

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

MAY 14, 2018

PRESENT: Supervisor Grace Nucero Alger
Councilman Gary Simpson
Councilman Daniel Meyer
Councilman Jerry Kriener
Highway Superintendent Rodney Oakley

ABSENT: Councilman Lewis Somers

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

There were no additions or corrections to April's minutes. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeases. Mr. Somers was absent.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT: Matt Bates gave a report of his activities during the month of April. That report is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: No report was available.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Oakley reported the following:

- Presented the Board with two checks for scrap totaling \$546.45.
- Snow pusher didn't sell at the auction. (Bid didn't reach the minimum.)
- Sink hole on Ashcraft Road. New pipe has been ordered. DEC has okayed the work that needs to be done.
- Patching holes, working the shoulders, and repairing equipment.

- Painted the front of the Garage and an old V plow to display out front with the Town of Plymouth on it. Planning to put a sign on the garage identifying it as the Plymouth Town Garage.
- New sand screen has arrived.
- Ricky Warren has been mowing Foster Park. Swing set has been completely removed. Camera sign has been removed. The cameras will be removed shortly.

Mr. Simpson asked Mr. Oakley if the crew could straighten road signs as they encounter them during their daily routine. Mr. Oakley said yes. He also said that they have been replacing some with new signs.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Grievance Day is scheduled for May 25, 2018, at the Town Hall from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Paul Semack has filled the vacancy on the Grievance Board.
- Chenango County is offering Emergency Preparedness Training on May 19, 2018 from 10:00am to noon at the Norwich High School.
- Announcement of South Otselic's Fishing and Heritage Day on May 19, 2018 from 9:00am to 4:00pm.
- Mrs. Alger gave an overview of the County Supervisors' Board Meeting. She said that Sherriff Cutting gave his annual report. Rising costs are a concern.
- Diversion Program Report. May be expanded to include texting offenses. Mrs. Alger estimated that the Town of Plymouth has received approximately \$3,400.00.
- The Town Justice, Paul O'Connor, has submitted a letter of intent to retire. Mrs. Alger is exploring the Town's options to fill the impending vacancy.
- Broad Band Grant was given to Frontier and Spectrum. The State has asked

these companies what their plans are for this money. They have not received an answer as of yet.

- The County is asking for volunteers to join a County Planning Committee. Anyone interested can contact Rena Doing.
- Cell Towers. The Town Attorney has been working on this issue.
- Mrs. Alger reported that she talked to several other town supervisors and found that they share bookkeeping services with other towns. Mrs. Alger wrote a letter to the State Comptroller to ask why Plymouth's bookkeeper has to have a separate computer for just the Plymouth account since other Towns are not required to do so. There is still some concern about a how the Town's data is being protected by a backup.
- Mr. Oakley and Mrs. Alger have cancelled their plans to go to the financial planning classes offered by the State. The expense was too much when all things were considered.
- City of Norwich Youth Bureau sent a schedule of activities for the summer.
- Charter Communications announced their programming changes.
- Achieve announced a Leadership Retreat.
- Southern Tier Clean Energy Communities Spring newsletter.

BOARD CONCERNS: Mr. Simpson discussed the disposal of the snow pusher. After Mr. Simpson made a motion to sell the snow pusher to a local businessman and Mr. Meyers seconded the motion, some discussion was had. It was suggested by Mr. Kreiner that the snow pusher should be put out for bid. The request for bid should be publicized in the paper. Mr. Simpson rescinded his motion. He then made a motion to put the snow pusher up for bid with a minimum amount of \$2,250. The bidding will be open for 20 days from the time the notice is printed in the paper. 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 announced that the next Highway Advisory Committee meeting will be held on August 6, 2018 at 6:00pm at the Town Hall. Mr. Kreiner asked what was discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Oakley reviewed the meeting. Discussion followed. Mr. Kreiner made a motion to surplus the 1992 truck with sander for a minimum amount of \$2,500.00. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeases and no nos. Mr. Somers was absent.

Peter Hudiburg reported that the \$50,000 grants that the Town was working toward had run out. However, there were still several \$5,000 grants left. He also discussed the May 29th Solar Array event. He asked the Board if the Town would provide refreshments. After some discussion, the Board said no. The meeting will be posted on the website.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Rhonda Fairbanks asked how Foster Park was being advertised. Mrs. Alger said she put information on the park on Facebook. It is also listed on the website. Mrs. Fairbanks suggested that a sign be erected at the Park.

Mrs. Fairbanks asked Mr. Oakley when he was going to look at the problem with the culvert near her mother's home. Mr. Oakley said he would get over there soon.

Mr. Allen Sweet asked Mr. Oakley if the sale of the 1992 truck would cause a shortage of equipment problem. Mr. Oakley said no.

Mr. Mark Bennett asked Mr. Oakley if he planned to widen the Ashcraft Road where the culvert will be replaced. Mr. Oakley said yes.

The next meeting will be held on June 11, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Town Hall.

The Board reviewed and signed the bills. Mr. Simpson made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Kreiner seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeases and no nos. Mr. Somers was absent.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Virginia E. Brown

Plymouth Town Clerk

May 22, 2018