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Minutes

August 7, 2019

Call to Order: Mayor David Merchant called the scheduled August 7, 2019, Plymouth Town Council Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present were Town Councilman Daniel Gentile, Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, Mayor David V. Merchant, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, Town Councilman John Pajeski and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also in attendance were Town Attorney William Hamzy, Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault and Public Works Director Charles Wiegert.

Adoption of the Agenda

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski to add under Agenda Item 12: To accept the resignation of Ted Kosikowski from the Housing Authority of the Town of Plymouth; to add the appointment of Joseph Longo to the Housing Authority of the Town of Plymouth with an ending term of 09/01/2020. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to add an Agenda Item 12a: To accept the resignation of Briana J. Brumaghim from the Board of Finance; this motion was approved unanimously.

Fire Exits Notification

Mayor David Merchant noted the Fire Exits for the record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Merchant led the Plymouth Town Council and the Public Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Mayor David Merchant stated, “God Bless America and the Town of Plymouth”, noting it was appropriate that the Town’s thoughts were with the people of Virginia who had suffered a needless mass murder this past week and briefly elaborated.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

John Murphy 385 Greystone Road, Terryville, briefly discussed his idea for a Town Dog Park and distributed information to the Town Council and Town Attorney for review.

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street Terryville, briefly commented on monies received for Main Street School; school deficit; and the Town Manager Charter question.

Vinnie Klimas, 5 Coral Drive, stated there were many people strongly opposed to a Town Manager form of government and briefly elaborated.

Joe Kilduff 78 North Main Street, Terryville, stated he thought the Town Manager question should be on the 2020 ballot and briefly elaborated.

Jim Mozalak, 18 Carriage Drive, Terryville, briefly spoke on the Community Garden; the Soccer Field, and Town Dispatchers.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No report.

Acceptance of Minutes (June 5, 2019)

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann to accept the June 5, 2019 Minutes as presented.

Discussion:

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated under the June 5, 2019, Property Tax Overpayment Refunds agenda item, her name had appeared as making both the motion and the second for the refunds and noted Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann had made the second to her motion.

Dan Gentile rescinded his original motion; Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann rescinded her second to the original motion.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to accept the June 5, 2019, Regular meeting minutes as amended.

Vote:

This motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor David Merchant briefly commented, reviewed and updated the following items: the Community Room improvements/changes, including the wonderful drone pictures taken by volunteer Matt Schultz and briefly elaborated; the State DOT Route 6 Agney Avenue Expansion Project with an informational meeting being held on October 22nd; 225th Town of Plymouth Anniversary Event; the recently painted Mural on the side of the Lee Hardware building; the Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser for Greg Cody's daughter; and the Community Garden.

Mayor David Merchant read a letter he had received from Victor Mitchell, Chairman of the Fire Building Committee, noting the Fire Building Committee had completed their project assignment, and briefly elaborated.

Financial Director's Report

Copies of the June 30, 2019, Town of Plymouth General Fund Revenue/Expenditures Summary were distributed to the Mayor and the Plymouth Town Council for review.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault briefly elaborated on the fund balance, contingency and surplus, and the negative balance (un-reimbursable items per the State of CT) for the High School Building Fund when it was closed out.

Discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Diane Gore \$15.24; Gary Lancioni \$35.43; Taylor Mingel \$1,404.59; Mark Sekorski \$11.39; Denise Spear \$114.74; Karol Spisak \$180.23; Joseph Swart \$344.14; Anthony Tamburrino \$40.63; Richard Torok \$34.41; Toyota Lease Trust \$175.79, \$88.59; VW Credit Leasing LTD \$75.17

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to approve the Property Tax Overpayment Refunds to the following: Diane Gore \$15.24; Gary Lancioni \$35.43; Taylor Mingel \$1,404.59; Mark Sekorski \$11.39; Denise Spear \$114.74; Karol Spisak \$180.23; Joseph Swart \$344.14; Anthony Tamburrino \$40.63; Richard Torok \$34.41; Toyota Lease Trust \$175.79, \$88.59; and VW Credit Leasing LTD \$75.17. This motion was approved unanimously.

Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations: To appoint Gale Reno to the Beautification Committee; to appoint Jean McMahon to the Beautification Committee; to accept the resignation of Ted Kosikowski from the Housing Authority of the Town of Plymouth; to appoint Joseph Longo to the Housing Authority of the Town of Plymouth with an ending term date of 09/01/2020

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman John Pajeski, to appoint Gale Reno to the Beautification Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to appoint Jean McMahon to the Beautification Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to accept the resignation of Ted Kosikowski from the Housing Authority of the Town of Plymouth with regret. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to appoint Joseph Longo to the Housing Authority of the Town of Plymouth with an ending term date of 09/01/2020. This motion was approved unanimously.

To accept the resignation of Briana J. Brumaghim from the Board of Finance

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to accept with regret the resignation of Briana J. Brumaghim from the Board of Finance. This motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor David Merchant stated Briana J. Brumaghim had been an asset to the Board of Finance and had done a great job.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated Briana J. Brumaghim had done a great job; knew what she was saying and would be greatly missed.

To appoint Briana J. Brumaghim as the Parks and Recreation Director

Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Gerry Bourbonniere stated after much debate and review of the candidates that had applied for the Parks and Recreation Director position, the Parks and Recreation Commission had chosen Briana Brumaghim, noting she had been doing an outstanding, awesome job and briefly elaborated.

Briana J. Brumaghim thanked the Parks and Recreation Commission, Mayor David Merchant and the Town Council for their confidence in her to take on and handle the position of the Parks and Recreation Director.

Town Councilman John Pajeski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to appoint Briana J. Brumaghim as the Parks and Recreation Director. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and take action to authorize the Mayor to sign an Acceptable Recyclables Processing Agreement between Murphy Road Recycling, LLC, substantially as proposed in the response to the solicitation RFP #2019-BR01, as presented at a meeting of the Town Council on August 7, 2019

Mayor David Merchant stated this was the annual contract; however now there would be an increase swing close to \$100,000 each year, and noted it was two-year contract.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Public Works Director Charles Wiegert stated the Town's cost goes up and down with the price of recyclables; that it is tied to the market and briefly elaborated.

When questioned by Town Councilman John Pajeski, Public Works Director Charles Wiegert briefly stated how the Town handles educating the public about recycling.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to authorize the Mayor to sign an Acceptable Recyclables Processing Agreement between Murphy Road Recycling, LLC, substantially as proposed in the response to the solicitation RFP #2019-BR01, as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and take action to approve the Lease Agreement for the Lease of the Public Works Truck as recommended by the Public Works Board

Mayor David Merchant stated the Lease Agreement for the Lease of the Public Works Truck, as recommended by the Public Works Board, agenda item had been sent out to bid and briefly elaborated. He further stated the Town had budgeted \$50,000.00 for the truck, but the bid came in at \$32,104.00, noting it was substantially lower. Mayor David Merchant stated the low bidder for the back of the truck was a local business, Truck Builders, and briefly elaborated.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Public Works Director Charles Wiegert stated the escrow account language was not applicable.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Mayor Merchant stated this was just a standard form that had been designed to make sure the Lease Company has recourse to get their money.

When questioned by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, Public Works Director Charles Wiegert stated the Town could buy the truck outright (without leasing) today for approximately \$200,000.00. Public Works Director Charles Wiegert stated the lease payments over 7 years comes out \$230,000.00 including the finance interest for 7 years, the tires, oil changes, everything as far as maintenance goes and that is extremely favorable.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Public Works Director Charles Wiegert stated everything was covered; the maintenance portion is the bid and the contract was for the lease; a brief discussion followed.

When questioned by Town Councilman John Pajeski, Public Works Director Charles Wiegert stated the Town would receive a loaner if the truck breaks down, noting the truck would be picked up and returned to the Town. He further stated if necessary the company would supply a comparable vehicle and briefly elaborated.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Town Attorney Bill Hamzy stated the wording in the contract for a trial waiver was fairly common in commercial transactions.

When questioned by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, Public Works Director Charles Wiegert stated at the end of the seven (7) years the truck would be taken back no matter what condition it was in, noting the Town would still have the option to purchase it.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to approve the Lease Agreement for the Lease of the Public Works Truck as recommended by the Public Works Board, as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and take action to approve Amendment #1 to the Financial Assistance Proposal Mayfair Garage Round 11

Mayor David Merchant provided a brief background regarding the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) grant. He further stated the project was complete, noting this had been previously discussed and that DECD would cover the additional monies.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Plymouth Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to approve the following Resolution: WHEREAS, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 32-763, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for the economic development projects; and WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest to supplement the prior award of \$750,000.00 from the State by \$100,000.00 for the completion of the project known as Mayfair Garage – Round 11 at 142 Main Street Terryville and to execute an amended Assistance Agreement. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by Connecticut General Statute Section 32-763.
2. That the new total for the financial assistance from the State to the Town of Plymouth is \$850,000.00 is hereby approved.
3. Mayor of the Town of Plymouth David V. Merchant is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Plymouth.

Vote:

Plymouth Town Councilman Dan Gentile/abstained; Plymouth Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann/yes; Plymouth Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski/yes; Plymouth Town Councilman John Pajeski/yes; Plymouth Town Councilman Tom Zagurski/yes—motion passed 4:1 in favor.

Old Business

No report.

Town Council Liaison Reports

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

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

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Director of Finance had already discussed the Board of Finance's contingency expense. She further stated the Board of Finance had approved a transfer of funds from the Board of Education's Sinking Fund to repair a roof section at the Plymouth Center School, contingent upon the Board of Education members approving it. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Police Department has one person at the Police Academy and at the end of July would have five (5) candidates to choose another Police Officer from. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated once again the Police Commission asked to be involved in the process of hiring. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Police Commission had informed the Chief of Police that she should report any of her long absences, such as vacation or sick leave to the Mayor, to the Police Commission and to the entire Police Department.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated she had nothing to report on at this time.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Board of Education had voted to approve taking monies from the Sinking Fund for the roof repair at Plymouth Center School.

Town Council Comments

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he had no Town Council Comments at this time.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated she had no Town Council Comments at this time.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated she had no Town Council Comments at this time.

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

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

Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to move into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m., to discuss Contract Negotiations. This motion was approved unanimously.

Present for the Executive Session were Town Councilman Daniel Gentile, Town Attorney William Hamzy, Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, Mayor David Merchant, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, Town Councilman John Pajeski, Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski.

Mayor David Merchant called the Plymouth Town Council meeting back into the Regular Session at 8:41 p.m.

Action, as may be necessary, from Executive Session

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to clarify that the \$50,000 Economic Development Grant for Main Street School will come from the proceeds of the sale. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to record the net proceeds from the sale of the old Main Street School, \$120,000.00 to be moved to the Debt Service Fund and \$230,000.00 to the Economic Development Fund #119. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to sell Lots 18 and 19 on Container Drive to Robert and Michael Sirois (final name to be determined) for a combined price of \$157,000.00. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to convey an Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$62,000.00 to be taken from the proceeds of the sale price. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to record the net proceeds of \$16,500.00 to the Economic Development Fund #119. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to approve the tax abatement schedule as presented and approved by the Tax Abatement Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to sell Lot 16 on Lassy Court to SBK Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$110,000.00. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to convey an Economic Development Grant to SBK Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$42,700.00 to be taken from the proceeds of the sale.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to record the net proceeds of \$12,300.00 to the Economic Development Fund #119. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to approve the tax abatement schedule as presented and approved by the Tax Abatement Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Hale
Recording Secretary