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**Minutes**

**February 11, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Mayor David Merchant called the scheduled February 11, 2020, Plymouth Town Council Special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

**Roll Call:** Present 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 Town Attorney William Hamzy.

### **Fire Exit 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 the United States of America and the Town of Plymouth" and noted prayers for safety for all of our troops around the world 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: Transition meetings with LCD; the Budget process; Town Hall Water Main Break; Economic Development and read the following into the record on behalf of the Housing Authority of the Town of Plymouth: The Town needs to hold a Public Hearing meeting at the March Town Council meeting for the Town to decide/submit to the CT Department of Housing Grant, US HUD, Small Cities, Community Development Block Grant Application for renovation funds for the Housing Authority of the Town of Plymouth, Gosinski Park. Only the Town can submit the Application.

The Housing Authority will present a brief presentation on the Application. The HUD funds will be for removing architectural barriers for persons in wheelchairs and for general renovations to the 55-year old apartments. The ADA request will be for approximately \$1,000,000 and the total request will be for about \$3,000,000. While the HUD Application and paperwork must be submitted by the Town itself, the Housing Authority will be responsible for the preparation of the paperwork and project supervision.

### **Finance Director's Report**

Mayor David Merchant noted the Director of Finance was not in attendance this evening and if anyone had questions on her Monthly Report to please contact him or email the Director.

**Discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Acar Leasing \$745.88, \$307.17; Jeffrey S. Anderson \$45.64; Najhai Gomes-Walton \$333.38; Lawrence Gravel \$11.55; John Guarriello \$157.62; Claire Habeski \$12.63; Mary Parylovich \$94.46; Matthew Stankus \$359.09; Earl Starks \$163.69; Vault Trust \$264.01, \$390.35, \$189.17**

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Acar Leasing \$745.88, \$307.17; Jeffrey S. Anderson \$45.64; Najhai Gomes-Walton \$333.38; Lawrence Gravel \$11.55; John Guarriello \$157.62; Claire Habeski \$12.63; Mary Parylovich \$94.46; Matthew Stankus \$359.09; Earl Starks \$163.69; and Vault Trust \$264.01, \$390.35, \$189.17. This motion was approved unanimously.

**To approve the Democratic Town Committee's recommendation of David Sekorski to fill the vacancy on the Board of Finance with a term ending 11/02/2021**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to approve the Democratic Town Committee's recommendation of David Sekorski to fill the vacancy on the Board of Finance with a term ending 11/02/2021. This motion was approved unanimously.

**To appropriate \$45,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department for the purchase of a replacement Dump Truck**

Briana Brumaghim, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Gerry Bourbonniere, Chairman Parks and Recreation Commission, provided background of the Parks and Recreation Department's request to purchase a replacement Dump Truck; a brief discussion followed.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile thanked Briana Brumaghim for doing her due diligence and going out and getting multiple bids, noting she had done a good job.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to appropriate \$45,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department for the purchase of a replacement Dump Truck. This motion was approved unanimously.

### **Town Council Liaison Reports**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Code Enforcement Committee was doing a great job; noting Zoning Enforcement Officer Scott Eisenlohr had raised almost \$100,000 in fines. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Board of Education was currently going through their Budget process. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the WPCA's biggest concern right now was the Phosphorous \$5 to \$7 million-dollar project.

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

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Board of Finance approved the \$17,000 transfer from the Board of Education's Sinking Fund for the scoreboard at Terryville High School. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Board of Finance was starting their budget season and that on March 17<sup>th</sup> the Board of Education would be presenting their Budget requests to the Board of Finance. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Communications Commission decided they would not be able to present an accurate budget until they are closer to the switch-over to Litchfield County Dispatch. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Communications Commission are asking about changing their personnel expenses over to the Police Department Budget. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Police Commission approved a blind driveway sign on Minor Road and 15-minute time limit signs near the Plymouth Post Office. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Police Commission had approved their budget requests and also a request for 8 Town cell phones. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Police Building Committee voted to have a site evaluation done on the Town Hall field and to limit the plans to 18,500 square feet. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Police Chief and Sergeants were asked to reconsider their future needs regarding a staff of 35 Police Officers.

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

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

### **Town Council Comments**

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.

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

Town Councilman Joe Green stated he had no Town Council comments at this time.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he was following the bid process for the Salt Shed and briefly elaborated.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Hale  
Recording Secretary