

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

JULY 12, 2021

6:30PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger
Councilman Daniel Meyer
Councilman Jerry Kreiner
Councilman Frank Williams
Councilman Garry James
Highway Superintendent Rodney Oakley

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

Mrs. Alger asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June's minutes. There were none. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to accept the minutes as sent. Mr. James seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

DOG CONTROLL OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Franklin gave the following report:
July 3, 2021 dog attacking livestock Pidgeon Hill Rd.
July 9, 2021 follow up on Pidgeon Hill call

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Steve Fox was on vacation. Mrs. Alger gave his report in his absence.

- Visited 500 Jackson Road to address the issue of numerous junk and unregistered vehicles. The owner died and left it to his sons to clean it up. They are working on it.

- Revisited 696 County Road 16. Most of the vehicles have been removed. Garbage still remains. Owner has health problems and will be out of town. Mr. Fox will serve him with a ticket when he gets back.
- Spoke with owner of 111 County Road 21. He said he would mow the lawn and clean off the porch. He has cut the grass and cleaned up some of the trash.
- Visited 3354 State Highway 23. Property has been cleaned up and some of the vehicles have been removed.
- Property on Tinker Ridge Road continues to accumulate junk. Calls have been made to the Highway Department, the Sherriff's Department and the DEC. Owner is actively going to court for several other violations. The Town may have to get the Town attorney involved.

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

- Presented the Board with a check for the cost of a culvert that was put in on the Reservoir Road. Another check will be coming in for a culvert put in on the Plymouth/North Norwich Road.
- Presented the Board with quotes for the proposed purchase of a loader.
- Informed the Board that Dempsey (uniform suppliers) are changing their method of billing to "level billing" where all the bills will be the same each month.
- The crew has been mowing
- The crew has been cleaning and reshaping the ditches on the Reservoir Rd.
- Had to repair a fitting on the excavator.
- Grinding will begin sometime at the end of July.
- Paving on Hoag-Childs Rd. will be on hold because two culverts need to be changed first. Mrs. Alger asked if the County was going to help. Mr. Oakley said he didn't know.
- Mr. Oakley had met with the DEC concerning Old Rt. 23 and the Daniels Road. The DEC representative told Mr. Oakley what needed to be done.

- Mr. Oakley said that both projects were going to be pretty extensive repairs. He said he had talked to Doug Perry about the need for help from the County. Mrs. Alger said she would talk to him as well. Mrs. Alger said she would also set up a meeting with Mr. Perry, Mr. Oakley and herself.
- Mrs. Alger asked about Doing Road. Mr. Oakley said that at the end of July, grinding would be started. Lower German Hollow will be done at the same time.
- NYMIR will be sending up an auditor to check for any liability risks that might be apparent.

Mr. Meyer asked Mr. Oakley when he was planning on patching. Mr. Oakley said when they were finished with the Reservoir Road they would head over to the Plymouth/North Norwich Road and Tinker Ridge and then come back to Morley and Pike Hill Roads.

Mr. Kreiner asked if Mr. Oakley received any communication from a resident on Tinker Ridge Road. Mr. Oakley said he has heard from Mrs. Elaine Hoffman, but not from Mr. John Ritzel. Mr. Kreiner had received a letter from Mr. Ritzel and said he would forward it to everyone on the Board. Mr. Kreiner also asked if the recent rain had caused any washouts in the Town. Mr. Oakley said not really. Mr. Oakley said there was a tree on Daniels Road that needed to come down. Electrical lines were near the tree. Mr. Kreiner suggested that Mr. Oakley call NYSEG and have them remove the tree.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Alger reported that she had asked the Board to review the Town's Purchasing Policy. No one had any revisions. She asked the Board to sign a document stating as such.

Mrs. Alger said she had been talking to Spectrum about switching the Town's phone and internet services to them from Frontier. They are working on a quote. Mrs. Alger informed the Board that Judge Fox had given her a check for \$750.00 for revenue from the court.

Mrs. Alger reported on the Water Safari Trip. Buses will not be provided this year.

Paperwork for the American Rescue Plan went in. The deadline was met. The Town should receive that money within the month.

Mrs. Alger spoke about the Motor Vehicle Fee that the County Board is proposing. She along with two other Supervisors voted to postpone the hearing until the Treasurer's office could do some research to determine whether some of the American Rescue money that the County is due to get could be used instead of assessing this new Motor Vehicle Fee. The Supervisors' Board voted to schedule the Public Hearing for this proposal on August 9, 2021 at 11:00am. Mr. Kreiner said that one might be able to submit their concerns in writing if they cannot attend the meeting.

Mrs. Charlene DeSha asked if the County Board had discussed the computer system failure issue. Mrs. Alger said they had. She said that the amount of money it was going to cost just to get someone in to give them an estimate on upgrading and repairing the system is exuberant.

BOARD CONCERNS: Mr. Meyer asked what was new on the cell tower. Mrs. Alger said that work is in progress.

Mr. Kreiner said the proposal to assess new fees for motor vehicle registrations can be viewed on the County website. Ms. Rhonda Fairbanks suggested that a link be published on the Town website. Mr. Kreiner reviewed the proposal. Discussion followed.

Mr. Kreiner asked if there was any report yet from the Watershed Committee. Mrs. Alger said no.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Mr. Steve Kreiner asked about what the people in the campers on Route 23 were doing with their sewer. Mr. James said that the Code Enforcement Officer said he had checked for any improperly disposed sewage and did not see any. Mr. Kreiner asked to have the situation looked into. Mrs. Alger said she would get the question to Mr. Fox so he can have an answer by the next Board meeting.

Mrs. Fairbanks asked if Pike Hill was in good enough shape for the big trucks that will be traveling over it while the tower is being built. Mr. Oakley said it is as good as it can be for a secondary road.

Mr. James made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. The Board went into Executive Session at 7:23pm.

Mr. Williams made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:30pm.

Ms. Fairbanks asked if there was a report from Steve Fox. Mrs. Alger said yes. Ms. Fairbanks was given a copy of the report. Mrs. DeSha asked Mr. Oakley if he had the sign that she had been asking for yet. Mr. Oakley said it was ordered.

Mrs. Alger announced that the next meeting would be on August 9, 2021 at 6:30pm.

Mr. Kreiner made a motion to authorize Mrs. Alger to investigate financing for a new loader. Mr. James seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

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

Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Virginia E. Brown
Plymouth Town Clerk
July 22, 2021