

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 23, 2024
6:00PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Patricia Murray
Councilwoman Kathleen Clemens
Councilman Ray Elsworth
Councilman Robert Oemhe
Highway Superintendent Louis Redenback
Judge James Fox
Dog Control Officer Brian Franklin
Code Enforcement Officer Steve Fox
Joint Youth Project Officer Linda Powell-Owens
Planning Committee Chairman Tim Manwarren
Town Assessor Richard Rifanburg

Supervisor Murray led everyone in the Pledge to the Flag.

Mrs. Murray asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Mrs. Murray wanted to start with the General side of the budget. She went line by line looking for money that could be moved. The goal was \$24,403.94. Discussion was had. The line cuts from the department heads amounted to \$12,716.56.

Mrs. Ray said the AFR was submitted on April 23, 2024. She said she found \$140,967.00 while doing the AFR that can be used to help with the General side of the budget. She explained what an unappropriated fund balance was and said it could be used toward the goal for the General side.

Ms. Murray explained the way expected sales tax will be applied. Appropriate amendments will be voted on at the May Board meeting.

The discussion turned to the Highway side of the Budget. Again, Ms. Murray went line by line looking for any funds that could be reassigned. The goal was \$274,272.50. Discussion was had. The line cuts only amounted to \$21,000.00.

Mrs. Clemens asked if CHIPS and other programs were applied for. Mr. Redenback said yes. He also said he had rollover coming from last year. Mr. Redenback tried to explain the problem the Town was facing because of the actions of the previous administration.

Mr. Redenback made a suggestion on how to be able to transfer some Capital Reserve into another account for use. Ms. Murray said she would ask the State Comptroller's office about his idea.

Mr. Wightman reminded Ms. Murray that he had suggested the same thing that Mr. Redenback had suggested. At that time Ms. Murray said the attorney told her it could not be done. Mr. Wightman said she should call the number on the letter from the attorney for more information.

Mr. Wightman objected to the salaries of the Town Board. He said it should go back to the previous amount. He also objected to the amount of money being spent on an attorney.

Mr. Wightman suggested that it might be a good idea to get rid of two Board members and hire more help on the Highway.

Mr. Wightman also questioned why the Town has a Code Enforcement Officer. He said the Town does not rate a Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Fox said the County does not give the Towns enough help to do the things they need to do.

Ms. Murray thanked everyone for their help.

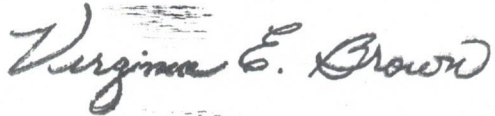
Mr. Manwarren asked if there was any news about filling the vacancy on the Board. She asked if the people interested would be available on May 7. Mr. Wightman declined the interview.

Mrs. Clemens stated that she had two other potential people that she approached about being interested in filling the seat. One person was interested, but he complained that a guy in a white truck had repeatedly come to his house. So he decided that he could not put his family through it. She said when he started "bashing" Mrs. Clemens, he decided against it. Another one of them declined due to his health.

Mr. Manwarren expressed his opinion about the handling of Mr. Williams's resignation. Since it was handed to the Board of Election late, it prevented people from submitting a petition to run for Mr. Williams's position. Mr. Manwarren said he would not want to see it happen again. Ms. Murray apologized.

Mr. Elsworth made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Clemens seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeases and no nos. One Councilman's seat was vacant.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia E. Brown". The ink is dark and the signature is written in a fluid, connected style.

Virginia E. Brown
Plymouth Town Clerk
May 13, 2024