

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

MARCH 27, 2023

6:30PM

Present: Deputy Supervisor Garry James
Councilman Daniel Meyer
Councilman Frank Williams
Highway Supervisor Roy Marshall

Absent: Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger
Councilman Shawn Cushman

This meeting was held in place of the March 13, 2023 meeting which was postponed due to the weather. Throughout the meeting, many people were talking at once rendering detailed recording of the comments nearly impossible.

Deputy Supervisor Garry James called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Mr. Brett Whitman asked who was running meeting. Mr. James said he was as the Deputy Supervisor.

Mr. James asked if there were any additions or corrections to January's meeting minutes. There were none. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as sent. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with three yeses and no nos. Mrs. Alger and Mr. Cushman were absent. Mr. James asked if

there were any additions or corrections to the February's meeting minutes. There were none. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the February minutes as sent. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with three yeses and no nos. Mrs. Alger and Mr. Cushman were absent.

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

2/22/23 Dogs on neighbor's property Plymouth North Norwich Rd.

3/3/23 Stray dog on Pigeon Hill Rd.

3/5/23 Stray dog Pigeon Hill Rd. took to SPCA

3/8/23 Stray dog on Pigeon Hill Rd. set trap

3/9/23 Plymouth North Norwich Rd. dogs barking

3/10/23 Reset trap on Pigeon Hill Rd.

3/11/23 Stray dog Pigeon Hill Rd. took to SPCA

Mr. Franklin also announced that the 2023 Rabies Clinic dates have been set. They are posted at the Town Hall.

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

Property on Tinker Ridge belonging to Richard Pierce has a camper on the property where Chris Brazee is living. There is an accumulation of junk there. Mr. Brazee said he would clean it up as soon as he could. Visited Sam Clemens on Tinker Ridge and reminded him that part of his release was to continue cleaning his property. He said he doesn't have a vehicle any more, but he would pick up some of the trash.

Revisited Mike Bishop on Rt. 23. A neighbor complained that he was burning stuff on her property. He agreed not to do that anymore.

Made a site visit to the property on the corner of the Plymouth/North Norwich Rd and Rt. 21 concerning a complaint about a car in the road. It had been moved. Mr. Fox also spoke to the residents about keeping the property cleaned up.

Mr. Fox also attended the work session at the Plymouth Town Highway Garage.

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

- Plowing and sanding roads.
- Received salt deliveries
- Hauling stone
- Tinker Ridge – cutting brush
- Patching
- Fixed hole in culvert on Pierce Road
- Maintenance work and repairs on truck #1, #2, #3, #4, #6, #7
- Listed the 2015 Does F250 on Auction International
- 2022 Dodge 2500 4x4 actuator – warranty
- Received 2023 CV 515 2/27/23
- Maintenance work and repairs on equipment.
- Got quotes for the salt shed cover.
- Cleaned burn furnaces.
- Would like to investigate replacing pressure washer in 2023
- New hire – 1/1/23 Chris Strain
- Worked on a Equipment Replacement Plan

- Budget \$300,000.00 for new 10 wheel dump truck for Q3 or Q4 delivery

More details are available at the Town Clerk's office.

Mr. James asked about the turbo problems with the trucks. Mr.

Marshall said the garages are working on the problem.

Mr. James had a letter from Mrs. Alger to read. It read as follows:

March 27, 2023

To the Town of Plymouth Town Board

3461 State Highway 23

South Plymouth, New York 13844

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you today to formally inform you of my intent to retire from my Town Supervisor position. My last working day will be May 30th, 2023.

I will be training Garry James, my Deputy Town Supervisor in the meantime. Garry will act as Acting Town Supervisor as of May 31, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Signed by Grace Nucero-Alger

Mr. James said it was brought to his attention that people were smoking in the Town garage. He quoted the New York State law that confirmed this. He supplied two no smoking signs for the garage and gave them to Mr. Marshall.

He also said that he was made aware that nonemployees were riding in Town highway vehicles. He spoke with Mr. Marshall and told him that the Town insurance does not cover that and only Town employees are allowed to ride in Town vehicles.

When someone raised their hand to speak, Mr. James announced that there would be no public concerns. Mr. Meyer said that was no way to explain why there would be no public comments. That the public has rights too. Mr. James quoted part of the Open Meeting Law and said there would be no Public Concerns heard that night. Mr. Steve Kreiner objected along with Mr. Brett Whitman and others. It was also pointed out by Mrs. Slate that Public Concerns were listed on the agenda. Mr. Baker said there was no such thing as a Deputy Supervisor in this Town. The public did not elect a Deputy Supervisor. Mr. Whitman said Mr. James did not have the authority to run the meeting. Someone asked where Mrs. Alger was. No answer. Mr. James said the meeting was closed. No one left.

Mr. James announced that the Easter Egg Hunt would take place on April 8, 2023. He pointed out that the date on the website was incorrect. Mrs. Brown will correct it.

Mr. James read a new Town policy which said that if any payment made payable to the Town of Plymouth is made by check and the check is

returned from the bank as dishonored, a \$25.00 returned check fee will apply. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept said policy. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with three yeses and no nos. Mrs. Alger and Mr. Cushman were absent.

Mr. James said that the Planning Board attempted to have a meeting, but there was no quorum so the meeting did not count. He advised the members that they needed to contact each other, set up a meeting time, elect a chairman and a secretary to take notes. People on the Planning Board were Sandy Pierce, Rhonda Fairbanks, Bernadette Jackson, Jack Adams, Jim Earing (Mr. James said Mr. Earing had not been reappointed.) Mrs. Deseree Strain volunteered and Ms. Fairbanks asked the Board to also appoint Patti Murray. An odd number of members is required to avoid tie votes. Several questions were being asked, but Mr. James refused to answer them. Mr. Williams made a motion to appoint Mrs. Strain and Ms. Murray to the Planning Board. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was approved with three yeses and no nos. Mrs. Alger and Mr. Cushman were absent.

Mr. James announced that the next meeting was April 10th, 2023.

He then said that the Board was going to pay the bills.

Mr. Brendon Molloy asked Mr. James about the COVID recovery money that the Fire Department had submitted a request for \$20,000.00 to

purchase new turnout gear. Mr. James had no reply until it was pointed out that Mrs. Alger had sent an e-mail regarding the request. Ms. Murray asked if it was possible to have a decision made that night. Mr. James said no, the Board had to consider the needs of the Highway Department. Ms. Murray and many others argued that the Town needs to protect the lives of our firefighter, too. Mrs. Brown pointed out that Mr. James cannot shut down the request by the Fire Department by himself. There were two other Councilmen on the Board that had a right to vote on it. Mr. James said he still would not go forward with a decision. Mr. Meyer made a motion to give the Fire Department \$20,000.00 from the COVID recovery money for new gear. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with Mr. Meyer and Mr. Williams voting yes and Mr. James voting no. Mrs. Alger and Mr. Cushman were absent.

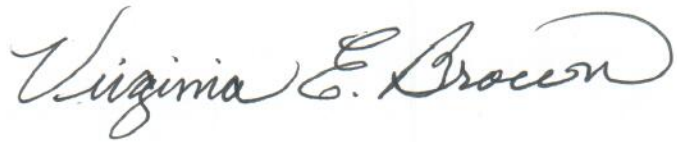
Again, the people asked for Public Concerns. Again Mr. James said no.

The Board reviewed and signed the bills.

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

Mr. Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with three yeses and no nos. Mrs. Alger and Mr. Cushman were absent. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Virginia E. Brown
Plymouth Town Clerk
April 9, 2023