

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

JUNE 10, 2019

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

Supervisor Alger brought the meeting to order at 6:30pm. She led in the Pledge to the Flag.

Mrs. Alger asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the May meeting. There were none. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to accept the minutes as sent. Mr. Somers seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT: Brian Franklin reported that he had picked up five dogs that month. One of the dogs was taken to the SPCA. The rest were returned to their owners. Mr. Franklin asked the Board to review the Town dog law and authorize him to assess stiffer fines if a dog owner is a repeat offender. Mrs. Alger asked the Board to review the Town Dog Law and make recommendations at the next meeting. Mr. Franklin's report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Tom Prisco gave the following updates on the property complaints that he has been working on:

- 488 County Road 21 – there was a concern about people living in a shelter not suitable for habitation. The property owner told Mr. Prisco that no one is living there now.
- 560 County Road 21 – there was a leaking septic system. A violation was given to the owner. He has fixed the problem.
- 121 Ashcraft Road – the issue was garbage and unregistered vehicles. The residents were also trespassing on the cemetery. Mr. Prisco gave the owner a violation ticket. He is still waiting to see what happens with that.
- 789 County Road 19 – the problem was rubbish and tires. Mr. Prisco had been back and taken pictures. Very little has been done.
- 1378 Center Road – there is junk and garbage. Mr. Prisco contacted the owner. The owner claims that he sold the property, but doesn't know who he sold it to. Mr. Prisco found no record of the sale at the County Office Building. He plans on issuing the owner an appearance ticket.
- Property on the Plymouth – North Norwich Road – Mr. Prisco has been in touch with the owner of the property. He is evicting one of the tenants. He said the other tenants were trying to clean up. Mr. Prisco is concerned with containers that he suspects may be filled with oil or anti-freeze. Mr. Prisco will inform the owner that he plans on contacting the DEC.

Mr. Prisco says he gets very little help from the County entities.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Rodney Oakley asked the Board if he could make an extra set of keys for Foster Park to give to Rickey Warren who takes care of the mowing and cleaning of the park. Mr. Simpson made a motion to have two sets of keys made, one for Mr. Warren and one for the Town Clerk's Office. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Oakley presented the Board with a 284 Plan. It is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. Discussion was had about how it would fit with the budget. Mr. Kreiner

suggested that the County be approached about covering some of the repairs to the Hoag-Childes Road because of the wear and tear on the road done by County Highway trucks going to the dump. Mr. Kreiner made the motion to accept, approve and file the 284 Plan. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos.

FEMA has pulled out. Now the Department of Homeland Security is the department that the Town needs to deal with. Their representative accompanied Mr. Oakley around the Town looking at areas that were affected by flooding. Mr. Oakley has a list of 18 projects to complete. The representative estimated that it would probably be next year before the Town would see any money. Homeland Security will pick up 75% and the State will add 12.5% of the damages. The total amount that the Town can expect is still unknown.

Sally Chirlin had contacted Mr. Oakley about the road to her property. She would like the Town to open the road for her. The road was abandoned by the Town several years ago so the Town can not help her.

Mr. Oakley presented the Board with literature on some software designed to assist Highway Superintendents in the operation of their highway department. He felt it would be beneficial to him. He presently has no software. Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Oakley to get a price.

Mr. Oakley once again asked for a person to work during the summer on the Highway Department. He said the Town has always utilized an extra person during the summer. Mr. Oakley said he could cover the cost by using any one of several budget lines. Discussion followed. Mr. Simpson made a motion to hire a part time person for \$11.10 per hour with a maximum of \$7,000.00. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Simpson to amend his motion to include directing Mr. Oakley to obtain employment numbers from Staffworks. If Staffworks quotes a figure of more than \$7,000.00, the Town would go with hiring someone as stated in the first half of the motion. Mr. Simpson agreed as did Mr. Meyer. The Board was polled and the motion passed with four yeses and one no. Mr. Kreiner voted no.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Alger informed everyone that she had heard from Dan Schwigard concerning the proposed cell tower. He stated that an engineering firm and surveying crews were preparing updated site plans for the Cookhouse Road site. Once that process is completed, he will bring the information before the Board with the appropriate application materials. Mrs. Alger said the Town attorney did send AT&T some changes to the proposed agreement. Mrs. Alger assured everyone that the site will be Cookhouse Road not Morley Road. She will keep everyone updated.

Mrs. Alger received a letter from New York State saying the Town will receive \$166,730.58 in CHIPS money. The Town will also receive \$38,057.91 from Pave New York.

Mrs. Alger conveyed to everyone that the Town employees had completed a Sexual Harassment training course during the last month.

Mr. Franklin let everyone know that thanks to Frank Williams the Town has recovered the dog control equipment that Matt Bates had. Mr. Williams personally tracked down the equipment and took it to Mr. Franklin. Mr. Alger thanked Mr. Williams.

BOARD CONCERNS: Lew Somers expressed a concern about salt in the sand pile off State Route 23. Mr. Oakley said the Town has never been sited for it. Mr. Somers wanted something to be done to protect the Town from being sited. Mr. Oakley said he plans on moving the sand pile up to the garage this year.

Mr. Simpson asked when the mower was coming. Mr. Oakley said the crew would have it the first week in July. Mr. Simpson suggested that the mower operator should also straighten and replace the road signs as he mows the road.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Mark Bennett asked the Board why the American flag had not been replaced. He brought it to the attention of the Board that the flag was in bad shape. Mrs. Alger asked Mrs. Brown to order a new flag.

Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Oakley if he had erected the no parking signs that had been requested. He said no. He can't find a good place to put them. Mr. Kreiner said

that as the Highway Superintendent, Mr. Oakley had the right to tell the residents to move their vehicles and place the signs where they needed to be to prevent accidents. If the residents refuse to do so, Mr. Kreiner suggested that Mr. Oakley contact the Sheriff's office and have the vehicles towed.

Mrs. Alger announced that the next meeting would be Monday, July 8, 2019 at 6:30pm.

The bills were reviewed and signed. Mr. Meyer made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Meyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeses and no nos. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia E. Brown".

Virginia E. Brown
Plymouth Town Clerk
June 24, 2019

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