

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

6:30PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger
Councilman Daniel Meyer
Councilman Frank Williams
Councilman Shawn Cushman
Councilman Garry James
Highway Superintendent Rodney Oakley

Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger brought the meeting to order and led in the pledge to the Flag.

She asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August meeting. There were not. Mr. Cushman made a motion to accept the minutes as sent. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeases and no nos.

DOG CONTROLL OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Brian Franklin reported on the following:

- 8/10 Stray dog on Pigeon Hill Road – No dog found
- 8/12 Stray dog on Old Rt.16 – Took to the SPCA
- 8/20 Stray dog on Rt. 19 – No dog found
- 8/24 Dog bite on Plymouth- North Norwich Rd.
- 8/24 Stray dog on Pigeon Hill Road – No dog found

- 8/29 Stray dog on Liddle Lane – Took dog to SPCA
- 8/30 Stray dog on Rt. 21 – Owner found
- 8/31 Picked up dog from SPCA and took it to Grandview Vet
- 9/1 Picked up dog from Grandview and took it back to the SPCA
- Met with owner of stray dog at Town Office and issued tickets

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

- Spoke with Mr. Moore on Jackson Road about unregistered vehicles. He said they belonged to his son and he would try to get his son to remove them.
- Stopped at a residence on Rt. 21. They have wood working projects going on. They will tidy up.
- Made several stops at Amy O'Neils place on Owens Road. Still unable to contact her.
- Had another complaint from Brock Manwarren about his neighbor's livestock running loose on Mr. Manwarren's property. Mr. Fox explained that the Town has no laws pertinent to farm animals. He did go speak to Mr. Felter. Mr. Felter said he would do something about it. Mr. Fox said he would also follow up with the Sherriff's Department.
- Had a complaint from Brett Wightman about his neighbor on Plymouth-North Norwich Road about miscellaneous junk and scrap. Mr. Fox spoke with Quinton Kemp. He said he would clean up the property.

Mrs. Alger asked what could be done to close out some of these issues. Mr. Fox said he would follow up with each of them.

Mrs. Brown asked if Mr. Fox had visited the new building on Clymer Court. He said he had not, however, they do have a building permit. She asked what their plans were for a septic system. He said he did not know, but they are allowed to have an outhouse if they don't have a well. If they do have a well, they must have a septic system put in.

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

- Submitted a check for a culvert that was installed.
- Doing Rd. had been paved, putting shoulders on it
- Will be doing German Hollow and putting shoulders on that next.
- Installed culverts
- Helped multiple Townships
- Handed in his budget for next year
- Cold patched some roads
- Cut down a couple of trees
- Still working on the grader – waiting for parts
- Received a letter from Fastenal regarding an unclaimed check. Mr. Oakley completed the form.
- Talked to a person that wants a culvert put in on his property on Clymer Court.
- Hopes to get to Mrs. Race's driveway soon.
- Will be starting the project on Old Rt. 23 soon.
- Still looking for a CDL driver.
- Mr. Oakley thanked the Towns and the County that have helped the Plymouth Highway Department this year.

- Mr. Williams asked about the Rothwell issue. Mr. Oakley said he had Steel Sales drill some holes in a 1" plate that he will install hopefully this fall.

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

- Ordered signs for Foster Park
- The Town attorney will hold his prices the same for this year. He may have to raise them if he becomes a partner next year.
- Reminded the Board of the 9/20/22 Budget meeting and the 9/21/22 Contract Negotiations meeting with the Highway crew.
- UTVs- Mrs. Alger said that North Norwich has approved their UTV law. She asked the Board if this was something the Board would like to pursue. Mrs. Alger asked the North Norwich Supervisor if she could look at a copy of their UTV law. He will send her one. The Board would like to go forward with this.
- Received a letter from the City of Norwich Youth Program. It was reported that 26 children from Plymouth participated.
- The Town will not be pursuing the purchase of the property on State Rt. 23. The owner's realtor recommended that she sell all of it at once. The Town does not want to do that, so they called it off. Mrs. Alger explained that when the Town does decide to purchase property, it will use the COVID money that the Town received from the State. The reason for that is the Town has until 2024 to use that money. If the money is not used by then, it has to be sent back. The Town is still looking for property. Ms.

Fairbanks asked how much the COVID money is. Mrs. Alger said it was approximately \$89,000.00 last year and \$89,000.00 this year. Mrs. Kathy Clemens will help apply for a grant to make some repairs to the existing garage to make it safe for the highway workers. Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Oakley to talk with Mrs. Clemens about what to use the grant for.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Ms. Rhonda Fairbanks asked about the deadline to apply for the grant for the garage. Mrs. Alger said the 20th of September.

Mr. Tim Manwarren asked if anyone had thought about taking out an ad in the paper about looking for 10 acres for a town garage. Mr. Oakley reviewed what had already been done in that respect. There was a lot of discussion about the subject.

Mr. Ken Manley Jr. raised a complaint about a Planning Committee member that had called him and put a lot of pressure on him to vote yes on the proposed purchase of the property on Rt. 23.

Mr. Lewis Redenbach asked if he bought the Powell-Owens property, would the Town be interested in buying some of that property from him. Mrs. Alger said yes.

Ms. Fairbanks said she will add an advertisement to the informational post card that will be going out soon.

Mr. Brendon Melloy asked if anything was being done about the end of Tinker Ridge. He said that some people have been living in tents for a couple of months. Mr. Fox said he would check it out.

Mrs. Carol Franklin complimented Mr. Oakley on the condition of her road.

Mr. Oakley said next year he planned on grinding Ashcraft Road, Pigeon Hill, Plymouth/North Norwich Road and Pike Hill. He said they would be dirt roads for a year or two. Then he would build them up to what they should be.

Mrs. Suzanne Aldrich asked Mr. Oakley if he remembered saying that he was going to go back to Jackson Road because he was two years behind on fixing it. She said the conditions were getting worse. Mr. Oakley said that he was not able to cover any work done on any road that had been worked within ten years with CHIPS money. Mrs. Aldrich asked him to check on when Jackson Road was last done.

Mrs. Laurie Race thanked Mr. Cushman for working with her on her driveway issue.

Mr. Mark Bennett asked if the grader was fixed. He mentioned a road (inaudible) that needed to be graded. Mr. Oakley said he would get that done.

Mrs. Jackson asked Mr. Oakley to call her about the issues on her road. He said he would. He said he had driven over her road and has an idea about what needs to be done.

Mr. Melloy asked if there any restrictions on how the COVID money can be spent. Mrs. Alger said yes. She has already sent in the required paperwork to the State.

Mrs. Jackie Kreiner stated that she had traveled Hopkins Crandall Road and it was in very bad shape. She asked when that was

scheduled to be worked on. Mr. Oakley said he would check his records and let her know.

Ms. Pattie Murray asked Mr. Oakley why the Town of Plymouth can help with several other town projects and not have enough time for our own. He said that other towns help us and we return the favor.

Mr. Melloy asked Mr. Oakley if there was a chance that work could be done on our roads before the snow flies. Mrs. Alger asked Mr. Oakley to provide a time line of what roads would be worked for the rest of the summer and fall.

Ms. Fairbanks asked about the progress on the replacement of the Town Hall sign. Mr. Oakley said he is in contact with Mr. Manwarren about it.

Mr. Redenbach asked if there was any money left over after purchasing land, could the Town use the left over money for the new facilities? Mrs. Alger said there were other things that she had in mind, but wanted to wait to see what developed.

Mr. Redenbach stated that the truck drivers on the Town were not making comparable money to other CDL drivers. The pay rate is set by negotiations between the Town Board and the Union.

Mr. Tom Kreiner asked about the grant that was talked about earlier. She said it will be used for the existing garage.

Mr. Melloy again reiterated that Mr. Oakley has got to get to the pots holes. He said people are damaging their vehicles causing hundreds of dollars of damage.

Mrs. Alger announced that the next meeting will be on a Tuesday night, October 11th at 6:30pm.

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

Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cushman seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeases and no nos. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

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
September 27, 2022