

# **PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**JUNE 12, 2023**

**6:30PM**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Patricia Murray  
Councilman Frank Williams  
Councilman Daniel Meyer

**ABSENT:** Councilman Shawn Cushman  
Councilman Garry James  
Town Clerk Virginia Brown

Supervisor Murray asked for the minutes for the March 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting be corrected to show that the Resolution mandating that checks that were written to the Town for various fees that come back with insufficient funds should result in a \$20.00 penalty (as opposed to \$25.00). This limit was set by the State.

Ms. Murray asked if there were any additions or corrections to the May minutes. There were none. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as sent. Mr. Dan Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with three yeses and no nos. Mr. Cushman and Mr. James were absent.

**BOARD CONCERNS:** Ms. Murray proposed an expenditure to have the brush and trees removed from the bank at Foster Park to improve the visibility from the road. This would make it easier and safer for people

to keep an eye on the well being of the Park. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the clearing of the road side bank at Foster Park. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with three yeses and no nos. Mr. Cushman and Mr. James were absent. Ms. Murray thanked Mr. Williams and Mr. Button for doing the work to repair the Park and make it useable.

Ms. Murray read a resolution to cease selling hunting and fishing licenses due to the fact that there is minimal demand for them by the public at the Town Clerk's office. She asked if there was any discussion amongst the Board. There was none. Ms. Murray asked if everyone accepted the resolution. They said yes. She asked that all in favor indicate so. All present said aye. She asked if any were opposed. There were none. Mr. Cushman and Mr. James were absent.

Ms. Murray informed everyone that the parking lot at the Town Hall will be being resurfaced this year so it would not be a good place for the Farmers' Market. She said that individuals should feel free to organize a Farmers' Market on their own some place else, but the Town would not be spearheading the endeavor this year.

Ms. Murray said she has contacted the D. A.'s office regarding Mr. Oakley's case. She was told it was still pending. She said she would report back to everyone as soon as she knows more.

She also conveyed to everyone that she plans on talking to the new appointed temporary acting highway superintendent to make suggestions about possible dates to have the Town Cleanup event.

Mr. Williams reported that the roof at Foster Park needs attention. He gave Ms. Murray a list of repairs that needed to be done.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Brian Franklin reported the following:

- 5/17/23 Dog on neighbor's property – tickets given
- 6/9/23 Received a call from an individual concerning the welfare of a dog on the Reservoir Road. Investigated and found no problem.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Steve Fox reported the following:

- Visited 477 County Rd. 16 junk cars. Spoke with Reigan Cane. Explained to her that they are only allowed one unregistered vehicle. They have 6 on the property. Talked to her about keeping the scrap cleaned up. They are working on demolition derby cars.
- Complaint about garbage at 119 County Rt. 21. Site visit. Spoke with Nick Rayez about the garbage. He agreed to work on it.
- Site visit to Chris Brazee's property on Tinker Ridge. More garbage has been cleaned up. Making progress.
- Revisited 119 County Rt. 21. (Nick Rayez). Spoke with Nick's wife and father in-law. They have no means of transporting the garbage. They will ask the neighbor for help. Also spoke to them about the campers. They don't own them. Another family member is storing them there. Explained to them about the junk vehicle law. They will try to get the owner to remove them. Will follow up in another week.

**PLANNING BOARD'S REPORT:** Mr. Jim Earing reported on the following:



- The first thing the Board had been working on was the covering for the salt shed.
- Discussed putting a roof on the garage and insulating it.
- They have moved their meeting from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. George Seneck will speak.
- Have asked Cliff Ketchum for the original survey map for his property. Still have not received it so that project was put on hold.

Ms. Murray introduced Mr. Kevin Ray the Plymouth Fire Chief and his wife. Ms. Murray thanked them on behalf of the Town for all they do.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** A gentleman asked what the Town was going to do about the smoke coming from the Canadian wild fires. Ms. Murray said the subject was brought up at the County meeting that day. They advised everyone to visit the Health Department's website for a report on the levels of pollution and what advise they have to protect ourselves from the smoke.

Mr. Brett Wightman asked if there was any way to have Garry James removed from office since he does not come to any meetings. Ms. Murray said she had discussed the issue with the Town attorney who said that Mr. James is an elected official, therefore, there is not much that can be done. However, there are channels to have him removed through the court system.

Ms. Fairbanks asked about the new signs for Foster Park. Discussion followed. There was some concern that the current signs are not

allowed by the State. It was suggested that a large sign be erected off the road right of way.

Ms. Fairbanks asked about the status of playground plans for the Park. Ms. Murray said she had not heard anything more about it, but she would look into it.

Mr. Brandan Molloy suggested contacting Visions Credit Union about obtaining a grant to help with the playground.

Mr. Louis Redenback asked how much of the bank at Foster Park would be cleared off. Ms. Murray and the Board will be meeting with the people who were hired to do the clearing to decide what will be removed. The cost will be \$300.00.

Mrs. Jody Conant asked if anything had been done to get a new Town attorney. Ms. Murray said she had been working with the attorney and he had been very helpful to her. She said he would be attending the next Board meeting along with our insurance agent regarding the proposed UTV law. The attorney charges us \$350.00 per month.

A woman asked if there was a place to find a list of candidates for the upcoming election. Ms. Murray said she could Google the Chenango County Board of Elections. She could see the sample ballot. June 27<sup>th</sup> is the Republican Primary.

Someone asked what happened to the Highway Superintendent. Ms. Murray said that Mr. Marshall resigned in order to take a new position in the Town of Lincklean. Mr. Tim Button is filling in for now. Mr. John Marshall will take over when Mr. Button goes on vacation soon.



The question was asked about how long before a permanent Superintendent would be in place. Ms. Murray said on June 21, 2023 there will be interviews for the open positions. The details concerning these positions will have to be discussed by the Board.

Mrs. Gladys Branagan suggested that the Town Cleanup Day be more publicized this year. Mr. Murray said it would be, but decisions have not even been discussed yet. Mr. Brian Franklin suggested that Ms. Murray contact the Town of Pharsalia about how they run their cleanup day. Mrs. Branagan asked if there was a time frame given for complying with the cleanup citations. There was not. Mrs. Branagan was concerned about the property across from her property.

Mr. Brian Franklin brought up the concern about people living in campers. Discussion followed. Mr. Fox said Code Enforcement does not regulate campers because they are a recreational unit. The only way to regulate them is to pass a local law and figure out a way to enforce it. Ms. Murray said she would consult with the Attorney.

Ms. Murray introduce Mr. Cory Sanford and other firefighters and commissioners. She thanked them for their service. Mr. Sanford asked if anyone saw a dangerous situation involving heating systems in campers to please call the fire department.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Frank Williams reported the following in the absence of a Highway Superintendent:

- The highway crew has been cleaning ditches, hauling sand and patching pot holes
- They installed a culvert on Tinker Ridge Road

- Worked on a beaver dam on Blackman Road
- Helped South Otselic pave the Stage Road
- Fixed tailgate latch on truck 6
- Cleaned excavator and skid steer
- Did some grading on Pierce Rd.
- Fixed the ends of some driveways on Canasawacta Terrace and Bates Wilson Rd.
- Fixed starter on truck #1
- Fixed the side of the garage where patch was
- Moved patch and made a bin with concrete blocks for patch
- Removed low hanging tree on Pike Hill
- Took truck #1 to TNR
- Picked up truck #4
- Installed road signs on Reservoir Rd. and Doing Rd.
- Fixed Spreader plate on truck #6
- Washed Dodge
- Fixed fan belt on grader
- Raked and rolled Blackman, Pierce, Doing and seasonal part of Cookhouse Rd.
- Took hydraulic ram off excavator to be fixed

Mr. Williams welcomed Ms. Murray and said she was doing a good job so far.

The Town Board Meeting will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Town attorney and the Town insurance agent will be attending. There will be

a special meeting on June 21, 2023 for the purpose of going into Executive Session to handle some personnel matters.

The bills were reviewed and signed. Mr. Williams made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with three yeses and no nos. Mr. Cushman and Mr. James were absent.

Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Meyers seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Recorded by,  
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Deputy Town Clerk  
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Virginia E. Brown". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Virginia E. Brown  
Plymouth Town Clerk  
June 27, 2023