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Minutes

November 10, 2020

Call to Order: Mayor David Merchant called the scheduled November 10, 2020, Plymouth Town Council Special Virtual Zoom meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present for the meeting were Town Councilman Daniel Gentile, Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor David V. Merchant, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, Town Councilman John Pajeski and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also in attendance was Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault.

Invocation

Mayor David Merchant stated "God Bless America and the Town of Plymouth" for the record.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No report.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor David Merchant briefly commented, reviewed and updated the following items: COVID 19/Plymouth in Red Zone; Fire Department Cancellations; Town Sponsored Recreation Events Cancellations; Election Day; Business Park Sales; Town Approved Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant Funding; and the CT Water Project Route 6.

Finance Directors Report

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault stated she was not aware of any invoices for the Town streetlight to-date; a brief discussion followed.

Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault provided an update for FEMA COVID related reimbursable expenditures in detail.

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Finance Director's Report Cont'd.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault stated she thought \$45,000 had been budgeted in Capitals for the Parks and Recreation Dump Truck and \$2,000 of it was the difference from what purchase price and what the Town actually paid for it. Mayor David Merchant stated the rest of the monies would come from the Snow Maintenance Account; a brief discussion followed.

Discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Karen Chalmers \$78.86; Rodney or Kathleen Henderson \$225.13; Michael Kassey \$197.26, 197.26, \$201.92; Clara Lozier \$32.91; Diane Reed \$13.86; Toyota Lease Trust \$196.04, \$585.19, 263.28, 234.44, \$343.24, \$392.69, \$713.09; Sandra Zalewski \$44.61

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Karen Chalmers \$78.86; Rodney or Kathleen Henderson \$225.13; Michael Kassey \$197.26, 197.26, \$201.92; Clara Lozier \$32.91; Diane Reed \$13.86; Toyota Lease Trust \$196.04, \$585.19, 263.28, 234.44, \$343.24, \$392.69, \$713.09; and Sandra Zalewski \$44.61

Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations: To reappoint Ingrid Green to the Parks and Recreation Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending 11/1/2023; to reappoint Richard Schnaars to the Parks and Recreation Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending 11/1/2023; to reappoint Vernon Wagner to the Fire Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending 11/1/2023; to reappoint Keith Golnik to the Fire Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending 11/1/2023; to reappoint Daniel Wollenberg to the Fire Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending 11/1/2023; to appoint Captain Ed Benecchi to the Police Building Committee as a Regular Member; to appoint Nate Brown to the Planning and Zoning Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending 9/1/2023; to appoint Kelly Vitale to the Parks and Recreation Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending 11/1/2023; to appoint David Alarcon to the Parks and Recreation Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending 11/1/2023

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman John Pajeski, to reappoint Ingrid Green to the Parks and Recreation Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending 11/1/2023. Vote: Town Councilman Dan Gentile/yes; Town Councilman Joe Green/abstained; Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski/yes; Town Councilman John Pajeski/yes; Town Councilman Tom Zagurski/yes. Motion passed.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to reappoint Richard Schnaars to the Parks and Recreation Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending 11/1/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations Cont'd.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to reappoint Vernon Wagner to the Fire Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending 11/1/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to reappoint Keith Golnik to the Fire Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending 11/1/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to reappoint Daniel Wollenberg to the Fire Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending 11/1/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to appoint Police Captain Edward Benecchi to the Police Building Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to appoint Nate Brown to the Planning and Zoning Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending date 9/1/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to appoint Kelly Vitale to the Parks and Recreation Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending 11/1/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Mayor David Merchant stated the Commission would continue meeting even though all Parks and Recreation events had been cancelled due to COVID and briefly elaborated.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to appoint David Alarcon to the Parks and Recreation Commission as a Regular Member with a term ending 11/1/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and take action on the 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) Application and Resolution

Mayor David Merchant stated the 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program is approved by the Plymouth Town Council members every year, noting this Grant Program reimburses the Town's Emergency Management funds, which have already been expended from the budget. He further stated the Town can only receive 50 cents per capita, which means the maximum amount the Town can apply for and receive is \$5,874.50; a brief discussion followed.

Discuss and take action on the 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) Application and Resolution Cont'd.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to approve the Authorizing Resolution for the 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) Application and Resolution as follows: Resolved that the Plymouth Town Council may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate and further resolved that David V. Merchant, as Mayor of the Town of Plymouth, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Plymouth Town Council. And to do and perform all apps and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents. This motion was approved unanimously.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Mayor David Merchant stated the back-up information referred to would be what the Town has actually spent out of the budget and must furnish to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Town Council Liaison Reports

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski stated he had nothing to report on at this time.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated she had nothing to report on at this time.

Town Councilman John Pajeski stated he had nothing to report on at this time.

Town Councilman Joe Green stated he had nothing to report on at this time.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the High School and Middle School had one case of COVID and were on remote learning for one week. He further stated the parents were doing a great job of monitoring their children's health. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Elementary School would be celebrating Veteran's Day via Zoom, noting that after COVID passed the Veteran's would be going to the school as normal to talk about Veteran's Day. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Board of Education would be meeting tomorrow night. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the WPCA was a great Board and kudos to them for all the information they give out. He further stated everyone knew about the Phosphorous Project and that serious fines from the State would be forthcoming without it being completed. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he wanted the Parks and Recreation Commission to look into cleaning up Lake Winfield in order to make it functional again. He further stated the Operating Engineers had previously dredged it.

Ann Marie Rheault stated the High School would be remote learning for three weeks.

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Town Council Comments

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he wanted to look at the Ordinance, have discussion and then send it back to Public Works, noting a lot of roads could be tarred, which would save the Town a lot of money.

When questioned by Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor David Merchant stated all of the Engineering and appraisals had been completed for the Harwinton Avenue Project and that the Public Works Director Charles Wiegert was working on contacting the property owners. He further stated it still needs to go out to bid and that he was hoping for a springtime construction.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated she wanted to remind everyone that the Veteran's Day Ceremony would take place at Baldwin Park tomorrow at 10:50 a.m.

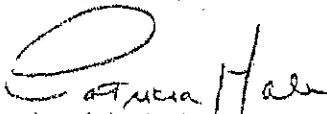
Town Councilman Tom Zagurski stated he had no Town Council Comments at this time.

Town Councilman John Pajeski stated he had no Town Council Comments at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Patricia A. Hale
Recording Secretary