

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

MAY 10, 2021

6:30PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger

Councilman Daniel Meyer

Councilman Jerry Kreiner

Councilman Frank Williams

Councilman Garry James

Supervisor Alger called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. She led in the pledge to the Flag.

She asked if there were any additions or corrections to April's minutes. There were none. Mr. Meyer made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passes with five yeses and no nos.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Brian Franklin was not present at the meeting, but submitted the following report to the Town Clerk:

4/14/21 Gray RD dog bite (discussion)
4/15/21 RTE 44 Loose dog owner found
4/15/21 RTE16 loose dog owner found
4/22/21 Canasawacta Terrance Dog bite

Side note : I would like to purchase a tablet to do my reports on and keep state report along with correspondents. I have looked at them and they rage from 300 to 500 for a decent one. Can i get board opinion?

Mr. James made a motion to allow Mr. Franklin to purchase a tablet to use for Dog Control business. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

CODE ENFORDEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Steve Fox reported that the owner of the property (tax map #95.-1-61) on State Route 23 is still working to clean it up. He has a

court date on May 28, 2021. Mr. Fox said he cannot find Mr. Sayles, whose property is on Pike Hill or Mrs. Brown, whose property is on State Route 23. He is still looking for them. Mr. Fox issued a Notice of Violation to Mr. Buffa on County Route 16. Mr. Fox also stopped on Ashcraft Road to talk to Mr. Johnson about excess vehicles on his property. Mr. Fox visited the three campers that people are living in to talk to them about a building permit. He has been unable to find anyone home.

Mrs. Alger asked about the progress at the Cushman property on County Route 21. Mr. Fox said that they have done some cleaning, but there is still more to be done.

Mr. Fox relayed to the Board that Thornbrook Hall has been sold.

Mr. Fox asked if there were any "grandfathered" properties in the Town of Plymouth that were designated when the junk laws were adopted. Mr. Kreiner said that all properties are "fair game".

Mr. James asked if the County had received the permit fee needed to start work on the cell tower. Mr. Fox said the fee has been received.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Alger reported that Spectrum has raised their rates.

She also said that she had received a check from Judge Fox for the month of April for \$1,235.00.

She also reported that prices at the County Land Fill have been raised to \$3.00 per bag and \$15.00 per truck load as of May 1.

Mrs. Alger said that the County Public Health is still giving COVID vaccines. An appointment can be made on the County website.

She stated that Mr. Oakley had reported to her that Foster Park is ready to be used. She asked the Board to think about possibly raising the rent for the Park.

Mrs. Alger said the Local Government stimulus checks will be coming from the Federal Government.

She said the State will take 40% to be used for Broad Band. The Town will then get half of the remaining amount in June of 2021 and the other half in June of 2022. The exact amount is not known.

Mrs. Alger advised the Board about Local Law #2. Mrs. Alger, Judge Fox and the Town Attorney had two conference calls to discuss the issue of current local laws that designate jail time as a possible sentence. State laws have made these laws out dated. The Town Attorney had developed Local Law #2 which will cover all local laws that mention jail time and remove that type of penalty.

BOARD CONCERNS: Mr. Kreiner made a motion to increase the rental for Foster Park to \$50.00 per day effective as of May 10, 2021. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Kreiner encouraged everyone to contact their State Representatives concerning the State taking a 40% cut of the stimulus checks coming from the Federal Government for the Towns. He also made a motion to authorize Mrs. Alger to draft a letter regarding this concern and sign it on behalf of the Town Board to be sent to Albany. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. James made a motion to accept Local Law 2 as written and that the Public Hearing on this proposed Law be held on June 14, 2021 at 6:15pm at the Town Hall. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. There was some discussion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. James made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

At 7:08pm, Mr. Williams made a motion to move back into the regular meeting. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Kreiner asked what the Watershed Committee had to report. Mrs. Peggy Kreiner said they did not have an update yet.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Mr. Steve Kreiner asked about the cell tower. Mrs. Alger said that construction is ready to begin. She expects to see work starting in midsummer.

Mr. S. Kreiner also inquired about the campers on Rt. 23. His concern is people living in campers full time. Mr. Fox had already reported on this situation earlier in the meeting. Mr. J. Kreiner said that there are no laws against inhabiting camper trailers in Chenango County. Mr. Fox is working with the County on this issue.

Mr. Tom Kreiner asked about the progress with the property next to him. Mr. Fox said he hasn't been able to find the people responsible for this property.

Mr. T. Kreiner also asked if there was going to be any Tax Sales this year. Mrs. Alger said she would check into it and let Mr. Kreiner know.

Ms. Rhonda Fairbanks asked why it was taking so long for the court to resolve the issues with Mr. Clemens. Mr. Fox said it was because he had several charges to answer and the court wanted to do it all at once.

Ms. Fairbanks also asked what barn Mr. Fox was referring to earlier in the meeting. Mr. Fox said it was on the former Buffa property.

Ms. Fairbanks inquired about what was included in the rental of Foster Park. Mrs. Alger said the rental was for the full day and included electricity, water, bathrooms, picnic tables, and a pavilion. Ms. Fairbanks also wanted to know about the need to have the pavilion painted. Mr. Kreiner is working with Jim Foster to get it painted.

The next meeting will be on June 14, 2021 at 6:30pm. There will also be a Public Hearing on the Local Law #2 at 6:15pm on the same day.

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

Mr. Oakley was absent. Mrs. Alger called him. Arrangements were made to have Mr. Oakley get in touch with the Board members to have his bills signed, and then he will give them to the Town Clerk. His report is attached to these minutes.


After Board approval, Mr. Kreiner made a motion to pay the Highway bills.

Mr. Kreiner made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. James 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. James seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

The Highway Superintendent's Report is attached.

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

June 1, 2021