

# PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

## NOVEMBER 8, 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 led in the Pledge to the Flag.

She asked if there were any additions to the meeting minutes of October 12. Mr. James asked to have the minutes corrected to read "Hutching has added screening material to the existing fence" on page 1, and correct IBS lights to read ABS lights on page 3. The corrections will be made. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 25, 2021 Special Work Meeting. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to accept the October 12, 2021 Budget Workshop minutes. Mr. James seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Franklin gave the following report:

- 10/22/2021 Dog bite Owens Road
- 10/27/2021 Dog bite Rt. 16
- 10/28/2021 Dog attack on horses on Pike Hill Road
- Stray dog Rt. 23 – took to SPCA

- Welfare check Anchor Lane

Mr. Franklin informed the Board that he had gotten the DCO job in Pharsailia. He asked for permission to use the Plymouth equipment for that job as well. The Board did not have a problem with it. Mr. Kreiner said special note should be made of the agreement between the Board and Mr. Franklin so when the State asks what the Town is doing to share services with other Towns, there will be a record. Mr. Kreiner asked if there was a list of shared services being kept. Mrs. Alger said not that she was aware of. Mrs. Alger said she would start keeping track of such activities.

Mrs. Brown informed Mr. Franklin that Judge Fox would like to get in contact with him concerning the dog attack on the horses on Pike Hill. Mr. Franklin said he would call the Judge.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Mrs. Alger read Mr. Fox's report.

- Court appearance for John Buffa and Sam Clemens. Buffa did not show up. Clemens is continuing to clean up a little. Mr. Fox has been trying to contact the DEC about the possibility of the Town burying the junk and debris on Sam's property. They have not gotten back to Mr. Fox yet.
- 452 County Rd. 16 Jerry Jackson has removed the vehicles and cut the weeds.
- The old camper on the corner of Morley Rd. has been removed.
- Forrest Sayles's property on Pike Hill Rd. is getting cleaned up. Most of the junk and vehicles have been removed.
- 3303 St. Hwy 23 Mike Bishop formerly Sam Clemens's property. Did a site visit and reminded Mike that he needs to keep the property cleaned up.
- Moore on Deming Road is slowly cleaning up.
- I have no news about the Junk Yard Permit for Hutchings on County Rd. 21. I drafted the rejection notice and sent it to Ginny.
- I have not received any new complaints.

Mr. James asked how long ago did Mr. Hutchings have a Junk Yard Permit. Mr. Kreiner said it was probably 10 or 12 years ago.

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

- Presented Retirement System and Insurance paperwork on the new employee to Mrs. Alger
- Mr. Oakley finished the CHIPS paperwork and sent it in to Linda Halaburka
- Still waiting for permits from the DEC for the work that needs to be done on Old Rt. 23. Mr. Oakley spoke to John Stercho to ask him to help move the process along.
- Had trees removed by a tree cutting service from Ashcraft, Daniels, Old Rt. 23 and lower Hollow Roads. They were too dangerous for the highway crew to cut.
- Moved almost all the sand from next to Rt. 23 to next to the Highway garage. Probably one more day will finish it.
- Truck 3 and truck 4 are still down.
- Called Stadium to find out what was going on with the newest truck. Parts have been back ordered for that for about three months.
- Truck 4 broke down on Jackson Road. It is going to L&D Truck repair on November 9, 2021. At that time they will pick up truck 7 which is over there for a steering issue.
- Truck 2 parts are ordered for steering u joints.
- Plow frames are on two trucks
- Called on the pick-up truck. Mr. Oakley told them to get a used BCM part to put on it. They did and they said it had the same problem that the one that was on it had. They ordered a second one and put that on and still had issues. Ford searched for a replacement part and can't find one. When they do, they will contact Mr. Oakley.
- Got a complaint on Morley Road, graded it and fixed some ditches.
- Recent rain event went really well. No major problems.
- Replaced stop sign on Plymouth/North Norwich Road and Tinker Ridge. Someone stole it.



- Talked with Bob Patterson about the work that the Fire Department wants done. It will probably be next year before the highway crew will be able to do it. Mr. Oakley said he may have to rent a small excavator to get around the septic tank and the barbeque pit.
- Jackson Road issue. Mr. Oakley talked with Mr. Aldrich about the surveying pins that he said the Town had buried when plowing. Mr. Oakley said in his opinion, the pins were placed in the ditch line. He does not feel that the Town should pay to have the property resurveyed. Mr. Oakley made a phone call to the surveyor to ask what the cost would be. They have not called him back. Mr. Kreiner suggested that Mrs. Alger check with the Town attorney to see if the Town would be obligated to replace the pin.

Mr. Meyer asked when Mr. Oakley usually publicized the winter closing of seasonal roads and the warning not to park any vehicles on the road side. He said he usually has it done by November 1. Mrs. Brown will have it printed in the paper. It is on the Website year around.

Mr. James asked about the roads that are not listed on the Town Road Inventory. He said that if the Town is servicing these roads and not getting any financial reimbursement for them, the Town should do whatever they have to do to remedy this. He suggested that Mr. Oakley show us a list of the roads that are not on the inventory list. Mrs. Alger asked him to bring the list to the next meeting.

**LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:** Mrs. Alger shared a letter from the Association of Towns announcing training classes for newly elected officers. No one in the Town was newly elected, so these classes do not apply to our people.

Mrs. Alger said that Judge Fox will remain as the Town's Justice. Mrs. Alger will call Josh Shapiro of the Unified Court System to confirm this.

Mrs. Alger informed everyone that the Chenango County Board of Supervisors voted to opt out of the State's Holiday Deer Hunt.

Mrs. Alger announced that the cell tower on the Cookhouse Road will start serving the people in the Town of Plymouth on November 30, 2021.

She reported that the Town Budget for 2022 was passed during the Public Hearing which was held before the regular Board Meeting. The County will be having their Public Hearing on their Budget on Monday November 22, 2021 at 6:00pm. The public may either attend in person or call in.

Mrs. Alger said the Town had received \$690.00 from the County for the Youth Program and \$7,500.00 from AT&T for their lease.

Mrs. Alger supplied the Board with a list of Town Holidays intended for the Town Offices only. Mr. Kreiner asked for clarification about the dates. He wondered if those dates coincided with the Labor Contract that the Highway crew has. Mrs. Alger said no, those dates were spelled out in the Labor Contract.

**BOARD CONCERNS:** Mr. Kreiner asked if Mrs. Brown had found anything pertaining the adoption of Country Side, Homestead, and Ridgeview Roads in the minutes. She had not. He suggested that she look through any deeds that are on file. There was discussion about who could have been the real estate dealer that handled the development. Mrs. Alger said she would check with the County Clerk to see if they would have any records showing whether these roads had been adopted. She also said she would check with Shane Butler. Mr. Meyer expressed concern that there was no light on top of the cell tower. Mr. Kreiner said that if anything happened, AT&T would be liable.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Mr. Gary Simpson stated that the school bus that travels Reservoir Road does so at a speed that is hazardous for that road condition. The Town paver is parked next to that road. Mr. Simpson is worried that there might be an accident if the paver is not removed soon. Mr. Kreiner asked if anyone had called the School District. Mrs. Alger said she would call the head of the bus garage and report the problem.



The date of the next Town Board Meeting is Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:30pm.

The bills were reviewed and signed. Mr. Kreiner questioned a bill that was submitted by the Town of Otselic for services provided through their Youth Program to six children living in the Town of Plymouth. He objected saying that there is no agreement covering this. He said he did not support paying that bill. The rest of the Board agreed.

Mr. Kreiner also asked why the Frontier bill was so high since Frontier does not serve our Town anymore. Mrs. Alger said their service is still being used to an extent because the fax machine had not been switched over yet. She said she would call them and cancel the Judge's number and the Town Clerk's number. She can't have the fax machine number cancelled until Spectrum switches that number to their service.

Mr. Kreiner made a motion to pay the bills with the exception of the bill from the Town of Otselic. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and 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 7:26pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "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  
November 18, 2021