

# PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

## AUGUST 14, 2017

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger

Councilman Gary Simpson

Councilman Daniel Meyer

Councilman Lewis Somers

Councilman Eric Jones

Superintendent Peter Marshall

The meeting was brought to order at 6:30pm. Mr. Jones lead in the pledge to the flag.

Mrs. Alger asked if the Board members had any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. There were none. Mr. Meyer made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Burlingame said that there had been no activity during the month.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Marshall reported that the highway crew had been paving and oil and stoning roads and putting gravel on the shoulders. They will be oil and stoning the Jones Peck Road and the Reservoir Hill Road until they run out of money. This work should be underway by the end of

the month. The crew starting mowing, however, the mower broke down and will need repair before mowing can continue.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Ms. Burns was not present, so Mrs. Alger read her report which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

**LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** Mrs. Alger conveyed to everyone what had taken place at the County Supervisor's Meeting that day. The topic was Shared Services. The only issue that might affect the Town of Plymouth would be shared Highway services.

- Drug Take Back Day will be on August 23, 2017 at the Pharsalia Town Hall. This activity will be monitored by the Sherriff's Department.
- Charter Communications announced programming changes.
- Payroll Law Seminar announcement. It will be held in Binghamton on September 13. Mrs. Alger will ask our bookkeeper if she would like to attend.
- New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal seminar on Distracted Driving Prevention will be held on September 28, in Hamilton.
- Walt Rogers Insurance Company renewal of flood policy.

**BOARD CONCERNS:** Mrs. Linda Winton asked about the O'Connor issue. Mr. Simpson said that it would not be discussed during the meeting. Mrs. Winton asked if it would be discussed in any meeting. Mr. Simpson answered that it would down the road when it was all settled. He said that the issue had been technically settled, but papers had not been signed yet.

Mr. Meyer read resolution #8 authorizing the purchase of a 2018 ten wheel dump truck with plow and sanding equipment, also authorizing the payment for the purchase to be taken out of the Town Highway Capital Reserve Fund. The 2008 truck will be put up for auction upon arrival of the new truck. The purchase price of the new truck will be \$197,814.00.

Mr. Meyer made a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos.

Mr. Jones read another resolution. It was resolution #8-1 authorizing the Legal Firm of HSLD&G to represent the Town of Plymouth in all legal matters. The cost will be \$4,200.00. Mr. Jones made a motion to adopt this resolution. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos.

Mr. Simpson informed those in attendance that he, Mrs. Alger, and Mr. Bob Patterson attended a meeting with the Norwich Fire Department. The Town's contract with them had expired on December 31 at the fault of the Norwich Fire Department. They are working on figures which they will provide to the Town for the Town's approval in approximately three weeks. Service is still continuing. They reported that so far this year they have answered 14 calls in the Town of Plymouth.

Town Clerk Brown thanked the Fire Commissioners for graciously having "No Parking" painted in front of the Town mail boxes as she had asked.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Mrs. Alger announced new guidelines for Public Concerns at the recommendation of the Town Attorney. She said that the only things that could be discussed would be anything that was brought up on the agenda and any questions one might have about resolutions or Board concerns presented at that particular meeting. If you have any other concerns that were not discussed during the meeting you can send a written concern to Mrs. Alger either by mail or e-mail. She said that you will get a response before the next Town Board meeting. She asked that when someone addresses the Board, they stand up and tell the Board who they are before presenting their concern.

Mr. Jerry Kriener expressed his disapproval of the new guidelines. He also said that he would like to address the law suite against the Town by the Town Judge.

He stated that the Town was being sued for \$3,800.00 and settled for \$3,500.00. Mrs. Alger said The Board would not answer any questions about it. Mr. Kriener said that it was not a question but more of a statement for everyone to hear. He voiced his displeasure about things that he felt were going on behind closed doors. He asked why the Board would not discuss the court case which was a public case. Mr. Simpson stated that all the paperwork had not been signed yet. At this point, the Deputy Sherriff that was on standby interrupted Mr. Kriener and stated that he felt that Mr. Kriener was going off on a tangent. He asked Mr. Kriener to abide by the guidelines and not disrupt the meeting because that would be a violation of the penal law. Mr. Kriener asked what Capital Reserve Fund the money for the new truck was coming from. Mr. Marshall said it would come from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Kriener also reminded people to think carefully before they vote this fall.

Mrs. Beverly Rogers thanked Mr. Marshall for the improvements on her road. She also expressed her disapproval with the new guidelines for Public Concerns. She said she felt that people should be able to bring up anything they were concerned about. She said that the Board might not have the answer at that time, but the concern should be heard.

Mrs. Rhonda Fairbanks asked if she could speak to Mr. Marshall after the meeting about the culvert near her mother's property. She also asked what the new attorney's name was. Mrs. Alger answered that it was James Gregory out of Johnson City.

The next meeting will be held on September 11, 2017 at 6:30pm.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Virginia E. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "V".

Virginia E. Brown

Plymouth Town Clerk

August 22, 2017