crossing - Ms. Readinger stated that the Township is in receipt of a request from the developer pertaining to Exeter Crossing for a release of escrow funds in the amount of \$203,357 for lots four and five for items completed in accordance with said plans. Ms. Readinger made a motion to approve the escrow release 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. Kilduff-Gravers Road - Mr. Eisenberger stated that the Township is in receipt of revised correspondence from Chambers Associates pertaining to Kilduff-Gravers Road for escrow release number two. Mr. Eisenberger made a motion to approve the additional escrow release in the amount of \$1,000 for a total of \$21,300 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.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HEALTH

ZONING

PARKS AND RECREATION

a. Harriet Wetherill Park Meeting - January 12th - 7:00 p.m.
- **GPCC** - Ms. Readinger announced that a public meeting will be held on January 12, 2010 commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the Greater Plymouth Community Center pertaining to the Harriet Wetherill Park. At that time progress on the park will be reviewed and information pertaining to additional park initiatives will be discussed.

b. Authorization of Incorporation of a Domestic Non-Profit Corporation - Ms. Readinger stated the Township would like to set up a 501(c) (3) for the new Gift and Donation Program, so businesses and individuals can support the Township's Parks and Recreation facilities and receive a tax deduction. Ms. Readinger made a motion to authorize the incorporation of the domestic non-profit corporation. 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.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS/OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Gillen stated that Plymouth Township will be enacting a hiring freeze for all non-essential personnel in order to help control spending throughout these tough economic times.

Mr. Simpson thanked the volunteers who have served diligently on the Citizen Boards of Plymouth Township and apologized that some have not been re-appointed. Mr. Simpson stated that he totally disagrees with how the process was handled and the decisions made.

Ms. Readinger stated that she would like to direct the Solicitor to prepare an ordinance to prohibit cell phone use and texting while driving in Plymouth Township. Council will then discuss the ordinance at its February Council Meeting.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Nick Salamone, 345 Cambridge Drive asked Mr. Gillen if the hiring

freeze just pertained to non-essential personnel and Mr. Gillen stated that it did.

Janet Horning, 28 North Lane stated that she hoped that the new Council plans to listen to the residents and not implement their own political agenda.

Tony Morrione, 486 Jefferson Street thanked Council for the opportunity to serve on the East Norriton-Plymouth -Whitpain Joint Sewer Authority Board.

Mary Shorley, 1523 Sandy Hill Road asked if all board members who were being appointed met the deadline to submit their letter of interest which was December 30, 2009. Mr. Gillen stated that the deadline was set by the previous Council, therefore it could be changed if new members of Council chose to do so, which they have.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Jamison
Recording Secretary