

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2019

PRESENT: Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger
Councilman Gary Simpson
Councilman Daniel Meyer
Councilman Jerry Kreiner
Highway Superintendent Rodney Oakley

ABSENT: Councilman Lewis Somers

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

Mrs. Alger asked the Board for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the July meeting. Mr. Oakley pointed out that at the July meeting, Mr. Hudiburg raised a concern about the "calcium" being used on the Town roads during the winter. Mr. Oakley said the Town uses salt not calcium. However, Mr. Kreiner said the minutes should still reflect the words that Mr. Hudiburg used, so that should not be changed. Mr. Oakley also pointed out that Mr. Shawn Fry was not given the correct title in the minutes. His title is Director of Public Works. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to accept the minutes with noted corrections. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion and the motion was passes with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Somers was absent.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT: Brian Franklin reported that he had received the scanner he had ordered. He presented it to the Board and explained it's use.

Mr. Kreiner advised Mr. Franklin that he should see if he could set up an account for future purchases so the Town would receive the tax exemption that it should. Mr. Franklin informed the Board that he had had a busy month with dog bites, dogs at large and abuse complaints. The detailed report is on file in the Town Clerk's office. There was some discussion about the Town Dog Licensing Law. Mr. Franklin will provide the Board with more information on the State Dog Licensing Law at the next meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Tom Prisco gave his report on his activities during the month of July concerning the following properties:

- 789 County Road 19 – garbage
- 1378 Center Road – garbage and unlicensed vehicles
- 103 Plymouth-North Norwich Road - garbage, unlicensed vehicles, oil storage and “No Parking” signs concern
- 538 German Hollow Road – garbage and unlicensed vehicles
- 770 County Road 19 – garbage and debris from a burned out trailer
- 786 Tinker Ridge Road – garbage, tires and debris
- 105 Morley Road – garbage
- 478 County Road 16 – unregistered vehicles and at least 10 lawnmowers
- 434 County Road 16 – unregistered vehicles

Mr. Prisco needed some complaints signed for some of these properties. Mrs. Alger said she would sign them.

A detailed report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Rodney Oakley reported that the Highway crew has been busy with the following:

- Asked the Board's opinion on the Shared Services Contract. Mr. Oakley was happy with the help they received last year from the County. He recommended signing the agreement.

Mr. Kreiner made a motion to authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the agreement to make use of the Shared Services on behalf of the Town of Plymouth. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeases and no nos. Mr. Somers was absent.

- Paving Wednesday and Thursday on Collier Road and Blackman Road.
- Reseal Boos-Law Road
- Oil and Stone on Impass and Porter Road in September
- Daniels Road was claimed on FEMA. A larger excavator will need to be rented to do the repairs. Until then, the crew will apply a temporary fix.
- All roads have been mowed twice.
- Cutting brush and cleaning ditches.
- Some culverts on Pigeon Hill and Hopkins-Crandall Road need replacing.
- Excavator Certification Class (three men will attend at \$25.00 each). One of the operators will not be able to attend due to an injury.
- The grader is back and all ready for use.
- The mower got stuck on Doing Road due to a shoulder giving way. The operator was not injured.
- Addressed Mr. Hudiburg's question about alternatives to salt being used on the roads during the winter. Mr. Oakley said anything else available now would cost substantially more.

Mr. Simpson instructed Mr. Oakley to use his judgement on whether or not to keep the mower for another month.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Alger read a resignation letter from Jamie Quatrocchi the Court Clerk. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to accept Ms. Quatrocchi's resignation. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeases and no nos. Mr. Somers was absent.

Mrs. Alger also read the resignation letter from Joe Gutosky as a member of the Board of Assessment Review. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to accept Mr. Gutosky's resignation. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled. The motion was carried with four yeases and no nos. Mr. Somers was absent.

Mrs. Alger reported that the County Board discussed the U.S. Census for 2020. An online option is available this year. Mrs. Alger urged everyone to complete their census.

Bus seats are still available for the Water Safari trip.

There was an announcement by the Environmental Finance Center about an upcoming webinar "Get to Know Emerging Drinking Water Contaminants: PFAS Challenges and Solutions".

Charter Communications announced upcoming programming changes.

The Association of Towns publicized their 2019 Planning and Zoning Schools adjenda.

Curtis Lumber advertised their HELP A Dog BBQ and Pet Festival.

Mrs. Alger also relayed to everyone that the Board has had two budget workshops and another one is scheduled for August 15. Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Oakley to be sure to be there with all his figures for the 2020 budget.

BOARD CONCERNS: There were none.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Tom Kreiner asked about the progress on the cell tower projects. Mrs. Alger said that AT&T was unable to come to the meeting because they had a conference call meeting to discuss the Plymouth tower.

Rhonda Fairbanks said she didn't get a call from Mrs. Alger or Mr. Oakley regarding the truck incident that she had asked about at the last meeting. Mr. Oakley said his personal pick-up truck was the vehicle that had gone over the bank on the German Hollow not a Town truck. He also offered to show everyone the receipts that showed that he paid for the damages himself.

Ms. Fairbanks also asked what was used on the road when they worked on it because it took several times for her to wash it off her vehicle. Mr. Oakley said

it was calcium that was applied to harden the road.

Ms. Fairbanks asked Mr. Prisco if he had looked at 478 County Road 16. He had (as previously stated). He was looking for someone to sign the complaint.

Mark Bennett mentioned that the parking lot lights needed to be adjusted. Mr. Oakley will take care of it.

Brian Franklin asked if anyone had checked the electric billing process for the Town. He thought that Towns were charged by the highest usage day. (Later in the meeting, while reviewing the bills, Mr. Kreiner said that it appeared on the Town's electric bills that the Town was not being billed in that way.)

Tom Prisco asked Mr. Oakley if he ever fixed the air compressor. Mr. Oakley said yes.

Mr. Oakley also explained the tamping process that the Town uses when putting in a culver.

The next Board meeting will be held on September 9, 2019 at 6:30pm.

The Board reviewed and signed the bills. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to pay the bills with the exception of the Cat bill for \$259.10. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Virginia E. Brown
Plymouth Town Clerk
August 22, 2019