

PLYMOUTH TOWN BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 2022

6:30PM

PRESENT: Supervisor Grace Nucero-Alger

Councilman Daniel Meyer

Councilman Frank Williams

Councilman Shawn Cushman

Councilman Garry James

Acting Highway Superintendent Roy Marshall

Supervisor Alger brought the meeting to order and led in the Pledge to the Flag.

She asked the Board if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the October meeting. There were none. Mr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as received. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

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

- 10/22 Sherburne Four Corners dogs on neighbor's property – tickets given
- 11/5 dog on 23 and Pike Hill dog loose, owner found the next day
- 11/8 stray dog Steven's Crest, took to SPCA

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

- Followed up on Lacy Cullipher, 311 Sherburne 4 Corners Rd. Junk cleaned up, still some garbage on a trailer
- Site visit, Tammy Kimball, 232 Jones Peck Rd. Spoke with Tammy about junk and rubbish. She said she will work on cleaning it up when she gets a truck to use. Most of the stuff was left there when her son went to jail.
- Spoke with Raymond Knowles again about getting the single wide trailer cleaned up. He has a lot of excuses. Probably will end up in court.
- Site visit at Jim Cummings garage again. He states he hasn't had time to clean up the scrap pile, but will get to it hopefully this week.
- Several calls from Brock Manwarren about the neighbor's animals. Spoke with the County Attorney about who can enforce NYS Town Law. He hasn't gotten back to me yet. Site visit to Brock Manwarren's and Ralph Felter's property. Ralph has gotten rid of some of the goats. I counted 4. There were over 20. Ralph did not come out and talk to me.
- Follow up on the septic complaint from 190 Elmer Harris Rd. An engineer was hired and plans were rejected. Need to be redesigned.

The Town attorney, Mr. James Gregory, spoke about the changes in the Town Highway Department. He said that Superintendent Rodney

Oakley had resigned for personal reason. The Town then had decided to appoint someone to replace him until the next election. In the meantime, the Town is doing an investigation, so there can't be any more discussion about the matter at the present time. There is a resolution that will be considered later in the meeting to appoint an acting Superintendent. Questions and answers followed.

BOARD CONCERNS: Mr. James read a resolution stating the Terms of Employment for the Position of Acting Superintendent of Highways for the Town of Plymouth, New York. Mr. Williams seconded the resolution. The Board was polled and the resolution was passed with five yeses and no nos.

ACTING HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Roy Marshall reported on the following:

- Done some work on Jackson Road
- Worked with the Fire Department to flush out three pipes with one more to be done
- Serviced the wood chipper to get it ready for trimming the road sides
- Communicated with several people about issues on their roads

Many people in attendance thanked Mr. Marshall for his attention to their complaints.

Mrs. Sandy Pierce asked if Mr. Marshall had already been working on the Highway crew. He said he had.

Mr. Marshall talked about the short staffing that the Town has been experiencing. Some part time people will be utilized temporarily until a fulltime employee can be found.

The question was asked about Mr. Marshall's phone number. Mrs. Alger said they were working on getting Mr. Marshall one. It will be posted on the website.

Mrs. Alger thanked Mr. Marshall for the work he has been doing. He said the Highway crew also deserved a lot of credit.

UTV LOCAL LAWS: Mr. Gregory spoke on his position about a local law to permit UTVs to use Town roads. He advised against it. He suggested that people call their State representatives and ask that a State law be passed. There was discussion. Mr. Joe Eldred from North Norwich explained the reasoning behind North Norwich's UTV Town Law. Mr. Gregory asked for North Norwich's attorney's name and address. Mr. Gregory would like to help the Town make UTV travel legal so he wants to confer with North Norwich's attorney.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Mrs. Sandy Pierce announced to everyone that she was working with a non-profit initiative to connect consumers with local farmers. She asked for people to help in any way they can. Mrs. Alger asked Mrs. Brown to post this on the website.

Mrs. Murray asked if any more property had been found for a new Town garage. Mrs. Alger said no. Ms. Fairbanks asked if the Town had an actual map showing the boundaries of the existing property that the

present garage sits on. Mrs. Alger said no. Mrs. Alger asked Ms. Fairbanks to talk to Mr. Carroll and Mr. Marshall about this issue.

Mr. James made a motion to appoint Ms. Fairbanks to the Planning Committee. Mr. Cushman seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. James made a motion to accept Mr. Oakley's resignation. Mr. Cushman seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

Ms. Murray asked who was on the Planning Board. Mrs. Alger said Ms. Fairbanks and Mr. Carroll. Mrs. Sandy Pierce asked to be considered. Mr. Williams made a motion to appoint Mrs. Pierce to the Planning Committee. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

Mrs. Bernadette Jackson asked to be considered. Mr. James made a motion to appoint Mrs. Jackson to the Planning Committee. Mr. Cushman seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

Mr. Brian Franklin asked that anyone with a complaint about dogs chasing deer try to get a picture of the dog. It would greatly help his investigations about such complaints.

Mr. Cushman said the parking lot lights were not on when everyone arrived for the meeting. Mr. Jerry Kreiner agreed to show Mr. Marshall how to change the timing setting for the lights.

Mr. James made a motion to move into the Public Hearing session. Mr. Cushman seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

Mrs. Alger started the Public Hearing by noting the changes that were proposed as follows:

General Fund

- Line A7320.4 Joint Youth Project Contractual (+\$600.00)
- Line A9030.8 Social Security
- Line A9060.8 Hospital and Medical Insurance

Social Security and Hospital/Medical Insurance combined could go up by approximately \$6,000.00.

All of the above will be increased.

Mrs. Alger said she increased almost everyone's salary by \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 due to the fact that there was money available for increases. The only position that was not raised was the Assessor.

Highway Fund

- Line DA5110.1 General Repairs Personal Services increased by \$40,000.00 due to pending Union negotiations.
- Line DA5120.4 Fuel increased by \$20,000.00.

- Line DA5130.4 Truck Repairs increased by \$40,000.00
- Line DA5140.4 Uniforms increased by \$500.00
- Line DA 5142.4 Snow Removal increased by \$2,000.00

Ms. Murray asked if the taxes would have to be raised. Mrs. Alger said no, that the Town's budget is way under the cap. She will ask Mrs. Shelly Gage or Mr. Bill Craine from the County Treasurer's office to explain the workings of the budget at a future meeting.

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget. Mr. Cushman seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

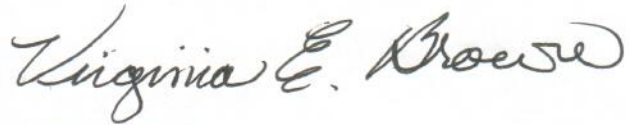
Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Mr. Cushman seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos.

Mrs. Alger said the next meeting will be on December 12, 2022 at 6:30pm.

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

Mr. Cushman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The Board was polled and the motion was passed with five yeses and no nos. The meeting was adjourned.

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

November 29, 2022