## PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP II

**AUGUST 29, 2018** 

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger

Councilman Gary Simpson

Councilman Daniel Meyer

Councilman Jerry Kreiner

Superintendent Rodney Oakley

**ABSENT:** Councilman Lewis Somers

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Alger at 6:30pm. Mrs. Alger reported that she had only received one e-mail from Mrs. Brown expressing that she thought the salary proposed for the Justice was too low. Mrs. Alger asked for everyone's thoughts. Discussion followed. Mr. Kreiner proposed \$5,000.00. Everyone was in agreement.

During a discussion on the Court Clerk's proposed salary, Mr. Kreiner suggested that \$2,400.00 would be sufficient. Mrs. Alger thought \$3000.00 was a better figure. A compromise was reached at \$2,700.00. Discussion was had concerning an increase in salary for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. It was decided to increase each line by \$600.00 for a total of \$1,200.00. Everyone was in agreement with that.

Everyone was in agreement that Line Item A1620.4 be reduced to \$0. The Unallocated Insurance line was increased due to increased coverage needed for the Court Clerk and contents of the Town's buildings.

The salary for the Superintendent was discussed. Mr. Kreiner objected to the almost 20% increase that was proposed. Mr. Oakley again pointed out that with the Highway crew possibly getting a raise along with the overtime pay that they receive, they could make more for the year than the Superintendent would. The salaries of surrounding town superintendents were discussed. Mr. Meyer suggested \$45,000.00. The issue of the cost of the Superintendent's insurance is still unsettled. Mr. Kreiner suggested 3 ½%. He said that could go down based on the cost of the Superintendent's insurance when known. Mr. Simpson and Mrs. Alger agreed with \$45,000.00.

Discussion was had about personnel expenses for the highway crew. Mr. Oakley went over the changes he had made to the highway lines. The total amount remained about the same but was distributed differently to be more effective. Mr. Oakley asked about a Capital Reserve Fund that could be used towards buying new trucks. It was eliminated from the budget last year. Mrs. Alger said they should consider adding it back into the budget.

The next Budget meeting will be on September 19, 2018 at 6:30pm. Mr. Simpson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Virginia E. Brown

Town of Plymouth

August 30, 2018