

# PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

## MARCH 12, 2018

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger  
Councilman Gary Simpson  
Councilman Dan Meyer  
Councilman Lewis Somers  
Councilman Jerry Kreiner  
Highway Superintendent Rodney Oakley

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

**Dog Control Officer:** Mr. Bates presented the Board with his report which is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Mrs. Alger asked the Board if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the February meeting. There were none. Mr. Somers made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

**Code Enforcement Officer's Report:** There was no activity reported. Mrs. Alger said that the County Code Enforcement Office told her that they are going to issue an Order of Remedy to the property owners for the properties named in the letters of complaint that were submitted to the Board. Mr. Kreiner asked for clarification on the statement that Mrs. Alger made that noncompliance on the part of the property owners could result in a civil suit. Mrs. Alger said she would

get back to him.

**Highway Superintendent's Report:** The Highway crew has been repairing equipment, plowing and sanding roads.

Mr. Oakley presented the Board with an outline of plans he has for the Highway Department as follows:

- Sent out quotes for a new screener. So far, no replies. The money for the screener would come out of Garage Contractual.
- Presented Mrs. Alger a check for scrap metal that was cleaned up in the Town Garage for \$449.80.
- Plans to use a different uniform supplier when the current contract runs out if the lower quote from Dempsey Uniforms is still in affect. Mr. Kreiner cautioned Mr. Oakley about hidden fees.
- Mr. Oakley recommended that the snow pusher that the Town has should be surplusd . Mr. Kreiner made a motion to surplus the snow pusher at auction with \$2,250.00 as a minimum bid. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.
- The mower has been reserved for July and August.
- The breaks on the grader are still a concern. Mr. Oakley had done research and was unable to find a good solution. The Board asked him to continue to research the issue. They also recommended that the grader not be used until it is fixed. The Board also asked Mr. Oakley to check into the cost of renting a grader. Mrs. Alger will get a list of equipment the County has available through Shared Services.
- New tires are needed for some of the trucks. Mr. Oakley planned on purchasing them from McKees in Cincinnati.
- The 76 Ford, the 94 GMC, a backhoe and a trailer should be scrapped. Mr. Simpson made a motion to scrap all four pieces of equipment. Mr. Meyer

seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. Mr. Simpson made a motion to create a line item for General Scrap. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. There was some discussion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

- Asked the Board's permission to attend some classes put on by Cornell Local Roads. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to give Mr. Oakley permission to attend four of the classes. Mr. Somers seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

**LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** Mrs. Alger reported on some actions that were taken at the County Supervisors' meeting. Chenango County Supervisors resolved to request permission from the State to hold the State Primary Elections the same date as the Federal Primary Elections. This would save the County \$35,000. They also resolved to create a Veterans Affairs Agency and a Veterans Services Officer. Mr. Simpson informed everyone that in the meantime, a veteran could go to the Sidney Office of Veterans Affairs in the City Municipal Building on Wednesdays from 8am to 4pm.

NYS Ag and Markets sent a report of their inspection of the Town's Dog Control Officer. The Town's DCO received a satisfactory rating.

New York State Southern Tier Clean Energy Communities announced a Code Enforcement training session. Mr. Burlingame was interested in that. There was a question whether sanitary Code Enforcement Officers could attend.

Perma 2018 publicized their list of conference classes on May 24 and 25.

**BOARD AND CONCERNS:** Mr. Kreiner asked what had been done about the playground equipment at Foster Park. Mrs. Alger said that the highway crew will remove it when the snow gone from the Park. The camera sign will be removed as well.



Mrs. Alger announced the newly appointed Code of Ethics Board. They are Frank Williams, David Marks, and Denise Rothwell. Rhonda Fairbanks asked how these people were chosen. Mrs. Alger said she called people and took the first three that said yes.

Mr. Kreiner asked if the letter of intent that had been decided on last month had been sent to NYSEG. Mrs. Alger said yes.

Mr. Kreiner asked how things were going with the visiting Justice. Mrs. Alger said everything was going well. Mr. Kreiner asked if the Town was still paying Judge O'Connor. Mrs. Alger said yes.

Mrs. Alger told Mr. Kreiner that the line item that would be used for the cost of the new garage lighting would be A5132.4.

**THE PLANNING BOARD:** The Planning Board reported that they had found another company that could give the Town a better estimate than the one that the Town already has. Eastern Energy Solutions out of Afton could upgrade the garage lighting for \$2,500.00. Mr. Simpson made a motion to use Eastern Energy Solutions to improve the lighting in the Town Garage. Mr. Meyers seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. The Board thanked the Planning Board for all their hard work.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Jackie Kreiner stated that Charles Schumer announced that state grants in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 were awarded to several municipalities to bring broad band internet access to thousands. She asked if the county or town had been awarded any of this money. Mrs. Alger said no.

Tom Kreiner asked if the Board had heard anything more on getting a cell tower. The answer was no. Ms. Kreiner asked if the Board could contact the appropriate companies again. Mrs. Alger said they would.

Jack Adams spoke to the Board about an ongoing problem he has had with a neighbor who's animals have done a lot of damage to his property because they have not been properly contained. He has worked through the appropriate

channels which has brought him to the Town Board. He has asked the Board's assistance in settling this issue by appointing a Fence Viewer who could examine the fences in question and determine whether or not they need to be fixed. Mr. Adams presented Mrs. Alger with a copy of the law covering this issue. She said she would consult the District Attorney.

Mr. Oakley asked the Board what they would think about the Highway changing the radios in their trucks. He would like to use the Repeater Tower through the County. The Board was okay with it. Mr. Kreiner brought up the problem of bad language being used by the Highway crew on the radios. Mr. Oakley said he would address the issue.

Ms. Fairbanks asked about the matter of keys for the interim Judge that was discussed at the February meeting. Mr. Simpson said that at Mrs. Alger's request, Judge O'Connor gave Judge Madden keys that he needed.

Ms. Fairbanks asked Mr. Oakley what his plans were for cleaning up the mounds of dirt left on Pike Hill after the Town trucks were stuck. He said they would be cleaned up as soon as conditions allowed. She also asked how he planned to fill in the ditches that were too deep. He said he would have to use riffraff and rocks.

Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Oakley for an overall plan for the roads this year. Mr. Oakley said that Bates Wilson Road would be finished, he would also try to finish Inman Road, and with what is left in the budget he would like to try to do another mile of road.

Mr. Tom Kreiner asked about the \$20,000 left in last year's budget. The Board was not sure about this. Mr. Kreiner suggested that the money be used for the Highway lights. Mrs. Alger would check into this.

Mrs. Alger announced that the next regular Town Board meeting would be on April 9, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

The Board reviewed and signed the bills except the one from Chris Santullo. There was a question about the Peachtree charge. The bill was tabled until Mrs. Alger could clarify the charge with Mrs. Santullo. Mr. Simpson made a motion to pay the bills with the exception of the one from Mrs. Santullo. Mr. Meyer

seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "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  
March 27, 2018