

COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2023

The Council of the Borough of Plum held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday December 13, 2023 at the Municipal Center at 2000 Old Mine Road, Plum, PA 15239.

ROLL CALL: Present were Council Members including Ryan Delaney, Paul Dern, Mike Doyle, Dan Hadley, David Seitz, Steve Taylor, Dave Vento, and Mayor Harry Schlegel.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of November 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor & seconded by Mr. Dern to approve the expenses for the month of November 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Seitz to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2023 Council Meeting. Unanimously approved.

RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY:

Mayor Schlegel recognized Stephanie Russo for her volunteer work keeping her neighborhood clean.

Mayor Schlegel recognized Ryan Delany, Dave Vento and Dan Hadley for their service to the community through their time on Borough Council.

Mayor Schlegel recognized Mike Doyle for the time he served on Borough Council and his dedication to the community.

CIVIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pam Calfo from Plum Library provided information on library cards and programs.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

None

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS:

The following residents spoke about their opposition to the real estate tax increase: Brenda DeMello, Dennis Smith, David Wolfe, Robert Morowski, Deborah Caruso, Bruce Turnidge, Toni & Ron Vogel, Paul & Kim Dolan, Greg & Kim Serakowski.

COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Vento to authorize the advertisement of an ordinance accepting the dedication of Parkside Estates Phase 1, as recommended by the Borough Engineer. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Hadley to grant a waiver/modification to Dollar General to allow for a modification of the buffer yard to prevent interference with sight distances while entering or exiting the site onto State Road 380, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Dern to adopt Resolution 972-23, approving the Dollar General preliminary/final land development plan (SP-04-23) (Lot & Block 1238-C-371) as recommended by the Planning Commission, with the conditions outlined in the Resolution. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Taylor to adopt Resolution 973-23, approving the Meli Minor Subdivision plan (FS-02-23) (Lot & Block 739-12-273) contingent upon the five representations made to the Planning Commission and outlined in the Resolution. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Delaney & seconded by Mr. Dern to accept the Russo Simple Subdivision plan (FSC-04-23) as complete. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Seitz to approve the 2024 Meeting Schedules as presented by staff. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Dern to accept the resignation of David Majernik from the Zoning Hearing Board. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve a 4-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Plum Borough School District Crossing Guards. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Dern to table item #9. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley & seconded by Mr. Dern to accept the resignation of Michael Doyle from Borough Council, effective December 14, 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Taylor & seconded by Mr. Dern to approve the revised Building Rental Policy as recommended by the Recreation Committee of Council, effective January 1, 2024. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Hadley to approve Resolution 966-23, authorizing a master lease agreement between Civista Leasing & Financing and the Borough of Plum for 2024. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Dern to approve Resolution 967-23, authorizing a Tax Anticipation Note for \$1.5M with Dollar Bank. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Dern to authorize Ordinance 976-23m establishing the Real Estate Tax millage rate at 6.63. Mr. Doyle called for a roll call vote. Mr. Soboslay stated “on the motion to authorize Ordinance 976-23, establishing the 2024 Real Estate Tax millage rate at 6.63. Mr. Dern – yes, Mr. Doyle – yes, Mr. Hadley – Yes, Mr. Seitz – yes, Mr. Taylor – yes, Mr. Vento – no, Mr. Delaney – yes. Motion passed.”

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Hadley to adopt Resolution 968-23, re-establishing the 2024 earned income wage tax rate at 1%. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Dern to adopt Resolution 969-23, re-establishing the 2024 Local Services Tax rate at \$52/annually. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Dern to approve Resolution 970-23, adopting the 2024 Budget. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve Resolution 971-23, certifying the Act 172 Volunteer Firefighter Earned Income Tax Forgiveness List for 2023. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Vento & seconded by Mr. Dern to approve the Landlord Assurance Form as part of the Plum Community Center grant application to the Department on Aging. Unanimously approved.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Schlegel highlighted the Police Chief’s Monthly Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE COMMITTEE W/PBSD: Mr. Hadley indicated there was no meeting this month.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Mr. Seitz highlighted the Finance Committee report.

ROADS, EQUIPMENT & GROUNDS: Mr. Vento highlighted the Roads, Equipment and Grounds Committee report.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Mr. Dern highlighted the Plum EMS report.

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Delaney highlighted the Planning Committee report.

PARKS & RECREATION: Mr. Taylor highlighted the Parks & Rec report.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Mr. Seitz & seconded by Mr. Vento to adjourn the meeting at 6:37pm.