

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

JUNE 12, 2017

PRESENT: Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger
Councilman Gary Simpson
Councilman Dan Meyer
Councilman Eric Jones

ABSENT: Councilman Lewis Somers
Highway Superintendent Pete Marshall

The meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger at 6:30pm. Mr. Meyer lead everyone in the pledge to the flag.

Mrs. Alger asked the Board if there were any additions or corrections to the May minutes. Mrs. Alger pointed out two corrections (spelling of Donnellyville, and the omission of the word "documented" on page 3) that needed to be made. Mr. Meyer made a motion to accept the corrected minutes. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Somers was absent.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: Mr. Burlingame reported that he was contacted by a law office inquiring about any outstanding permits or any violations pending on 381 Inman Road. He directed them to go to the County for that information.



Mr. Burlingame also signed a permit for some people by the name of Thomas on the Inman Road. Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Burlingame about the tires that someone complained about in Donnellyville last month. He had not been able to get in touch with anyone yet, but he will keep trying.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT: In Mr. Marshall's absence, Mrs. Alger read his report. The report is on file in the Town Clerk's office. Mrs. Alger also reported that Mr. Marshall gave her a check for \$600.00 for scrap steel. Mr. Marshall also enclosed a copy of the road agreement for the Town Board from the April 10th meeting minutes. He also noted that he did not agree with the Town Board's motion that was made in May regarding a 284 plan. He stated that he gives the Board a report every month on what roads the highway crew is working on. Mrs. Alger said that according to the 284 Agreement, each Town has to have a documented plan. She said that currently, the Town of Plymouth doesn't have one. So the Board is going to request a documented plan from Mr. Marshall in writing. The request will be sent to him by registered mail. Mrs. Alger said that if a town does not have a 284 Plan, the CHIPS money can be taken away. She reported that this year the Town received \$166,000.00 in CHIPS money. Ms. Rhonda Fairbanks asked what would happen if Mr. Marshall did not comply. Mrs. Alger replied that she would have to consult an attorney. Mr. Simpson said that the 284 Plan was not mandatory, but the State is pushing it.

Mr. Thomas Cohen initiated a complaint that the Highway Department destroyed his front yard by digging a ditch that does not allow the water to flow. Mr. Cohen said that he had no advanced notice of this plan. He is trying to find out who he should hold responsible for the damage to his property. Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Cohen to provide the Board with a written complaint.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Bates' report was read by Mrs. Alger. It is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. Before the meeting, Mrs. Alger asked Ms. Burns for a status on the dog enumeration. Ms. Burns said that she had some difficulty reaching some people so it is taking a little longer than she had anticipated. The Board expects it to be done within the month.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- ShelterPoint – Address change.
- Charter Communications – Programming Changes
- Emerson Testing, LLC – Announcement of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Recognition Training

Mrs. Alger reported that she and Mrs. Brown had attended a seminar on the Shared Services Plan that the State is mandating. Mrs. Alger reviewed some of the possibilities that could happen within the County. At the present time, the County Board of Supervisors is working on formulating the County's plan. The towns will have the choice to "opt out" with justification. Mrs. Alger will inform everyone in the Town when the plan is finalized.

Mrs. Alger also went over the Diversion Program. She reported that the State wide Program is to assist motorists with non-serious vehicle and traffic offenses by allowing them to participate in a traffic safety course in lieu of a traffic conviction. When one successfully completes a traffic safety course, their ticket will be dismissed. There will be no fine, no surcharge and no record of conviction. The motorist will have to pay an application fee to take the course. She gave examples of some of the things that would make a person eligible for this program.

4

Linda Winton asked where the money generated by the course fees would go. Mrs. Alger explained that part of the money would go to pay the salary for the clerk that would support this Program. The rest of the money would go back to the Towns. Rhonda Fairbanks asked what the charge for the course would be. Mrs. Alger replied that the Traffic Safety Course fee is in addition to the application fee, and the amount would depend on the offense.

BOARD CONCERNS: Mr. Simpson discussed the shared services in which the Town of Plymouth already participates. Any shared services that are already in practice cannot be part of the new plan as per the State. Mrs. Alger reported that the Fire Districts will not have to comply with the plan.

Mr. Simpson reported on the Highway Advisory Committee Meeting that was held in June. Mr. Marshall was not present for the meeting. Mr. Simpson said that the Committee was very dissatisfied with Mr. Marshall. Rhonda Fairbanks expressed her frustration with the Board's slow response to people's complaints concerning the Highway Department.

Mrs. Brown clarified the process in which the web designer for the new Town's website was chosen.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Mr. Tom Kriener asked about the Town's intention to pave the Canasawacta Terrace Road. Mrs. Alger said that the Road would not be paved at this time.

Mr. Winton asked about Shared Services and the possibility of changing the Highway Superintendent position from an elected position to a hired position. Members of the Board collectively responded that everything is up in the air right now.

Mr. William Collar commented that he would like to see the Councilmen be more decisive and committed on matters such as the Highway issues. Mrs. Alger said that the Board is going to tell Mr. Marshall to replace the Cattle Crossing signs.

Ms. Rhonda Fairbanks asked where the highway crew was going to work on culverts. No one on the Board could answer that question. Also, Ms. Fairbanks asked about some inconsistencies as to whom the Highway Superintendent reports. There was discussion on this subject. Mrs. Alger asked Ms. Fairbanks to put her concerns in writing.

Mr. Brian Franklin asked if there was a list of responsibilities and duties for the Highway Superintendent. He expressed that he thought the Superintendent should be required to attend Board meetings.

Ms. Fairbanks asked the Board to have an answer on what culverts were going to be worked on by the next meeting. She asked Mrs. Alger to call her with an answer. Mrs. Alger will e-mail Mr. Marshall when she gets home and let Ms. Fairbanks know what culverts will be worked.

Mr. Hudiburg reminded everyone that the conditions of the roads are going to be increasingly difficult to deal with because of global warming. He also stated that he feels that Mr. Marshall is the best Superintendent the Town has had in a long time. Mr. Hudiburg expressed his disapproval of the County's action of allowing PILOTS on Solar Arrays. He expanded on the advantages of solar energy.

Mrs. Beverly Rogers asked about any possibility of a cell tower to serve the Town. Mr. Simpson reported that there is no interest by any carrier.

The next Highway Advisory Committee Meeting will be July 25, 2017 at 6:00pm.

The next Board meeting will be on July 10, 2017 at 6:30pm.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to review the bills. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeases and no nos. Mr. Somers was absent.

Mr. Jones made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Somers was absent.

Mr. Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeses and no nos. Mr. Somers was absent.

Respectfully Submitted on June 20, 2017 by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia E. Brown". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Virginia E. Brown

Plymouth Town Clerk