

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 2024

6:30PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Patricia Murray
Councilperson Kathryn Clemens
Councilperson Ray Elsworth
Councilperson Robert Oehme
Highway Superintendent Louis Redenback

Supervisor Murray brought the meeting to order. She asked all the veterans in the room to lead the audience in the Pledge to the Flag. She thanked them for their service.

Ms. Murray asked if anyone had any additions or corrections to the minutes of October 15, 2024 and October 24, 2024 (Public Hearing to go Over the Tax Cap). Mr. Elsworth made a motion to accept them. Mrs. Clemens seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. One Councilperson's seat was vacant.

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

- 10/16/24 Stray dog on Owens Road – took to SPCA
- 10/22/24 Barking dogs on Rt. 16
- 10/29/24 Barking dogs on Rt. 21
- 11/1/24 Barking dogs on Rd. 21

Mr. Franklin said he went to a conference and gathered a lot of information. The main thing he wanted was a camera from the Town.

He also said he needed a muzzle and some kind of pepper spray. He said he could also use a bite stick which he could make himself. Mr. Tim Manwarren said he might have a camera he would donate it to the Town. Mr. Franklin also said that the laws have changed, so he could hold dogs for 24 hours now. He said that a person had given him two dog cages for that purpose. He is being inspected by the State on Friday. He will have the inspector look at the cages to see if they are satisfactory. He is planning on making some modifications to his garage to make it suitable to hold any dogs he might need to. He asked everyone, if their dog got loose, to please call him. The important thing is to get the dog back to it's owner. The Town Clerk made arrangements with Mr. Franklin to meet with the State inspector at his house on Friday at 3pm to help get some questions answered about the new way the SPCA is handling the financial end of holding dogs.

Mrs. Clemens read Resolution 34 of 2024. The Resolution was to move funds between budget lines in order to be able to maintain workable balances. The full Resolution can be viewed on the website and at the Town Clerk's office. Mr. Elsworth asked about the SPCA contract. Ms. Murray said we still do not have one. She said at this point in time, the Town doesn't have a choice but to use them.

Mrs. Clemens made a motion to accept the Resolution. Mr. Oehme seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeses and no nos. One Councilperson's seat was vacant.

Mrs. Clemens read Resolution #35 of 2024. To decrease Budget Line DA5120.4 by \$8,000.00 and to increase Budget Line DA5112.2 by \$8,000.00. The purpose is to transfer budget expenses from fuel to cover CHIPS expenses. Mr. Oehme seconded the motion. The Board

was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. One Councilperson's seat was vacant.

Town Clerk Mrs. Brown read resignations from Mr. Jack Adams and Mrs. Patricia Collier. Mrs. Clemens made a motion to accept the resignations. Mr. Elsworth seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeses and no nos. One Councilperson's seat was vacant. Ms. Murray expressed the Board's appreciation for the years of service by Jack Adams. Also, she thanked Mrs. Collier for the short period of time that she has worked as the Court Clerk.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Mr. Steve Fox offered the following report:

- Septic inspection on Country Club Lane.
- Septic inspection with several phone calls and pictures 321 Pigeon Hill Rd.
- Perk Test and phone calls with the engineer for 275 County Rd. 44
- Drove to Morris to speak with Ann O'Neal about 200 Owens Road. She hopes to clean up the property and put another home on it.
Someone stole two tires off her truck sitting there.
- Working with the County Attorney as to why nothing has happened with the Josh Kisner place on Plymouth-N.Norwich Rd. Waiting for answers from the Smyrna judge.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT' REPORT: Mr. Louis Redenback reported on the following:

- Worked on the Plymouth-N.Norwich Road cutting shoulders and turning the worst parts back to dirt.

- Patching roads.
- Replaced a culvert pipe on Deming Rd. and opened that back up to the public.
- Cutting trees and brush back on Reservoir Rd.
- Plow frames are all on the trucks and ready to plow if need be.
- Have been using the shale pit owned by the Town near the cell tower and the one on the corner of Blackman & Reservoir Rd. to top Blackman Rd. & Brookins Rd. to make them passable again.
- Truck #8 has been totaled by the insurance company & truck #6 is still in the shop. The damage to truck #8 was another Town's fault.

Ms. Murray asked Mr. Redenback if he would read last month's report as it did not get read.

- Finished the Pigeon Hill Project.
- Chip sealed the Reservoir Road, Bates Wilson, Underwood, Stevens Crest and North Road
- Fix pot holes
- Get the roads in the best shape for winter
- Plow frames are on the trucks
- Still have more sand to haul in
- Two trucks out being repaired with no ETA (possibly truck #6 this week)
- Truck #8 insurance claim (plans to fix truck #8). The insurance company says the truck has replacement value but they won't cut a check for it. The only way they will release that money is if the Town orders a brand new truck. He has been trying to talk to the insurance company, but not been able to reach anyone. Ms. Murray said she would call them, too.

Ms. Murray said that Mr. Redenback would like to declare a Fisher Steel-Caster sander as surplus and sell it to the Town of Pharsalia for \$3,800.00. Mr. Oehme made a motion to sell the sander. Mr. Elsworth seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeses and no nos. One Councilperson's seat was vacant. Mr. Redenback asked if it was safe to have Pharsalia pick up the sander on Wednesday. Ms. Murray said yes if they gave Mr. Redenback a check.

Ms. Murray reported that Mrs. Ciborowski had sent her a poster advertising Breakfast with Santa on December 7, 2024 at the Fire House between 8am and 11am. There will be food, games and crafts for the children. Mr. Elsworth made a motion to approve the poster. Mr. Oehme seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. One Councilperson's seat was vacant.

BOARD CONCERNS: Ms. Murray opened the discussion about the question concerning attaching statements that Mrs. Collier's husband made. Ms. Murray read an Open Meetings Law stating that the Board would have to approve any attachments to the minutes. She asked for discussion. Mrs. Clemens said she did not recommend including the FOIL letters that the Town Clerk wrote, but she did think that the document that Mrs. Collier provided should be attached. She made a motion requesting such.

Mrs. Brown objected to the motion. She felt she was not allowed to defend herself against the false and slanderous statements made in the document in question. Ms. Murray decided to table the motion again.

Mrs. Clemens reported that on October 15, 2024, she and Mr. Oehme presented the Town Board audit. Because of her car fire, she lost the originals. So Mr. Oehme and she redid the audits. She submitted their report and asked that it be included in the minutes.

Mrs. Brown asked Mr. Molloy how he had made out with the quotes for bullet proof glass for the Town Clerk's window. He said he had talked to someone and is waiting for a quote. He expects that the glass will be very expensive.

Mrs. Clemens made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Mr. Elsworth seconded the motion. The motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. One Councilperson's seat was vacant. The Board went into Executive Session at 7:28pm.

Mr. Oehme made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Mrs. Clemens seconded the motion. The motion was carried with four yeses and no nos. One Councilperson's seat was vacant. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:05pm.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: Mr. Tim Manwarren reported on the following:

- Finalized a list of 30 questions to be used in the comprehensive plan survey. The next step will be to put them together in a format that will get the best response when mailed out.
- Plans to arrange a meeting with Matt Gladstone to get his insite before the final survey is mailed out.

- Received a request for approval for the sale of some property which exceeded all requirements. No decision was required from the Planning Board.
- The Board must accept the resignation from Mr. Adams before the Planning Board is reduced to 5 members.
- Next Planning Board meeting – December 2, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Brett Wightman advised the Board that more specific information should be given when the Board goes into Executive Session.

Ms. Sandy Pierce thanked everyone for voting during the recent elections. She also congratulated the election winners.

Ms. Fairbanks expressed her feelings that the Town and the Fire Department should work together more.

Mr. Tim Manwarren asked when Judge Jim Fox would be done as Judge.

Ms. Murray said at the end of the year.

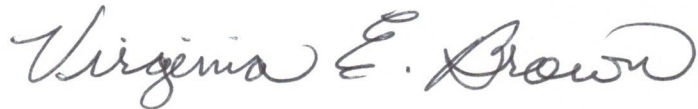
Mr. Manwarren also said the money spent on an attorney for the recent harassment case exceeded \$1,700.00. He questioned the decisions made about money spent on the attorney.

Mr. Redenback asked why he was expected to turn in all his bills on the Thursday before a Board Meeting, when the bills were not reviewed until the day of the meeting. Ms. Murray said that this month was the exception to the rule because of scheduling problems.

The bills were reviewed and signed. Mrs. Clemens made a motion to pay the bills. Mr. Oehme seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with four yeses and no nos. One Councilperson's seat was vacant.

Mr. Elsworth made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Clemens seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was carried with four yeses and no nos. One Councilperson's seat was vacant. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



Virginia E. Brown
Plymouth Town Clerk
November 25, 2024

Audit Report Attached



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