

# TOWN OF PLYMOUTH BOARD MEETING

## MARCH 13, 2017

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger  
Councilman Gary Simpson  
Councilman Dan Meyer  
Councilman Lewis Somers  
Councilman Eric Jones  
Highway Superintendent Peter Marshall

The meeting was brought to order by Supervisor Alger at 6:30pm. The pledge to the flag was led by Mr. Jones.

Mrs. Alger reminded everyone that the expectation for conduct during a Board Meeting was for everyone to be respectful and quiet when someone had the floor. She asked that during Public Concerns if someone wants to be heard by the Board, they approach the Board and stand up while speaking.

Minutes from the February Town Board meeting were reviewed. Mr. Somers made a motion to accept them as read. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mrs. Alger reported that Mr. Burlingame was ill. He had contacted Mrs. Alger and said that there was nothing to report.

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Marshall said that the Highway Crew has been plowing snow and sanding as well as hauling stone and sand. They have also been cutting brush. He announced that the upcoming Highway Advisory Board meeting would be cancelled due to the impending snow storm. Mr. Simpson asked if the Town truck that was under repair at the Stadium had come back yet. Mr. Marshall said that it had. Mr. Marshall also reported that he had gone to Albany with other Superintendents to meet with State Officials concerning CHIPS money and the Pave New York project. He only met with Mr. Clifford Crouch. The State Budget had not been passed yet, so the amount the Town could expect is unknown.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT:** Mr. Matt Bates explained the Dog Seizure procedure. He also explained that if the owner does not pay for the expenses involved, it is the responsibility of the Township in which the dog was seized. He does try to work with Compassionate Care Veterinary Services to keep the cost down. He said that when he is called out to seize a dog, he has to take it by law. If he does not, he could personally be held responsible. If the owner surrenders the dog, Mr. Bates turns the dog over to the vet's office or the SPCA and the dog is adopted out. He did have one dog at the vet's office at the time of the meeting. The dog's owner was in jail. He wasn't sure if the Town would end up with the bill. He said he was working with the Sherriff's Department on the matter. Ms. Burns went over the bills that have come in on the dogs that have been seized in the past few months. She will be mailing out bills to the owners to try to recover some of the money. She reported that the enumeration was going well. So far there are 364 dogs that have been counted, 280 of which are licensed. Sixty-nine are unlicensed and 19 dogs are gone from the Town. Mr. Simpson asked if the enumeration was complete. She said no. Mr. Somers asked if she would send the bills for the dogs by registered mail. She replied that the ones she had already sent out were not sent by registered mail, but she would start sending them that way. Mr. Bates explained that the SPCA charges the Town a \$75.00 redemption fee if a dog is seized. The owner cannot get the dog back unless he pays the Town the \$75.00 redemption fee and has the dog licensed.

### **LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Association of Towns is offering their annual Town Finance School for Town Officials. Mrs. Alger might attend.

Opportunities for Chenango posting on the Housing Services Program. The communication will be posted.

Matt Beckwith, who is head of the Chenango Fire and Emergency System, sent Mrs. Alger an e-mail about the coming snow storm. It could be one of the worst storms the area has had in years. Mrs. Alger cautioned everyone to be extra careful on the roads. The Town Clerk's office will be closed.

Mrs. Alger announced that the County is looking for a Veterans' Services Officer to aid veterans in finding the help they need. One of the requirements is that the applicant be a veteran. If anyone is interested, they should contact Mrs. Alger.

### **BOARD CONCERNS:**

Mr. Simpson read Resolution 3-1. Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos.

Mr. Jones read Resolution 3-2. Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos.

These resolutions are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

On April 6, there will be a Budget Training class in Oneonta for Town Officials. Mrs. Alger and Mr. Simpson are planning to attend. The training is free.

### **PUBLIC CONCERNS:**

Mr. Mark Bennett stated that he had heard that the Town Superintendent was planning on widening Pierce Road. He asked if that was true. Mr. Marshall said it was. Mr. Bennett asked if Mr. Marshall was planning on having the proper surveys and paperwork done before the widening was done. The Board thought that would be a good idea. Mr. Marshall said he would have the landowners sign permission documents.

Ms. Jackie Kreiner informed everyone that there would be a Rabies Clinic at the Plymouth Fire House on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Frank Williams mentioned that he would be having a chicken bar-b-que at his home during the Town garage sales.

Mr. Meyer asked for an update on the issue that Gladys Branagan had with a cemetery road. Mr. Marshall said that a meeting was supposed to be held with all involved parties. Nothing has been done yet.

The next meeting will be held on Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall.

The bills were reviewed. Mr. Meyer made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos.

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn . Mr. Somers seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with five yeases and no nos.

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virginia E. Brown". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted by".

Virginia E. Brown  
Plymouth Town Clerk