

# PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 9, 2023

**PRESENT:** Superintendent Grace Nucero-Alger  
Councilman Frank Williams  
Councilman Shawn Cushman  
Councilman Garry James  
Highway Superintendent Roy Marshall

**ABSENT:** Councilman Daniel Meyer

Supervisor Alger led in the Pledge to the Flag. She asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. There were none. Mr. Cushman made a motion to accept the minutes as sent. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

Mr. Cushman made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

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

- Spoke with Joshua Kisner owner of 103 Plymouth/North Norwich Rd. apartment house. Asked him to remove the barrels of oil and other objects. He did remove a couple of barrels and a few other

Things. There is still a tote full of something and a couple of tires left.

- Followed up for Quinten Kemp, Plymouth/North Norwich Road. No change.
- Spoke with John Richards on Plymouth Reservoir, about his unregistered vehicles. He said he will be removing them soon.
- Several calls from Brock Manwarren complaining about the neighbor blocking the road and the Town not plowing the road. Told him the road being blocked is a Sheriff's issue.
- Working with Roy Marshall making several calls to contractors trying to get quotes on repairs to the highway garage.

Rhonda Fairbanks asked if the tree pieces that were a danger to children on the corner of Rt.21 and the Plymouth/North Norwich had been cleaned up. Mr. Cushman said that the tree had been cut up enough to eliminate the problem.

Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Fox to look into the sofa and car seat that have been left on the side of Rt. 19.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Roy Marshall reported on the following:

- The Highway crew has been plowing and sanding.
- Hauled 99 loads of sand
- Received salt from Cargill
- Fixed water issue on the Chan Aldridge Road
- Repaired trucks.
- Greased and lubed CAT Loader
- Worked on CAT Road Grader
- Worked on JCB Excavator – Greased and Lubed
- Replaced nozzle on furnace
- Employee's Union agreement signed



- Expect delivery of 2023 International CV Chassis with 11ft Dump Body \$116K in January 2023
- Winterized Foster Park

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

Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Marshall to talk about the roads he plans to work on this summer. He said they will be paving the Ashcraft Road from Rt. 44 to Bates Wilson Rd. They are planning on oil and stoning Bates Wilson, Inman, Stevens Crest and the North Road. He would like to chip the rest of the Reservoir Rd.

Mark Bennett questioned the reasoning behind the hauling of a 10 wheeler with a pick-up. Mr. Marshall said he wanted to get the truck off the road during the storm. He admitted that it was probably not a good idea.

Mr. James asked if there was any way that expenditures for each truck could be documented. Mr. Marshall said he thought he could find a way.

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

- 12/12/22 dog on neighbor's property on the Plymouth/North Norwich Road.
- 12/21/22 dog on neighbor's property on Stephens Crest/Inman Road. Both are pending tickets

Mrs. Charlene D'Sha advised Mr. Franklin about a German Shepard running loose in her neighborhood.

A citizen asked if Mr. Franklin had had any issues with pit bulls in the Reservoir area. Mr. Franklin said no.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Training for Planning Committee members will be available in May or June. Mr. John Carroll is trying to get the new membership organized. A meeting will be set up soon. Mr. Steve Fox introduced Mr. Penington who would like to get permission to subdivide a piece of property. Mr. James made a motion to appoint Mr. Carroll as chairman of the Planning Committee. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent. Mrs. Alger said she would like to take some time to discuss the subdivision with the Planning Committee. Mrs. Pierce asked if the Town Clerk could provide each Committee member with a copy of the Subdivision Law. Mrs. Brown will do that.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Mrs. Alger related the following:

- The Town Board reached an agreement with the Highway Union.
- There will be training coming up for the Planning Committee as previously mentioned.
- Judge Fox presented Mrs. Alger with a check for \$565.00 for December fines and fees.
- George Seneck was reelected to the office of Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.
- On January 10, 2023, the Board of Supervisors, Catholic Charities, Greater Opportunities and other local agencies will be meeting to discuss the homeless issue in Chenango County.
- Discussed the new strain of COVID
- Playground at Foster Park. Talked with Cathy Clemmens about possible financial aid.



- Consulted with various people about the addition of Broad Band for the Town
- Will check with attorney to see what he has found out about the UTV issue. Proposes that a vote be taken next month.
- Will talk with the attorney about combining the Town's court with the Town of Norwich. Paperwork would have to be completed and sent to the State.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** A gentleman asked what he needed to do to prepare to build a log cabin on a lot at the Reservoir. Mr. Fox said he would have a perk test done before he purchased the property. Mr. Mark Bennett asked Mr. James if his house was seasonal if he lives in it all the time. Mr. James said that even though it is listed as seasonal, the taxes are the same as residential.

A woman asked for an update on the ongoing investigation. Mrs. Alger said she was not able to comment on that at this time.

Mr. Bennett asked if it was true that the insurance company would cover the losses incurred by recent events. Mrs. Alger said yes.

Someone asked what the cost was. Mrs. Alger said she couldn't say.

Mr. Pete Marshall asked if the State Auditor was contacted. Mrs. Alger said yes, but the State is not sure they will be able to send someone. So she talked to an external auditor who has been here.

Mr. Tom Kreiner asked if the ban against video conferencing has changed. Mrs. Alger said no, but it might change in the future.

Mr. Cushman made a motion to the Organizational Meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

Mrs. Alger announced that this was an organizational meeting setting everything up for the year.

Town positions are as follows:

Highway Superintendent	\$53,500.00
Dog Control Officer	\$3,720.00
Town Clerk	\$12,300.00
Tax Collector	\$7,150.00
Justice	\$8,000.00
Registrar	\$300.00
Assessor	\$10,000.00
Code Enforcement	\$4,400.00
Bookkeeper	\$6,300.00
Deputy Clerk	\$3,750.00
Town Councilman	\$2,250.00 (each)
Supervisor	\$9,000.00

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Mr. Cushman made a motion to adopt these statements. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

Mr. Cushman made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Mr. Williams 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 resolution to Re-Appoint Brian Franklin to Dog Control Officer. Mr. Cushman seconded the resolution. The Board was polled and the resolution was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

Mr. Cushman made a resolution to Re-Appoint Steve Fox as Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Williams seconded the resolution. The Board was polled and the resolution was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

Mr. James made a resolution to Re-Appoint Linda Powell-Owens to Youth Program Leader. Mr. Williams seconded the resolution. The Board was polled and the resolution was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

Ms. Fairbanks expressed her concern about the recent derogatory postings on Facebook by a member of the Council. There was no comment by anyone on the Council.

Mr. Marshall wanted to discuss replacing the pick-up truck. He said he had reached out for several quotes, but had only heard from two dealerships. The two were:

- 2022 Dodge Diesel 4WD \$66,275.00 without plow
- 2022 Ford \$44,855.00 without the plow

There was a lot of discussion about the pros and cons of each truck.

Mr. Marshall recommended the Dodge truck.

Mr. Marshall said he sold the old truck to the mechanic in Smyrna.

His priorities for costs are as follows:

- Replace pick-up truck
- Replace Loader (2 year replacement plan)
- Cover Salt Shed

- Garage Roof
- Garage Heating System
- Insulating the Garage – getting quotes.

Mrs. Alger said the money for the truck is coming out of the budget. Mr. Cushman made a motion to purchase the Dodge and plow. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

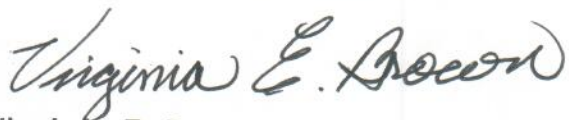
The bills were reviewed and signed. Mr. Cushman made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Meyer was absent.

The next meeting will be on February 13, 2023.

Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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.

Respectfully submitted by,



Virginia E. Brown

Plymouth Town Clerk

February 13, 2023