

# PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

## APRIL 9, 2018

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger  
Councilman Gary Simpson  
Councilman Dan Meyer  
Councilman Lewis Somers  
Councilman Jerry Kreiner  
Highway Superintendent Rodney Oakley

Supervisor Alger called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. She led in the Pledge to the Flag.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the March meeting. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Mr. Somers seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Matt Bates was unable to attend the meeting. Mrs. Alger read his report. The report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** There was none available.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Oakley reported on the following highway issues:

- Presented the Board with a check for \$8,361.00 for scrap that was cleaned up from around the garage.
- Obsolete equipment was removed from the insurance policy and license plates were turned in.
- Presented the Board with a quote from Ricky Warren for mowing Foster Park.
- Presented the Board with five signed Code of Ethics copies from the Highway crew.
- The bill for the new truck was turned in to the Board. Some modifications were necessary costing approximately \$1,700.00.
- The auction company estimated that the Town's grader should bring about \$20,000.00 if the Town decided to sell it. Mr. Oakley reported that he had obtained three quotes for renting a grader for the summer. The quotes ranged from \$4,000.00 to \$7,900.00 per month.
- Mr. Oakley attended the Hard Hat Expo. He presented Mr. Hudiburg with some information for him to share with the Planning Board concerning a new system for seal coating roofs.
- The crew has been preparing equipment for the summer schedule of work.
- Brooming roads.
- Mr. Oakley attended the "Running Your Highway Department" school.
- Charley Ellsworth has been hauling stone for the pug mill. Mr. Oakley reported that it is more cost effective to have materials hauled by an outside contractor than to tie up the highway crew to do it.
- Mr. Oakley is planning on working on the Bates Wilson Road, the Collier Road and the Inman Road.
- No sand will be purchased this year due to the amount of sand on hand.
- Mr. Oakley plans to cut back on the purchase of cold mix.

- Contacted Mr. Beckwith about new radios. They are between \$500 and \$600 a piece up front. North Norwich would like to share the startup cost with Plymouth. Mr. Oakley is going to have the crew try the new radios before he makes a decision.
- High winds resulted in the crew having to remove several trees from the roads.
- Beaver damn problem on the Blackman Road.
- DEC issue with the waste oil tank has been satisfied.
- Renting the sweeper for \$1,950.00

#### **LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Planning and Zoning training announcement.
- Joe Coe has been appointed to the Veterans Affairs Office. One should call the Office of the Aging to contact the Veterans Affairs Office.
- More information on Shared Services such as road side mowing, stationed trucks, and insurance.
- Employer Forum News Letter.
- NYMIR Training on April 30 for highway vehicles and heavy equipment operators.
- Charter Communication programming changes.
- Thank you card from Reese Marshall.
- Office of the State Comptroller is offering training, Town Finance School, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
- NYM offering training for the Hazards of Distracted Driving, Violence in the Work Place, and Sexual Harassment Prevention.

Spectrum advertisement. Mr. Kreiner asked Mrs. Alger to review the contract that Spectrum has with the Town.

#### **BOARD CONCERNS:**

Mr. Simpson made a motion to spend \$200.00 each to send Mrs. Alger and Mr. Oakley to the Town Finance School being held in Saratoga. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. There was some discussion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with three yeases and Mr. Somers and Mr. Kreiner voting no.

Mr. Simpson made a resolution to reappoint John Owens to the Town of Plymouth Grievance Board. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the resolution was approved with five yeases and no nos.

Mr. Meyer made a resolution to appoint Paul Simeack to the Town of Plymouth Grievance Board. Mr. Somers seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the resolution was approved with five yeases and no nos.

Mr. Meyer proposed a resolution to adopt a Board of Ethics comprised of Frank Williams, David Marks, and Denise Rothwell. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Mr. Kreiner raised an objection about the people that were chosen. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos. The Board moved into Executive Session.

Mr. Somers made a motion to resume the regular Board meeting. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. Mr. Meyer rescinded the motion to adopt a Board of Ethics. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to table the adoption of a Board of Ethics. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos.

Mr. Kreiner asked for an update on the written complaint that was submitted to the Board by Tom Kreiner. Mrs. Alger said that the County Code Enforcement office is handling the issue. Mrs. Alger said she planned to ask Mr. Burlingame to get involved. Mr. Tom Kreiner asked who would receive any fines that might be issued. Mr. Simpson said the Town would.

Mr. Kreiner asked for an update on the Fence Viewer appointment that was requested by Mr. Jack Adams at the last meeting. Mr. Kreiner advised the Board that the law had been revised in 1975.

Mrs. Alger said that she had been talking with the attorney about it.

Mr. Hudiburg reported on the progress of the new lighting project for the Town Garage. It has been postponed by NYSEG until the fall. He also introduced the idea of solar arrays. He asked if the Board would okay a presentation to inform the public about this concept. It was decided that a meeting would be held on May 29, at 6:00pm in the Town Hall. Mr. Simpson so moved. Mr. Somers seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos.

Sandy Pierce presented the Board with information about preserving our farmland. She outlined grants that are available to assist farmers with this issue. She also discussed Farmland Protection Easements. She asked for the support of the town's people to help preserve our farmland.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Rhonda Fairbanks asked for a follow-up on the issues brought up at the last Board meeting about the Town bookkeeper. Mrs. Alger said she spoke with some other town supervisors and they said they all have bookkeepers that share computers and computer programs with other towns. Their bookkeepers work out of their homes. So present practices will continue. Mrs. Alger said she will call Ryan Johnson at the State Comptroller's office to discuss this.

Mrs. Alger said that she met with Mr. Simpson to discuss the possibility of a cell tower. She is still working on the issue.

Jackie Kreiner asked Mrs. Alger is she found out anything about the Schumer Grants. Mrs. Alger said she thought it was "dead in the water".

Tom Kreiner asked if anything had been said at the County Board meeting about the railroad starting up again. Mrs. Alger said no.

The next meeting will be held on May 14, 2018 at 6:30pm.

The Board reviewed and signed the bills. Mr. Simpson made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Somers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia E. Brown".

Virginia E. Brown

Plymouth Town Clerk

April 17, 2018