

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2019

PRESENT: Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger
Councilman Gary Simpson
Councilman Daniel Meyer
Councilman Lewis Somers
Councilman Jerry Kreiner
Highway Superintendent Rodney Oakley

Supervisor Alger led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Mrs. Alger asked the Board if there were any additions or corrections to December's minutes. There were none. Mr. Simpson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Franklin suggested that the Town charge a redemption fee even if the dog in question is not taken to the SPCA but instead returned to it's owner. He also said that consecutive offenses can result in graduated fees. He said the state law allows such charges. The Board will take this under consideration.

Matt Bates has still not returned the DCO equipment. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to have the Town Supervisor send a certified letter to Mr. Bates requesting return of the Town owned equipment within 30 days. The letter should state that if the equipment is not returned at the end of 30 days, legal action may be taken. Mr. Somers seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Matt Beckwith reported on the progress being made with the proposed cell tower. Site location has been the topic of interest during meetings with AT&T. Verizon has also been contacted. A question and answer session followed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Tom Prisco informed everyone that he had been to court to follow up on the pending junk cases. He said that Brenda Brown has gotten rid of the "squatter" that was on her property and will clean up the property. Her property has been condemned. The Forrest Sayles property has started to be cleaned and by February 13, it will be all cleaned as stated in court. Sam Clemens has not been contacted by the County as they cannot find him. They will continue their efforts.

Mr. Prisco read the Town Law Section 525.2 #4 which allows the Town to request a person's property to be cleaned up. If it is not done in a timely manner, the Town can clean it up and add the cost of the cleanup to the property tax for that parcel. Discussion followed. Mr. Prisco reported that the property across from the church in Plymouth has been cleaned up pretty well. Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Prisco

to follow up with the property owner to be sure that vehicles are not parked on the road.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Oakley presented the Board with the maintenance sheets on the grader that he is interested in purchasing. It is a 1998 CAT grader on sale for \$65,000. It has 4,026 hours on it. It is being sold as is.

The new furnaces are due to arrive January 15.

Mr. Oakley is going to training provided by Southern Tier 8. Grant writing is one of the courses offered.

The crew has been plowing and sanding as needed. They have also been cleaning the garage and washing trucks.

Button's truck was sand blasted and painted.

One of the trucks has a problem with the auger. After trying several things, Mr. Oakley has not been able to figure out what is wrong with it.

Mr. Kreiner suggested that Mr. Oakley consult the County Highway mechanics.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Charter Communications programing changes.
- Mrs. Owens would like to take the Plymouth kids on a roller skating trip.

Mr. Dan Schweigard from Airo Smith Development spoke about AT&T's efforts to put up new cell towers. He is working with Matt Beckwith to secure a location for the tower in the Town of Plymouth.

Mrs. Alger asked him why AT&T is not interested in the Town's property on Cook House Road. AT&T found that the Morley Road location would more closely meet their coverage requirements. Discussion followed.

Mr. Schweigard said his next step would be to submit an application for a permit to build a tower. He said AT&T asked him to submit a request to wave some of the requirements outlined in the Town law. They would like to expedite the process. Some of the things that he suggested could be changed were that the application should be completed by an engineer, balloon float requirement, the setback requirement, etc. Mr. Kreiner said that he would like to see, in writing, everything that AT&T would like the Town to waive and the reason for it. Mr. Schweigard said he would send this information to Mrs. Alger as soon as possible. The Board will have a special meeting to discuss this issue.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to temporarily adjourn the regular Board meeting. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

The 2019 Organizational meeting was brought to order.

The Town Officials' salaries are as follows:

Highway Superintendent	\$50,000.00	Paid Bi-weekly
Dog Control Officer	\$ 3,020.00	Monthly
Town Clerk	\$11,600.00	Monthly

Tax Collector	\$ 5,800.00	Monthly
Justice	\$ 6,200.00	Monthly
Registrar of Vital Stat.	\$ 300.00	Monthly
Assessor	\$10,000.00	Monthly
Code Enforcement Off.	\$ 3,200.00	Monthly
Deputy Clerk	\$ 3,000.00	Monthly
Supervisor	\$ 7,000.00	Monthly
Court Clerk	\$ 3,000.00	Monthly
Town Council Mem.	\$ 1,400.00	Yearly
Town Attorney	\$ 350.00	Monthly

Volunteer Highway Advisory Board:

- Rodney Oakley
- Gary Simpson
- Shawn Cushman
- Dan Meyer
- Rick Alger

The Town Board is going to appoint Linda Powell-Owens to lead the Youth Program.

Mileage reimbursement will be paid at a rate of \$.58 per mile.

The official bank is NBT.

The official newspaper is The Evening Sun.

Mrs. Alger made a motion to make the above mentioned appointments. Mr. Somers seconded the motion. There was some discussion. Mr. Kreiner noted that the Deputy Code Enforcement Officer had not been included in the appointments. Mrs. Alger added the Deputy Code Enforcement Officer to her motion. The Board was polled and the motion passed with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Kreiner made a motion to reopen the regular Board meeting. Mr. Somers seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

BOARD CONCERNS: Mr. Kreiner asked about the financing of the purchase of the grader. Mrs. Alger had looked into the NIPA contract. The Town can use it. Mr. Simpson made a resolution to purchase the grader for \$65,000.00. Mr. Somers seconded the resolution. Discussion followed. The Board was polled and the resolution was passed with five yeses and no nos. The resolution is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to authorize a roller skating trip to Oneonta for the children of the Town of Plymouth. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. Mr. Simpson made another motion to appoint Mrs. Owens as Youth Leader. Mr. Kreiner asked if it had already been done earlier in the meeting. Mrs. Alger said yes. The motion therefore failed.

Mr. Simpson said that he would like to see AT&T comply with the requirements of the Town when they build their tower. Mr. Kreiner agreed.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Mr. Peter Hudiberg would like to have Terri Carroll on the agenda next month. He is from an engineering firm that has looked at the Town garage and can make an assessment on it's condition.

There was some discussion on moving forward with plans for a location for a new garage. It was suggested that the Planning Board meet with Mr. Oakley and the Highway Advisory Board to discuss what the Highway Department would need in a new garage an it's location. Jackie Kreiner asked about salt housing requirements. Mr. Oakley said it is not a state requirement.

Rhonda Fairbanks asked if there was a minimum number of kids that would be needed to go. Mrs. Alger said Mrs. Owens was planning on 35 to 40 kids.

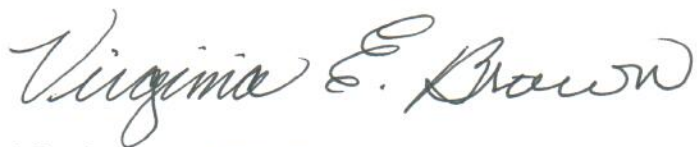
Mr. Franklin asked if he could get some business cards. Mrs. Alger said yes.

The bills were reviewed and signed.

Mr. Somers made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeses and one no. Mr. Kreiner voted no.

Mr. Meyer 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.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Virginia E. Brown

Plymouth Town Clerk

January 24, 2019