

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

APRIL 10, 2017

PRESENT: Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger
Councilman Gary Simpson
Councilman Eric Jones
Highway Superintendent Peter Marshall

ABSENT: Councilman Daniel Meyer
Councilman Lewis Somers

The meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Nucero-Alger at 6:30pm. The pledge to the Flag was led by Mr. Simpson.

Mrs. Alger asked if there were any additions or corrections that needed to be made to the minutes of the March meeting. There were none. Mr. Simpson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with three yeses and no nos. Two Board members were absent.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Mr. Burlingame reported that there had been no activity during the last month.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Mr. Marshall reported that the Highway crew handled the last snow storm with no problems. The crew is now making grader shim, and hauling stone. He said that he plans to use the CHIPS money to pave with the millings on 1 mile on the Bates Road, ½ mile on the Underwood Road, ½ mile on the North Road, and ½ mile on the Inman Road. If he has any material left, he will use it where needed. Mr. Simpson asked if Mr. Marshall had been sweeping the roads. Mr. Marshall said that he had, using the loader instead of a truck because it worked better.

THE DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT: Ms. Burns gave the report. It is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Alger announced upcoming Rabies Clinics in the area. There was notification of the National Drug Take-Back Months Events. The New York State Ag. and Markets notice of a satisfactory inspection. The New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal awarded Pete Marshall, Timothy Button, John Button, David Marks, Ricky Warner, and John Marshall with Certificates of Recognition for attending and participating in the Loader and Backhoe Training. Charter Communications sent information on programming changes. The Association of Towns sent a Certification of Membership to the Town. Mrs. Alger announced that she, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Marshall attended a seminar about Understanding the Budget Process. She felt that they all got a lot out of it. Mrs. Alger informed everyone that the Senior Citizens Luncheons will resume starting on Monday, April 17, 2017. These luncheons are meant for anyone that is 55 or older. Participants should bring a dish to pass or something to drink.

Mr. Roy Peterson of Woollybear Web Design & Graphics attended the meeting to present the Town with some initial information about starting a Town website. Mr. Peterson fielded questions from the audience. He also presented Mrs. Alger with a standard contract for the Councilmen to review.

BOARD CONCERNS: There were none.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Rhonda Fairbanks made a complaint concerning her mother's property being flooded by a faulty culvert. Mr. Marshall advised her that the Highway Department cannot do any work on property more than 25 feet from the center of the road. He said that he would take a look at the situation and get back to Ms. Fairbanks.

Bill Collar stated that he had sent a letter to the Town Board expressing the complaints that he had made to the Board during the February 2017 meeting as asked by Mr. Meyer. He asked the Board to have the Highway Department replace the cattle crossing signs that were removed from the South Road.

Terry Conant asked who he should contact to help him get his property taxes reduced. He was advised to call Mr. Richard Rifanburg the Town Assessor.

Jerry Kriener presented the Board with a FOIL Request. He also advised the Board and Mr. Collar to familiarize themselves with the Right to Farm Law and the Vehicle and Traffic Law with regard to signs. He also asked about a rumor that the Town had intentions to pave the Canasawacta Terrace Road. Mrs. Alger said that it had been discussed at the Highway Advisory

Committee Meeting. Mr. Kriener asked if there were minutes taken at that meeting. Mrs. Alger said that there had been, but that they were not official minutes. Mr. Kriener reminded the Board that official minutes must be taken, recorded and approved for any board meeting and any subcommittee meeting. He also presented the Board with a FOIL request for the minutes to the Highway Advisory Committee meeting. He asked what the Board could tell everyone about the proposed work on the Canasawacta Terrace Road. Mrs. Alger said that it had not been approved yet. It was only in the discussion stage. Mr. Kriener asked what the cost would be to pave the road. Mrs. Alger replied that it would be \$61,000.00. He asked if it would be by the Town or a contractor. Mrs. Alger said it would be the Town. Then she explained that the Town would provide some equipment, but a contractor would do the paving. Mr. Kriener asked where the money was to come from. Mrs. Alger said it would come from the Capital Reserve Fund. He asked if it was from the General Fund or the Highway Fund. Mrs. Alger said that the Board was not going to get into that at that time because that is what they were discussing. When Mr. Kriener pressed for an answer, Mrs. Alger said that the money would be transferred from the General Fund to the Highway Fund. He asked what General Reserve Fund the money would be taken from. Mr. Simpson said the General Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Kriener said that that was a Type Capital Reserve Fund. He said that the Board should make themselves aware of the Resolution that was setting up this Fund. It was not set up for Highway use. It was intended for Buildings and Property Improvements.

Linda Winton asked the difference between oil and stoning and paving. Mr. Marshall explained that when oil and stoning about a ½ pad was left. When paving about a 3 inch pad was left. She asked if there was a difference in cost. He said that if the road was oil and stoned twice, the cost would be around \$38,000.00 to \$40,000.00. She asked if the Canasawacta Terrace Road got the same type of traffic as the other roads in the Town. Mr. Marshall said no. Mrs. Winton asked the Board to take this into consideration.

Beverly Rogers lodged a complaint concerning a large hole at the end of a seluce near her house. Mrs. Rogers advised the Board to travel all Town roads before they make any decisions. Richard Hamster described the bad shape the Plymouth Reservoir Road is in. He asked if there was a tonnage restriction policy. Mr. Marshall said no. He asked if someday the Town could do more than patch the road.

Mark Bennett expressed his concern that over \$60,000.00 would be spent on paving a road that he had recently traveled and found to be in better shape than most other roads in Plymouth. He advised that if a proper base was not built on which to pave, the paving would not last and the money spent would be wasted. He also was concerned about the 3 inch lip that would be created if paving was done. He said that there is nowhere to put gravel down for shoulders. He said that he would not want to see a "glorified driveway" fixed before more widely used roads got attention.

Paul O'Connor reminded Mrs. Alger that one of her campaign promises was that she would seek out grant money for the Town. Mrs. Alger said that that was incorrect.

Carolina O'Connor asked the Board members to travel over Pigeon Hill to see it's condition for themselves. She asked what triggered the proposed paving of Canasawacta Terrace. Mrs. Alger said that she asked Mr. Marshall to get a quote for the paving because she had gotten a lot of calls of complaint at her home from Mrs. Nikki Mendolia. Mrs. O'Connor asked what the distance of the road was and Mr. Marshall said it was about 6/10s of a mile.

Josh VanValkenburg asked what the game plan was for repairing Plymouth Roads. He felt that tax money was being wasted through ineffective road repairs. Mr. Marshall explained that he was working with limited resources. Mr. Vanvalkenburg suggested that prioritization would be a good place to start. He also asked if the Town had considered milling. He has seen another Town do it and it was a lot cheaper.

Tom Kriener asked if CHIPS money had been paid to the Town to work the Canasawacta Terrace Road? Mr. Marshall said that it had, about four years ago. Mr. Kriener asked if the Town decided to pave Canasawacta Terrace, would they be receiving CHIPS money for it again. Mr. Marshall and Mrs. Alger both said no.

Peter Hudiburg commented that the Plymouth roads have always been bad. He said that it was a difficult task to correct the problem.

Bill Collar asked when the next Highway Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled. Mr. Simpson said that it was scheduled for June 6, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Highway Garage.

Paul O'Connor asked if there was any reason why the Highway Advisory Committee meetings were not held in the Town Hall. Mrs. Alger said that it was just the way it had always been done. She then said that the June Highway Advisory Committee meeting will be held in the Town Hall. Mr. O'Connor also said that he felt that everyone in attendance was trying to say that \$62,000.00 for a "glorified driveway" could be better put to use elsewhere.

Josh VanValkenburg asked how many miles of Plymouth Town roads there are and what the Highway Budget was. Mr. Marshall replied that there were about 70 miles of road and the budget was \$158,000.00. Mr. VanValkenburg asked if there was any other money used. Mr. Marshall said that CHIPS money was used for oil and stoning. When asked how much CHIPS was, he said \$166,000.00. Mr. Marshall was asked who made the decisions on which roads were to be worked. Mr. Marshall said that he made the final decisions after conferring with the Advisory Committee.

Virginia Brown summed up all the comments on the road conditions. She asked the Board to vote no on the resolution to pave the Canasawacta Terrace Road.

Jerry Kriener stated that he had not heard mention of the resolution to pave the Canasawacta Terrace Road. Mr. Jones interjected by saying that two Board members were not present. Mr. Kriener also stated that the Chenango County Democratic Election Commissioner was present at the meeting, and he said that she mentioned that it was illegal to campaign in that room.

Mrs. Franklin denied this. Mr. Kriener asked to hear the section of New York Stat Election Law that references the campaigning violation. He suggested that Mr. Jones, who agreed with Mrs. Franklin, might work with her to present this at the next Town Board meeting.

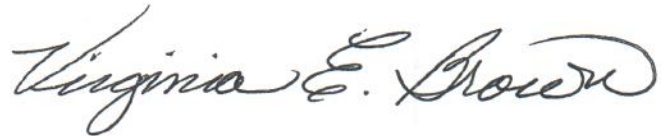
The date of the next Town Board meeting is Monday, May 8, 2017.

The Board reviewed and signed the bills for the month. Mr. Simpson made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with 3 yeses and no nos. There were two Councilmen absent.

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with 3 yeses and no nos. There were two Councilmen absent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

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