

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

JULY 8, 2019

PRESENT: Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger
Councilman Gary Simpson
Councilman Daniel Meyer
Councilman Lewis Somers
Councilman Jerry Kreiner

ABSENT: Highway Superintendent Rodney Oakley

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

DCO REPORT: The full report for the month is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Mr. Franklin asked the Board to approve the purchase of a chip reader to help out in locating the owners of dogs that are found. There was some discussion.

Mr. Franklin also discussed the Town Dog Control and Licensing Law. He would like to assess fines for people who do not contain their dogs according to the Town Law. Mr. Franklin also discussed his recent conversations with the SPCA concerning money that is charged from dog owners when their dog is held by them. Mr. Somers made a

motion to allow Mr. Franklin to purchase a chip reader, the cost of which will not exceed \$152.00. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos. Mr. Kreiner asked Mr. Franklin if there was a maximum amount that a dog owner could be fined when in violation of the law. Mr. Franklin said he did not think so, but he would check the State Law and see that the Board members got copies of the relative sections of the State law.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Tom Prisco reported on the following properties:

- The owners of the properties on County Road 19 and on Center Road were scheduled to be in court on Wednesday, July 10, 2019.
- Permits were issued for a pool on Hoag Childes Road and a pole barn on Canasawacta Terrace.
- A septic system had to be redone and inspected on Doing Road.
- Mr. Prisco will be going to court again to testify on the charges for the owner of 103 Plymouth-North Norwich Road. The DEC was also called because of receptacles on the property filled with oil.
- Mr. Prisco plans on serving a violation on the properties on 770 and 772 County Road 19.

- The properties on Tinker Ridge Road, State Highway 23, and German Hollow Road belonging to Mr. Clemens will have violations brought against them again because of unlicensed cars and garbage being on the property.

A detailed report from the Code Enforcement Officer will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Mr. Oakley was absent, so he gave his report to Mrs. Alger who read it.

- The Extreme Winter Recovery has been extended for another year. The Town is slated to receive \$31,961.50.
- County Shared Services Agreement. Mr. Oakley recommends signing the agreement this year. His report indicated that the County did assist the Town last year even though the Town did not sign an agreement. However, if the Town does not sign an agreement this year, the County will not help them. There would be a charge of \$300.00 to enter into the agreement with the County. Mr. Kreiner asked to look at the agreement.
- Milled, and added #2 stone and calcium to Blackman Road, Collier Road and German Hollow Road.
- Cold mix paving scheduled for August.
- Met with Homeland Security and Emergency Services to go through and submit paperwork.
- Working on budget for 2020.
- Tarps issue has been addressed.
- Helped out Preston and Georgetown with oil and stone.

- Letter from A. J. Black thanking the crew for a job well done.
- Mark Bennett asked if the crew used a tamper when installing culverts. Mr. Simpson said that the Town does have one.
- Normal equipment up keep.
- Cutting up occasional trees.
- Pharsalia loaned the Town a grader operator for a week.

Mr. Kreiner questioned the details of the agreement. It was decided to hold off on making a decision whether or not to sign the agreement until Mrs. Alger can get some clarifications from Shawn Frye, the Chenango County Highway Superintendent.

Peter Hudiburg brought up a concern about a section of road on Daniels Road which has considerable erosion. He would like Mr. Oakley to look at it. He also would like the Town to consider alternatives to calcium to use on the roads in the winter. He is concerned about the damage to the trees along the roads.

Rhonda Fairbanks asked if Mr. Oakley had reported how much damage was done to the truck that went over the bank on German Hollow. No one knew about it. Ms. Fairbanks also said she was pleased with the way the road had turned out, but strongly objected to the calcium that was used on the road.

Mr. Simpson conveyed to everyone that the winter recovery money was substantial. He said that the Town received the fourth highest amount of any town in Chenango County.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Alger reported that she had spoken to Dan Schwigard about the proposed cell tower. He told her that crews have been working on completing site plans for the Cookhouse location. Mr. Schwigard also said that they are waiting for the AT&T attorney to agree to the revisions that the Town attorney had made to the lease agreement. He plans on being present at the next Board meeting along with the AT&T attorney. Mrs. Alger will also request that the Town attorney attend the meeting.

Mrs. Alger announced Charter Communications' programming changes.

She also reported that the County Board has been debating on whether or not to hire another Deputy Director to the DPW.

BOARD CONCERNS: Mr. Simpson asked if the mower had arrived yet. No one knew.

Mrs. Brown brought up a concern about the bill paying process. It was agreed that confirmation numbers would be supplied to the Town Clerk for bills that were paid directly from the checking account. Also all checks will be sent out through the Town Clerk's office.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Mark Bennett thanked Mrs. Brown for replacing the American flag with a new one.

Carol Franklin thanked Mr. Prisco for doing a great job with Code Enforcement. She also relayed to the Town that she had had

complaints about the difficulty that people were having getting the Evening Sun to publish meeting announcements. She also stated that the announcement of the Town of Plymouth meetings had not been in the paper either. Mrs. Brown said she had been having a problem with the paper all year. Mr. Kreiner suggested that she contact Mr. Snyder about the issue.

Tom Kreiner gave Mr. Prisco a "heads up" about the property on Pike Hill Road that he was concerned might be starting to accumulate junk again.

Mrs. Alger reminded the Board that this year's first budget workshop meeting will be held on July 18, 2019 at 6:30pm.

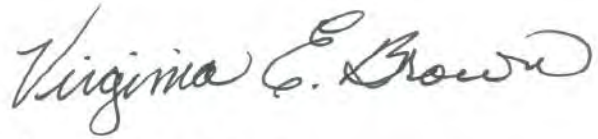
The next Board meeting will be on August 12, 2019 at 6:30pm.

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

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

Mrs. Alger adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Virginia E. Brown

Plymouth Town Clerk

July 16, 2019