

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 9, 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 brought the meeting to order. She led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Mrs. Alger asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the July meeting. There were none. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

Mrs. Alger introduced Mr. Shane Butler, Director of the County Planning Department. He gave a presentation on the Southern Tier 8 Broad Band. His department is working on a "Better Connection Program". They are taking a survey to find out what people use their internet for, what more would people like to use it for and at the end of the survey there is a speed test to see how fast the internet service responds. This survey may help the agency obtain grant funding to help improve internet service in the Town of Plymouth and surrounding areas. Everyone was encouraged to log on to betterconnection.org from their home computer and complete the survey. Question and answer session followed.

Mrs. Alger asked the Board if they had all looked at the Hazard Mitigation Plan that she had sent them. If they had, did anyone have any questions for Mr. Butler. No one had any questions.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Brian Franklin reported the following: There were no stray dog incidents this month.

He followed up on some licensing issues. The dog owner on Route 44 is moving so that is not a problem for the Town of Plymouth now.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Steve Fox gave the following report:

Sam Clemens has been hauling off junk from the Tinker Ridge location. Mr. Fox is still working with Mr. Clemens to do more cleaning on the front of the property. Mr. Fox served a notice of violation to Kelly Johnson on Ashcraft Road for junk vehicles.

He has been trying to serve John Buffa with an appearance ticket for garbage but is having a hard time catching up with him.

Mr. Fox spoke with Rolly Donnelly on German Hollow Road to ask him to get his stuff back out of the road.

People on the Moore property on Jackson Road are making great progress on cleaning up their place.

Mr. Fox has been trying to find out if Mr. Hutchings on County Rt. 21 has a junk yard permit.

He has been trying to find out what bank holds the mortgage on 452 County Rt. 16, to find out who is actually the owner of the property.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Alger reported that she and Mr. Oakley will meet with NYMIR to do a risk assessment of the Town's properties.

She said that Judge Fox gave her a check for \$665.00 for fines and fees received in July.

Public Health gave some statistics on COVID. The percent of positive results were 2.8% at that time. Fifty eight percent of the population in Chenango County had been vaccinated. Vaccination clinics are held every week. Locations of the clinics are on the website. A person may also call the Department of Health at 337-1660. There is a possibility that masking will be advised again if the numbers continue to climb.

WATERSHED COMMITTEE REPORT: No report available.

Mrs. Alger introduced Mr. James Earing, who had expressed interest in joining the Planning Committee to the Board. She invited him to tell the Board about himself. He had just relocated here from Colorado where he served on the Planning Committee.

Mrs. Alger reported that she had asked Aerosmith for a progress report on the cell tower. The actual construction will start in September. Concrete has been poured.

She informed the Board that the Water Safari trip had been a success. The attendees all thanked the Town Board for the opportunity to go and have a great time. Mrs. Alger also expressed her thanks to Linda Powell-Owens.

Mrs. Alger said she had attended a meeting with a representative of Claudia Tenney who wanted to hear what the local concerns were. They talked about things such as the New York State bail reform, homelessness, and the difficulty in retaining town justices.

BOARD CONCERNS: Mrs. Alger asked the Board to approve the Bond Resolution for the purchase of the loader.

She also asked the Board to approve the Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Jerry Kreiner made a motion to appoint Mr. Earing to the Planning Committee effective on August 9, 2021 with a term expiring on December 31, 2025. Mr.

Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Garry James made a motion to adopt the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Kreiner made a motion to approve the Bond Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of a Cat 2019 938M 3V Loader. Mr. James seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mrs. Alger reported to the Board that she had not received a quote from Spectrum yet.

Mr. James said he had noticed the gate open at Foster Park and wondered why. Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Oakley about it. He said he left it unlocked for the field in the back. It was decided that the gate should remain locked. Mr. Kreiner said he was still working with the people who volunteered to paint the pavilion.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Rodney Oakley's report was given later in the meeting because Mr. Oakley was delayed. His report is as follows:

- Mr. Oakley presented Mrs. Alger with a check for \$667.12 as payment for a couple of culverts that they put in on the Plymouth/North Norwich Road.
- He has applied for a grant through the State to help cover the cost of culverts.
- Hired Suit-Kote to pave across Tinker Ridge from 21 to Plymouth/North Norwich.
- Redoing dirt roads including Montgomery Road, Blackman Road, Welch Road and Doing Road. The fire department will be flushing the box culvert at the end of Doing Road by the bridge to clear it out.
- Paving Doing Road was scheduled for the 23rd and 24th of August, but equipment breakdowns caused a delay in that. It is now scheduled for the 27th of August and the 1st of September.
- Forty feet of pipe has been ordered for the culvert work on Hoag-Childs Rd. Mr. Oakley has talked to Jay Smith at the County who agreed to help break up the concrete. The Town will have to rent a hammer. Mr. Smith said he also would help put the pipe in with the County's equipment. In return, it

was agreed that when the County needed help hauling materials, the Town would help.

Mr. Meyer asked about the on going problem on Morley Road. Mr. Oakley said he had talked to Mr. Jim Rothwell about it. There is a drain from Mr. Rothwell's garage that empties into that ditch. So Mr. Oakley has to find a box drain that will accommodate that type of set up. Mr. Fox said that the garage drain must have a separator so the chemical fluids cannot drain into the ditch. It must not flow onto anyone else's property.

- Some patching has been done.

Mr. Meyer asked Mr. Oakley about why the excavator had been sitting on the Doing Rd. Mr. Oakley said it was there waiting for the fire department to flush out the culvert.

Mr. Meyer asked when patching was going to be done on Morley Road. Mr. Oakley said after the work on the Reservoir Road was done.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Mr. Earing asked if the Plymouth/North Norwich Road was going to be paved. Mr. Oakley said not this year. It will be patched this year. Mr. Earing also complained about debris blocking Trinker Ridge Road. Mr. Oakley said it was an ongoing problem.

Mrs. Charlene DeSha asked if the sign for her road was in yet. Mr. Oakley said no. He said he was hoping to pick up signs in the next week.

Ms. Rhonda Fairbanks asked why it took so long to get the minutes on the website. Mrs. Brown said it was a matter of priority.

Ms. Fairbanks said she thought that Tinker Ridge looked good. She also complimented Mr. Fox on the job he has been doing.

Ms. Fairbanks objected to the recent newspaper article about the Board. It quoted Mrs. Alger as saying that the Board was aging.

The next Board meeting will be held on September 13, 2021.

The Board reviewed and signed the bills.

Mr. Williams made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

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

August 17, 2021