

# PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

## DECEMBER 12, 2022

### 6:30PM

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger

Councilman Frank Williams

Councilman Shawn Cushman

Councilman Garry James

Acting Highway Superintendent Roy Marshall

**ABSENT:** Councilman Daniel Meyer

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

She asked if there were any additions or corrections to the following meeting minutes:

November 10, 2022 Budget Workshop. Mr. Cushman made a motion to accept them as written. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

November 13, 2022 Emergency Executive Meeting. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. James seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

November 14, 2022 Town Board Meeting. Mr. James made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Cushman seconded the motion.

The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

November 7, 2022 Budget Workshop. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Cushman seconded the motion.

The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

**DOG CONTROLL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Brian Franklin reported on the following:

- 11/30/22 Dog on neighbor's property on Steven's Crest – unable to make contact with anyone.
- 12/8/22 Dog on neighbor's property on Rt. 23 also unable to make contact with anyone.

Will keep trying.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Steve Fox reported on the following:

- Met with Roy Marshall at the Highway Garage to discuss repairs of the building. Contacted Newbauer Construction from Bainbridge (roofing contractor) for a price on repairing the leaky roof.
- Spoke with Penny Stone on Rinvault Lane about all the unregistered vehicles and junk. A lot of them belonged to her deceased brother. She seemed a little reluctant to get rid of them. Also, spoke to Penny about the other property owners in the immediate area. I will follow up with her in the future as to

how to proceed with her other brother, Sheridan Stone's, property

- Complaint from Brett Wightman about his neighbor, Quinton Kemp. I spoke with Quinton about his junk and unregistered vehicles and some garbage.
- Jim Cummings removed some of his scrap metal pile from Anchor Lane. Finally, made some progress with Jim.

Mr. Cushman raised a concern about an unsafe situation on the corner of Plymouth-North Norwich Rd. and County Rt. 21 involving logs left on the lawn that children are playing on and under.

Mr. Matt Gladstone from the County Planning Department gave an overview of a Bike Park currently being planned in Norwich. He said a bike park is an excellent form of recreation for people of all ages.

Mr. Robert Baker added some information about participation that is already happening. He said there is a trail that is 10 to 15 miles long up near Round Pond. Mr. Gladstone said connecting trails could enhance tourism for all of Chenango County.

There was a question and answer session that followed.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Roy Marshall gave a detailed report on the following:

- Plowing and sanding
- Hauling sand
- Salt was delivered
- Accident with truck #2 – no one was hurt
- Cleaned the ditch and replaced driveway pipe on Demming Rd.
- Lower Hollow Rd. – Driveway pipe



- Removed some trees
- Cleaned ditches on Ashcraft Road
- Doing Rd. – swept loose stone
- Sherburne Four Corners and Jackson Road – flushed culvert pipes
- Porter Rd.- beaver dam issues
- Currently have two BOCES students helping in the mornings
- Worked on trucks
- Worked on equipment and machinery
- Cleaned the garage office and shop
- Would like to replace the pressure washer in 2023
- Worked on equipment replacement plan
- Winterized Foster Park

For detailed information, see the complete report on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Mr. Williams said he liked the way Mr. Marshall gave his report. Mr. Cushman pointed out that the highway crew was saving the Town a considerable amount of money by doing their own maintenance work as described above. He expressed his appreciation.

Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Marshall if he was concerned about any of the trucks becoming unusable. He said at this point, no. Mrs. Alger asked about an update on personnel. Mr. Marshall said that currently he still had three full time employees, two parttime men, and a new full time employee starting January 1, 2023. Mrs. Alger said the parttime employees receive pay only. They do not receive benefits.

Mr. Mark Bennett suggested that the drivers raise the wings on the plow trucks a little to avoid damaging lawns when the ground is still soft.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Mr. John Carrol introduced himself to everyone. He said the committee will be taking some training. He also said that he had been in contact with Barbara Walker about looking for land for a new highway garage location. Mr. Marshall said he spoke to Mrs. Helen Marasciulo about the possibility of purchasing land from her which would connect to the existing highway property. She wanted to discuss it with her family. Mr. Steve Fox said the property is not in a flood zone. Mr. Cushman suggested to the Planning Committee to consult with the engineers at the County to be sure there would be adequate room as needed. Mrs. Alger asked the Planning Committee to work on the immediate needs at the current highway garage.

Mr. Marshall said the Town is looking into purchasing an International CV truck (a heavy duty pick-up truck) with a wing and plow. The 2015 that the Town currently has is wearing out. The plan is to use part of the American Rescue Plan money to purchase the truck. She said the CHIPS money is coming next week. The Capital Reserve money can be used for a new building.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Mrs. Alger said the County is looking for a Historian for the Town of Plymouth. She asked if anyone was interested. It is an unpaid position. Mrs. Brown will post this on the Town website.



Mrs. Alger reported that three County Supervisors will be resigning. She had no update on the UTV issue from the Town attorney. She informed everyone that the investigation involving a former Town employee is still on going. She had been informed that the Town's losses will be covered by insurance.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Mr. Tom Kreiner asked Mr. Steve Fox if he would be working with the DEC when considering the proposed purchase of the land on Moon Hill. Mr. Kreiner was concerned about the water runoff that collects at the bottom of the hill. Mr. Fox said there are ways of diverting water so it should not be a problem.

**BOARD CONCERNS:** Mr. James made a resolution to Authorize the Purchase and Appropriation of American Rescue Plan for the Purchase of a 2023 International CV 515 4x4 With 10'Western ProPlow. Mr. Cushman seconded the resolution. The Board was polled and the Resolution was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Ms. Patty Murray asked what Mr. Marshall's cell phone number was. It was 607-337-8027.

Ms. Murray asked if an inventory had been taken of the Highway Garage. To Mr. Marshall's knowledge there was not an inventory. Mr. James said he would supply Mr. Marshall with a copy of last year's inventory.

She also asked if the purchase of the pick-up truck was put out for bid.

Mr. Marshall said he gotten two bids back. He chose the better rated vehicle. He did reach out to a third dealership and they never got back to him.

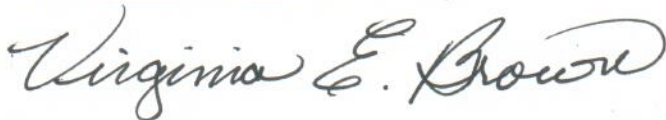
Ms. Fairbanks asked when the Town would be able to take ownership of the new truck. Mr. Marshall said he was thinking by the end of January 2023.

Mrs. Alger said the next meeting would be January 9, 2023 at 6:30pm. The Town Board will be held first and the Organizational Meeting will be held.

The bills were reviewed and signed. Mr. James made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Cushman seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn. Mr. James seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia E. Brown". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted by,".

Virginia E. Brown

Plymouth Town Clerk

December 20, 2022