

October 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present were: Bob Patterson, Brian Franklin, Brendan Molloy, Renee Stanford, Jackie Kreiner, Cory Sanford, Chris Strain, Desiree Strain, Arthur Roush, Maureen Roush, Ian Monzo, Wendy Monzo, Ryan Schader, Patty Murray. Absent: Les Elsworth, Sherri Cohen

Bob declared the public hearing on the proposed fire district budget opened at 7:00 p.m. Cory questioned why the district still feels the need to contract with Preston for fire protection. He stated Preston only responds 50% of the time, most calls are EMS which are covered by Norwich ambulance, if a structure fire mutual aid is automatically dispatched, in addition, they only have one interior firefighter in their dept. and ISO insurance, Plymouth class 8B – Preston class 910. He further stated if contract is to continue, it's his opinion that if they do not respond to calls it should be, no response no pay. There being no further discussion, Brian motioned to close the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. and continue with the regular meeting. Seconded by Brendan with four yes, one absent, was carried.

Brendan motioned to adopt the proposed 2026 annual budget for the fire district as presented with a 2% increase in the tax levy. Seconded by Renee with four yes, one absent, was duly adopted.

The minutes from 09-15-25 were read and approved. Brian motioned to accept. Seconded by Brendan with four yes, one absent, was carried.

### **CHIEF'S REPORT**

The list of volunteers who worked the 10-11 spaghetti dinner was submitted.

Training report: hose line advancement; work night reports were submitted (finished moving equipment to new shed). BEFO has commenced and EMT class still scheduled to commence 10-29. Matt Beckwith is handling Ian Monzo's OFPC reports.

Regarding the purchase of three eyeglass inserts for SCBA masks: quotes for prescriptions and frames need to be submitted from their eye physicians before the purchase is made. Brian motioned to have Cory obtain three quotes for the masks and submit to the board. Seconded by Brendan with four yes, one absent, was carried. HOLD until the scrips and frames come in.

Desiree Strain submitted membership withdrawal for the following individual: Rachel Monday. Brendan motioned to accept the withdrawal. Seconded by Renee with four yes, one absent, was carried.

An updated Membership Information Job Description/Responsibilities list was submitted.

An updated Certified Driver/Operators list was submitted.

Fire Advisory Council: no further update. Cory stated next meeting scheduled 11-12.

### **CALL LOG**

09-01-25 ME\*\* x 2 1@

09-02-25 ME\*\* 1@

09-10-25 ME (5) 1@

09-14-25 Carbon monoxide alarm (2) 1@; MVA (5)

09-19-25 ME\*\*

09-23-25 ME\*\*

09-28-25 ME (3)

09-29-25 ME (3)

(\*\*denotes no response)

( ) denotes # of personnel who responded

(@) denotes # of personnel at station

Cory stated no word regarding the event at Lowe's was received; therefore, the dept. never went.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Renee motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Brendan with four yes, one absent, was carried. The board reviewed the following bank statements: NBT General Fund dated 08-14 thru 09-14-25, NBT General Fund Checking dated 09-01 thru 30-25, Community Bank capital fund statement dated 09-02 thru 30-25, Community Bank maintenance fund statement dated 09-02 thru 30-25. The property tax cap report was completed and accepted by the state. Brendan motioned to pay bills on Abstract #496 totaling \$12184.06, which includes a check in the amount of \$40 that needs to be submitted with the water sample for testing. Seconded by Brian with four yes, one absent, was carried. WEX gas card svcs. – cost \$0 charges for this month; NYS Assn. of Fire Chiefs – cost \$200; Adsit Septic tank cleaning – cost \$400; Bonnie Vale repairs on truck 272 – cost \$741.43; Bassett Healthcare one physical – cost \$175; Bonnie Vale pump testing on trucks 271 & 272 – cost \$600; Fire End & Croker two bailout kits – cost \$1273.73; Glatfelter Group Term Life insurance – cost \$573.48; Evening Sun ad for budget hearing – cost \$18.94.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The hall has been scheduled for use on the following dates: 10-06 (town planning board meeting cancelled-no quorum); 10-22 Noble funeral; 10-24 Town of Plymouth Youth Committee Halloween dance; 10-25 meet the candidate afternoon; 11-03 town planning board meeting; 11-04 General election; 11-08 So. Plymouth Cemetery Assn. breakfast; 11-09 Town of Plymouth Youth Committee spaghetti dinner; 11-15 Chris Strain (fire dept. member free use); 11-16 Monzo rental.

Reese-Marshall inspected the fuel tank on 9-29; it passed inspection.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Work orders update: . status of sound proofing of the meeting hall: \$650 quote received from Randy's Contracting, Earlville. Brian motioned to have the work done. Seconded by Brendan with four yes, one absent, was carried.

. floor repair hall side: latest estimate, \$29000. This will be revisited in the future.

HOLD

. paint peeling on floor of truck bay: again, call in to Sal

. painting of the meeting hall and bathrooms: \$1800 quote received from Randy's Contracting, Earlville. Brendan motioned to have the work done. Seconded by Renee with four yes, one absent, was carried.

. Lights over front of truck bay doors: replace with fluorescent if bulbs are still available or switch to LED or spotlights like over the doors in the back of truck bay. Waiting for estimate from Palmer's Electric.

. replace the screws on the entire perimeter of the roof and the ridge cap: will shop around for further quote. HOLD

. check screen replacement of windows, weed killer around building, outside for rust:

. four additional tables for hall use: HOLD for funding

. internet: motion was made last month to switch from Frontier to Spectrum. Bob to call it in

Grants: Renee reported not much out there at the present time. She has contacted Assemblyman Joe Angelino regarding grant funding for the parking lot. For the time being, the lot will be resealed which should give a few more years use before replacing.

Recall notice on the back up camera: truck 2751 was taken to Matthews Ford only to find the parts were not in.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Regarding Cory's request to purchase used pumper to replace truck 272: he stated several problems with the truck. More info is needed on the replacement truck. Propose we HOLD for completion of project study results.

Explore improving fire services for the community covered by Plymouth Fire District. Consolidation, Merger, Deactivation, Dissolution, Fire protection contracts, Hiring a fire chief, etc.: working strategic plan and consulting svcs. Next step is fact gathering with groups involved. Interviewer has met with Cory. The process is moving forward.

Tom Fahy has assessed our computer system regarding the ending of Windows 10 support. Ignore the notice that was received, our system is fine.

Regarding Line Officer Qualifications policy: HOLD, not enough time to review.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

None.

## **OTHER**

Cory stated the board needs to do something to improve the cascade system for SCBAs.

Ryan questioned if each driver should be issued a personal number when getting gas as to avoid any improprieties. Bob said this could be done, but is not needed at this time as the WEX gas card system is working as it should.

Cory stated that hose and ladder testing is due. He was instructed to obtain estimates.

Brendan motioned to enter executive session and requested Chief Sanford be present, at 9:02 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person, matters of appointment, employment, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Seconded by Renee with four yes, one absent, was carried. Brendan motioned to adjourn executive session and return to regular meeting at 9:07 p.m. Seconded by Renee with four yes, one absent, was carried.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

(will move these items up for Board Action as background information/reports completed)

Bob adjourned meeting at 9:07 p.m.