

Minutes

June 7, 2022

Call to Order: Mayor Joe Kilduff called the scheduled June 7, 2022, Plymouth Town Council Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present for the meeting were Town Councilman Nate Brown, Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor Joe Kilduff, and Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann. Excused Absence: Town Councilman Ron Tiscia. Also in attendance was Town Attorney William Hamzy.

Adoption of Agenda

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to accept the June 7, 2022, Agenda as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Fire Exit Notification

Mayor Joe Kilduff noted the Fire Exits for the record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Joe Kilduff led the Town Council Members and the Public audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated "May God Bless the United States, the Town of Plymouth for the record."

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Steven Sauvron, 7 Crestview Road, Terryville, briefly elaborated on the poor condition of the roads in his neighborhood and questioned when the Town planned on taking care of the area in question.

Mayor Joe Kilduff requested Mr. Sauvron contact his office and make an appointment to meet with him to discuss the issue further.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No report.

Acceptance of Minutes: April 5, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes; April 14, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes; April 28, 2022 Public Hearing Minutes, April 28, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes)

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to accept the April 5, 2022, Regular minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Nate Brown made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to accept the April 14, 2022, Special meeting minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Acceptance of Minutes Cont'd.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Nate Brown, to accept the April 28, 2022, Public Hearing minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to accept the April 28, 2022, Special minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Financial Report

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Town Council had been provided with the most recent financials and if anyone had any questions to please contact the Director of Finance or the Mayor's Office.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Joe Kilduff briefly reviewed and discussed the following: Fire Department Chief Mark Sekorski's induction into the Connecticut State Firefighters Association Hall of Fame, congratulated him, noting what an honor for Mark Sekorski and the Town of Plymouth; thanked Fire Department Chief Sekorski for the invitation to the Waterbury Fire Chief's meeting held in Plymouth-wonderful event with presentation by Accident Construction Team, noting it was good to see how the different emergency departments work together; looking to finish the Audit by June 30th; Memorial Day Parade-humbling to attend and honor those who gave lives for this great country, honored to be a part of it; thank you to Commander Keith Golnik and American Legion, and the Public Works crew, who readied the area; visited Business Park businesses-some businesses looking at expansion, including a contract at tonight's meeting; Emergency Management Director Tony Orsini has taken the oath again, noting Tony Orsini was a great asset to the Town of Plymouth and was thankful to him; Surplus Masks and Tests were distributed again by Human Services Director Carrie Ted and Tony Orsini; Town received Summer Camp Grant for Park and Recreation again for scholarships and more Park and Recreation events; Park and Recreation hired a new Director Maureen Cappetto and welcomed her; still waiting to see if Plymouth gets put on the Bond Commission Agenda in July for the new Police Department building; Bob Stefanowski Republican Nominee for Governor toured the Plymouth Police station and committed to supporting it--special thanks to Sergeant John D'Aniello for inviting him for a tour; Police Captain resigned for personal reasons--looking for replacement; Terryville Fire Department held their 5th annual Barbecue Fundraiser--great event; PVAC celebrated EMS Week, which included a great cookout, noting PVAC are thankful for Town help from Public Works; PVAC thankful for ARPA funds for the Lucas Chest Compression System--actually used this past weekend; State Mandated Affordable Housing Plan--a Public Hearing will be held prior to August Town Council meeting.

Discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Acar Leasing Ltd. \$671.00; Travis Crahan \$94.30; Kelly J. Fayad \$451.40, \$444.49; Susan Kozikowski \$108.06, \$119.08, \$119.08, \$121.88, \$81.26, \$121.88; Michael J. Masi, Jr. \$171.46; Sarah Wishart \$20.76; Sarah and Andrew Wishart \$409.96; Dean A. Dellavecchia \$79.80

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Nate Brown,, to approve the refund the overpayment of the following: Acar Leasing Ltd. \$671.00; Travis Crahan \$94.30; Kelly J. Fayad \$451.40, \$444.49; Susan Kozikowski \$108.06, \$119.08, \$119.08, \$121.88, \$81.26, \$121.88; Michael J. Masi, Jr. \$171.46; Sarah Wishart \$20.76; Sarah and Andrew Wishart \$409.96; and Dean A. Dellavecchia \$79.80. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Resignations/Appointments/Reappointments: To accept the resignation of Dennis Doyle from the Plymouth Police Commission; to appoint George Castle to the Plymouth Police Commission as a Regular Member with an ending term date of 1/1/2025; to appoint Scott Gray to the WPCA as an Alternate Member with an ending term date of 1/1/2025

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Nate Brown, to accept the resignation of Dennis Doyle from the Plymouth Police Commission with deep regret. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Nate Brown made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to appoint George Castle to the Plymouth Police Commission as a Regular Member with an ending term date of January 1, 2025. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to appoint Scott Gray to the WPCA as an Alternate Member with an ending term date of January 1, 2025. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and take action on an amendment of an Inter-Local Agreement with the Town of Thomaston to share the services of an Animal Control Officer

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he wanted to thank First Selectman Ed Mone and the Town of Thomaston for not holding Plymouth to every hour noted in the ACO Agreement and cutting the Town some slack. He further stated Plymouth had some staffing issues and we were not holding up our end of the agreement, but Thomaston has been good about not holding us to every hour; a brief discussion followed.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Nate Brown, to accept the amendment of an Inter-Local Agreement with the Town of Thomaston to share the services of an Animal Control Officer and at the time of renewal of the Inter-Local Agreement the Town Council members will be informed of the renewal in writing from the Mayor's Office. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and take action to approve a Police Department Special Appropriation in the amount of \$8,795.00 for a Tow Behind Enclosed Trailer to be funded from the Extra Duty Account

Police Chief Karen Krasicky provided a brief overview regarding the Police Department's Special Appropriation request for a tow behind trailer. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated Detective Sergeant Beiros had written the request noting previously the Police Department had borrowed the Plymouth Volunteers Ambulance, but they needed it back when COVID started to store their items in it. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the monies for the Special Appropriation were from the Extra Duty Fund noting the Police Officers worked hard and brought a lot of money in for this fund. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated some of the events the trailer was used for were as follows: the annual Back to School collection, Stuff a Cruiser, Plymouth Food Pantry, Plymouth Safety Day, Child Car Seat Clinic, Special Olympic events, traffic purposes including the Terryville Fair, additional department use including transporting larger items for evidence, and storing leftover supplier. She further stated the Police Commission had unanimously supported this agenda item and briefly elaborated.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated that Detective Sergeant Beiros had originally gone to the ARPA Ad Hoc Committee for the monies, however the members felt it would better and faster to use the Extra Duty Account funds.

When questioned by Town Councilman Nate Brown, Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the Police Department had the proper vehicle to tow the trailer.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the ACO truck also has a towing hitch on it.

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Police Department Special Appropriation Cont'd.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated that currently, the Police Department Extra Duty Fund had sufficient funds to cover this request.

Town Councilman Nate Brown made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to approve a Police Department Special Appropriation in the amount of \$8,795.00 for a Tow Behind Enclosed Trailer to be funded from the Extra Duty Account. This motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated this Special Appropriation would need to go to the Board of Finance for final approval at their scheduled meeting next week.

Discuss and take action to approve the Public Works Surplus Equipment Listing

Referencing the Public Works Surplus listing distributed to the Town Council Members, Public Works Director Charles Wiegert reviewed the listing item by item in detail; a brief discussion followed.

Town Councilman Nate Brown made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to approve the Public Works Surplus Equipment listing as presented and recommend the proceeds be put into the Town's Capital Account.

Discussion:

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Public Works Director Charles Wiegert stated the John Deere was not worth keeping and briefly elaborated on the problems they had with it.

Vote:

This motion was approved unanimously.

It was noted this listing would be brought to the Board of Finance for their review and approval, as well.

To discuss and take action on the sale of Terryville Fire Department's 12 SBA Scott Air Packs and 12 Spare Air Bottles Southbury Training School Total \$12,000

Fire Department Chief Mark Sekorski stated two years ago the Fire Department had bought new air packs, bottles and masks, noting the dealer would not give them any trade-in money but the equipment is good for school training and briefly elaborated. He further stated the money will go to the General Fund. Fire Department Chief Mark Sekorski stated its firefighting days were used up but in a controlled environment it would be good for school and training. He further stated he will be coming back to the Town Council with more sales, noting that in September the ladder truck will probably be going to East Granby. Fire Department Chief Mark Sekorski noted that they would be receiving between \$80,000 and \$85,000 for the ladder truck and those monies would be going to the General Fund, as well. He further stated Town Attorney Bill Hamzy had drawn up the Bill of Sale for the Fire Department.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile thanked Fire Department Chief Mark Sekorski noting the funds would be put to good use and he was glad the department was able to sell the equipment.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to approve the sale of Terryville Fire Department's 12 SBA Scott Air Packs and 12 Spare Air Bottles Southbury Training School for a total \$12,000. This motion was approved unanimously.

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Discuss and take action to adjust the adopted Mill Rate for Motor Vehicle Taxes for FY23 in accordance with the State Motor Vehicle Mill Rate Cap

Mayor Joe Kilduff noted the State passed a mill rate cap on Motor Vehicles at 32.46 and the Town's adopted mill rate is higher, so we need to create a second one for Motor Vehicles at 32.46. He further noted the law specifies the Town's legislative body needs to approve it. Mayor Joe Kilduff noted Town Attorney Bill Hamzy felt both the Town Council and the Board of Finance should approve it so that we comply with our Charter and the State Statute. He further stated it will go to the Board of Finance once the Town Council approves it.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Nate Brown, to adjust the adopted Mill Rate for Motor Vehicle Taxes for FY23 in accordance with the State Motor Vehicle Mill Rate Cap.

Discussion:

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Mayor Joe Kilduff noted the State is promising to reimburse the revenue, noting he had elaborated on this in his Plymouth Connection article, as well. He further stated the Town will not know until it happens, and it appears there is funding at least for this year. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated a supplemental bill or cuts would be made if the reimbursement doesn't come through.

Vote:

This motion was approved unanimously.

American Rescue Plan Discussion

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the following items were brought to the ARPA Ad Hoc Committee, for review: Two Light Pack Units for the Plymouth Ambulance Volunteer Corps, two quiet rooms for the Terryville Public Library, along with repairs to library parking lot and surrounding walkways; a Tax Collection Box for out front of Town Hall with a security camera; two freezers and a generator for the Plymouth Food Pantry; a GIS system for the Assessor's Office; a temporary position for the Accounting Office; an appropriation for ModelCraft with some COVID related issues. She further stated the recommendations would be going to the Board of Finance for approval.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated if everything is approved, we would need to prioritize and will have to start saying no even to worthy projects, noting the best interest of the Town will be kept in mind for all projects submitted.

When questioned by Town Councilman Nate Brown, Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the ARPA Ad Hoc Committee did not move forward with Inland-Wetland's request for a tree planting because they are sorting out the previous memorial tree planting request in Baldwin Park and noted they were checking to see if the Beautification Committee would be interested in funding it.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Town Hall ADA Compliance Bathrooms were on the Public Works Director's to-do listing, noting they needed to be quoted; a brief discussion followed.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann noted they ADA Bathrooms were on the ARPA's punch list, and they were just waiting for the quotations.

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Other Business

No report.

Town Council Liaison Reports

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he had nothing to report on at this time.

Town Councilman Nate Brown stated Inland-Wetlands, as well as Planning and Zoning, were status quo with the normal applications. Town Councilman Nate Brown stated he had attended the Public Works Board meeting, noting Public Works Director Charles Wiegert had shared the Auction Surplus listing at that time in depth. He further stated both Public Works Director Charles Wiegert and Highway Superintendent Jim Schultz, had reported on where their finances stood and where they were headed, noting they are stretched very thin. Town Councilman Nate Brown stated he was very pleased with their reports and wanted to thank them both publicly.

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the Police Building Committee was on hold until they get more information, noting they will not be meeting for the next couple of months. Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann stated the Police Commission had been talking about the high number of calls they receive and where they could see improvements and discussed some of the challenges they are facing.

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

Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations

Town Councilman Nate Brown made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to move into Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. to discuss Contract Negotiations. This motion was approved unanimously.

Present for the Executive were Town Councilman Nate Brown, Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Town Councilman Joe Green, Town Attorney Bill Hamzy, Mayor Joe Kilduff, and Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann.

Action, as may be necessary, from Executive Session

Mayor Joe Kilduff called the Plymouth Town Council meeting back into Regular Session at 8:24 p.m.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated for the record that no action was taken from the Executive Session.

Discuss and take action on an Economic Development Grant to Infinity Surfacing & Refinishing, LLC and a Sale of Lot 14 Lassy Court to Infinity Surfacing & Refinishing, LLC

Town Councilman Nate Brown made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to offer an Economic Development Grant to Infinity Surfacing & Refinishing, LLC and approve the sale of Lot 14 Lassy Court to Infinity Surfacing & Refinishing, LLC, as presented. This motion as approved unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Hale, Recording Secretary

