

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

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

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger. She led in the pledge to the Flag.

Mrs. Alger asked if anyone had any corrections or additions to last month's minutes. There were none. Mr. Simpson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Burlingame had nothing to report. Mrs. Alger had an update on Mr. Tom Kreiner's complaint. The County Code Enforcement office is working on the Pike Hill property. The Route 23 property's owner will be issued a ticket from the County and the Town. Mrs. Alger directed Mr. Burlingame to ticket the property owner.

Mr. Burlingame reported that he had not visited two other properties that were discussed in the August meeting because of personal problems.

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

- Resolution 8-1 amendment for the sale of the 2008 would be cancelled and the 1992 truck will be sold instead.
- Resolution allowing for the purchase of a new truck box.
- Dig Safe NY training (soon to be required by law) offered in East Syracuse at \$25.00 per person for all the highway employees. Mr. Simpson made a motion to send the crew to this training. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.
- The crew has done shoulders on the roads that have been recently paved.
- Flood repair to shoulders on Bates Wilson Road. The County helped at no cost.
- Oil and stoned the road that they paved. More to come.
- Visited the flood damaged sites with Mr. Matt Beckwith and a FEMA representative. They gave Mr. Oakley a ballpark figure on the damages.
- The Highway crew helped the Town of Pharsalia and North Norwich oil and stone some roads.
- The excavator broke down. It is fixed now.

- The 2003 truck is at Steel Sales getting the plow frame fixed. Mr. Oakley estimated the cost at about \$5,000.00

Mr. Matt Beckwith gave a presentation on the options available to the Town for a better radio system for the Highway Department. Mr. Beckwith suggested that the Town try the different options to see what would give them better coverage. The Board members agreed. Mr. Beckwith also discussed the flood damage that the Town suffered this year. After a State representative, a FEMA representative and Mr. Beckwith inspected the areas affected, he reported that the estimated damage was over \$800,000.00. Reimbursement will not be 100%. The Town would be responsible for 12.5%. At this time, the Town does not qualify for any individual assistance. A question and answer session followed.

The Town Attorney, James Gregory, reported that he had tried to contact AT&T. They never called him back so he was calling that option dead. He also talked with another company who said they were swamped and would not be able to talk to him until January. Mrs. Alger encouraged Mr. Gregory to continue to contact other companies that might be interested in helping the Town with a cell tower. Mr. Beckwith interjected that he thought he might be able to help Mr. Gregory get in touch with the right people to get AT&T and/or Verizon to work with the Town on this issue.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Alger reported receiving the following:

- Application for a playground grant. Mrs. Alger will complete the application and submit it.
- Regional Manager's Conference addressing Workplace Violence and Sexual Harassment.
- NYSEG brochure on Natural Gas Safety.
- USDA Webinar on Rural and Small Systems Sustainable Utility Management on September 13, 2018.
- Mrs. Alger reported on the County Board of Supervisors' meeting. A main concern was the emissions from the County dump. Also, a program is in the works to help people afford a lawyer when needed for arraignments.

BOARD CONCERNS: Mr. Simpson asked Mr. Oakley for the lowest bid that he had received on the truck box that is needed. Mr. Oakley said \$35,981.80 plus approximately \$2,500.00 for the roll top system. That would be piggy backed on the Oneida County Contract 1989.

Mr. Kreiner asked if the Town had received any money to recoup the Town's expense for some dog redemption fees. No money had been received yet. No letter had been sent out to the responsible party.

Mr. Kreiner also asked Mr. Oakley if he had received a quote for the repair of the Plymouth North Norwich Road. Mr. Oakley said the area that needed to be repaired was just a small spot and could be taken care of by box spreading it.

Mr. Oakley asked if a FEMA check had been received for an additional 12.5% from last year. Mrs. Alger said she had not seen it.

Mrs. Brown asked the Board to approve the minutes from the last two Budget Workshop meetings. Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes from the last two Budget Workshops. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Mr. Peter Hudiburg gave a report on the Clean Energy efforts in the Town. He asked the Board to approve the benchmarking of the Town's energy use. The Board did not think that would be a good idea. The concern was giving the Federal government too much access to the Town's business.

Mr. Tom Kreiner asked about methane burning torches that used to be used to eliminate odors coming from the County dump. Mrs. Alger said that she only knew that three cells were being covered. She did not know about any torches being used. She also said that the County was talking about a way to better vent the cells.

Mr. Frisco asked what had been done about the complaint he had submitted to the Board at the last meeting. Mr. Kreiner said nothing was done. Mr. Frisco asked why. Mr. Burlingame had some personal problems and was not able to work on it. Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Burlingame to follow up on the issue. Mr. Frisco asked about the County Code Enforcement Department. Mr. Burlingame said they were very busy.

Mrs. Alger said she would talk to someone at the County and see if the current complaints could get some attention. Mr. Tom Kreiner questioned the safety of the trailer that he has been complaining about. Mrs. Alger said she and Mr. Simpson would go to the County Code Enforcement Office and talk to them.

Ms. Rhonda Fairbanks asked about the issue of homeless people being moved into Chenango County from the city. So far, Mrs. Alger said that none have moved in.

Ms. Fairbanks asked for an update on the Youth Program. Mrs. Alger had talked to Mrs. Linda Powell-Owens. Mrs. Owens is collecting information on her proposals for next year's activities. She will present them to the Board in the October's meeting. Mr. Meyer suggested that a background check should be done on the person in charge of the Youth Committee. Mr. Kreiner made a resolution to advertise on the Town website and on the bulletin board for anyone interested in serving on a Youth Committee for the Town to submit their names and an application to Mrs. Alger. He further resolved that Mrs. Alger work with the County to find out what should be done to screen people interested in serving on the committee. Mr. Somers seconded the motion. There was some discussion. The Board was polled and the resolution passed with five yeses and no nos.

Ms. Fairbanks questioned why Matt Bates is still not attending meetings. He was tied up with a dog issue from another town.

Ms. Jackie Kreiner asked why no one knew about the sex offender that had moved into the trailer that was being complained about on Route 23. Mrs. Alger said the Sherriff's Department told her that the Parole Board neglected to notify the proper people.

The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 6:30pm.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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
September 24, 2018