

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2018

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

The meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Alger. She led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Mrs. Alger asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. There were none. Mr. Somers made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Bates's report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Burlingame had nothing to report.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Oakley reported the following:

- Paved Bates Wilson Road and Canasawacta Terrace
- Helped North Norwich, Pharsalia and Otselic
- Replaced road signs

- The 1992 International truck sold for \$4,575.00
- Mowed road sides
- Presented Mrs. Alger with a check for \$350.67 for a culvert pipe the Highway crew put in
- The 2016 truck that was rolled over had to have a motor mount replaced. The Highway crew will do the work.
- Attended the Association of Towns' Clambake
- Asked Steel Sales for a quote on a chipper bar and a spreader plate for Dave's truck. They quoted \$1,439.40.
- Rena Doing requested that the pipes near her home at the Reservoir be cleaned out. She wanted to have dredging done 30' to 40' out. Mr. Oakley said he does not have the capabilities to do the work she wanted. She will hire a contractor.
- Beaver dams are still an issue.
- Graded and ditched Travis Road.
- Put cold patch down.
- Doing ditches on Sherburne Four Corners. A culvert pipe needs replacing there.
- The box on the 2008 truck needs replacing. Mr. Oakley asked for a decision on this issue. It can be bought from Viking off the Oneida Co. Contract #1989. The price quoted to Mr. Oakley was \$35,981.80 without a roll tarp system which usually runs about \$2,500.00. This quote is for a stainless steel side dump box. Mr. Kreiner brought up the fact that a resolution had already been passed to purchase a new truck. The resolution said the 2008 truck would be put up for auction upon the arrival of the new truck. Mr. Kreiner asked why the 2008 had not yet been sold. Mr. Oakley said the 2008 truck was kept instead of the 1992 truck. Mrs. Alger stated that that resolution had never been changed. Mr. Kreiner suggested that the Board needed to decide if this issue was going to be corrected and how.

- The pipes to go across the road by Ms. Fairbanks' mother's home have been ordered. They are expected to arrive on August 14, 2018
- A new employee started work for the summer. It did not work out because of absenteeism.
- One of the fire trucks had water in it's fuel. The fuel was obtained from the Town Garage. As a courtesy, Mr. Oakley and Tim stayed late to correct the problem. The tanks have been drained and refilled by the supplier.
- Allen Sweet asked if the new lights were satisfactory. Mr. Oakley said they are working well, but he needs to lower some of them down.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Alger thanked Charlene DeSha for doing a great job during Mrs. Brown's absence.

- Mrs. Alger reported that she had received a sealed bid for the snow pusher from Wayne Slate for \$2,528.00.
- Charter Communications announced programming changes.
- Perma announced an educational conference on September 19.
- Catskill Castings sent a brochure to advertise their products.
- Clean Energy Community Summer News Letter
- Mrs. Alger informed everyone that a Court Clerk had been hired.

BOARD CONCERNS.: Mrs. Alger asked the Board for a motion to hire a Court Clerk. Mr. Meyer made a motion to hire Jamie Quattrocchi at \$200.00 per month as Court Clerk. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to purchase a new box for the 2008 truck. The motion failed due to the lack of a second. Discussion followed. Mr. Kreiner suggested that Mrs. Alger consult with the State Comptroller concerning the matter of the previous resolution written to sell the 2008. Mr. Kreiner asked where the money would come from to purchase a new box. Mrs. Alger said It would come from the General Repairs.

Mr. Kreiner made a motion to send a certified letter to the owner of the two dogs that were turned in to the SPCA demanding payment for the redemption fees of \$75.00 each which has been paid by the Town. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos. Mr. Kreiner asked what the status was of the Code Enforcement case on State Route 23. Mr. Burlingame said he has had no contact with the County Code Enforcement Officer. Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Burlingame to call the County concerning this matter and report back to her. Mr. Kreiner also asked about a trailer parked in the bus turnaround on Tinker Ridge Road. Mr. Oakley reported that he had talked with the owner who assured him that the trailer would be moved before school opened. While trying to move the trailer, the owner's truck caught on fire causing some damage to the road. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to get an estimate on the cost of repairs and submit the cost to the trailer owner's insurance company. Mr. Somers seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carries with five yeases and no nos. Mr. Kreiner asked Mr. Burlingame to keep an eye on the situation. Some other areas of concern that were discussed were the Clemens property on Tinker Ridge Road, and property on the Plymouth North Norwich Road. Debris on the road is the issue. Mr. Kreiner asked Mr. Burlingame to look into these conditions. Mr. Kreiner asked when it was decided to pave Canasawacta Terrace. Mr. Oakley said he decided to do it based on the amount of material he had left to work with and what roads had not been worked recently. Mr. Kreiner asked what was discussed in the Highway Advisory Committee Meetings. He asked if a 284 plan was discussed. Mr. Simpson said no. Mr. Kreiner was concerned about getting CHIPS reimbursement for the Canasawacta project. Mr. Kreiner asked for clarification on whether the Town would receive CHIPS money for the project from Mr. Oakley at the next Town Board Meeting. Mr. Kreiner said that he didn't approve the paving. Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Oakley to share a master plan with everyone at the next Board meeting to prevent confusion on what Highway money should be spent on.

Mr. Kreiner asked how the Town was doing on sales tax revenue. Mrs. Alger stated that the last deposit that she had made was for \$67,000.00.

Mrs. Brown thanked Charlene DeSha for filling in for her during her absence. Mrs. Brown also asked if Linda Powell-Owens could be asked to come to a Board Meeting and give a yearly report on what money had been spent on, how many kids living in Plymouth have been served, and what her plans are going forward. Mrs. Alger will ask her to comply. Mr. Kreiner wanted to know the number of kids from Plymouth that take advantage of the Norwich activities that our Town pays for.

Peter Hudiburg updated everyone on the energy saving projects that he has been encouraging everyone to take part in. He reported that the lighting in the Town Garage has been upgraded and the street lights in the Village of Plymouth will be done sometime in the fall. Benchmarking was explained by Mr. Sweet. Mr. Kreiner is concerned about privacy. Without the benchmarking, the Town would not be eligible for the grants being offered.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Tom Frisco complained about the garbage in the road near his property at 678 Tinker Ridge Road. He presented the Board with pictures. He says the condition is hazardous to traffic and the neighborhood children. Mr. Simpson advised everyone that when there is a problem such as the above mentioned, they should call Mr. Burlingame. Mr. Frisco submitted a written complaint to the Board.

Mrs. DeSha suggested that someone help Mr. Oakley with some of the paperwork that he is responsible for. Mrs. Alger said the Board would be glad to help.

Mrs. DeSha made suggestions on how to improve the Youth Committee.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to accept Wayne Slate's bid of \$2,528.00 for the snow pusher, payable within 30 days. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. Mrs. Brown was asked to notify Mr. Slate by letter.

Mr. Oakley advised Mrs. Alger of a problem with the Town's account at Tractor Supply. She will call them and be sure it gets straightened out.

Matt Beckwith will attend the next Board meeting to discuss the radios for the Highway trucks.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday September 10, 2018 at 6:30.

A Budget Workshop meeting will be held on Monday August 20, 2018 at 6:30.

A Union negotiation meeting will be held on Thursday August 16, 2018 at 4:45.

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

Mr. Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia E. Brown". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Virginia E. Brown

Town Clerk

August 21, 2018