Town of Plymouth Town Council

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Minutes July 23, 2018

Call to Order: Mayor David V. Merchant called the scheduled July 23, 2018 Plymouth Town Council Special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present were Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Mayor David Merchant, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, Town Councilman John Pajeski and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Excused Absence: Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann. Also in attendance was Director of Finance Ann Marie Rheault.

Fire Exits Notification

Mayor 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" for the record.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, briefly discussed the general fund and the Capital Improvements Committee forwarding their report to Town Council.

John Murphy, 385 Greystone Road, Terryville, briefly discussed future plans for training for the Fire Houses, and the Town's financial footing.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, briefly discussed Tyler Technologies and the Town's bidding process.

John Murphy, 385 Greystone Road, Terryville, briefly discussed the Charter Revision Commission and the Town Manager position.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Merchant reported and provided updates on the following: Audits complete up to date; Auditors working on 2018 Audit, timeline being set up, Bids were in for Mayfair property, Amy Vaillancourt, Tighe & Bond, going through process to find lowest qualified contractor; applied to DECD for additional funds to cover overages; RFP for bids for the Street Light Project are out and due back in two weeks; and Graham Tool construction is underway for new building in Business Park.

Financial Report

A brief discussion took place concerning the Financial Report for the Town of Plymouth General Fund Revenue/Expenditures Summary for 5/31/2018.

Discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Erminio Delucrezia \$179.16; Ricky Charette \$54.11; Toyota Lease Trust \$300.74, \$75.94, \$159.68, \$213.02, \$204.22, \$152.38; Thomas Markoski \$2,074.96; Louisville PPC \$203.22; Tina Lioret \$36.96; Vault Trust \$142.72, \$349.47, \$178.82, \$492.38, \$440.48, \$102.08, \$141.76, \$189.12, \$173.12, \$526.72

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Zagurski, to approve the refund overpayments of Property Taxes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and take action to authorize the Mayor to sign the Tyler Technologies Licensing Software Agreement from Tyler Technologies

A lengthy discussion took place concerning the Tyler Technologies Licensing Software Agreement.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to authorize the Mayor to enter into and sign the Tyler Technologies Licensing Software Agreement from Tyler Technologies. Vote: Town Councilman Dan Gentile/no; Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski/yes; Town Councilman John Pajeski/yes; Town Councilman Tom Zagurski; yes. Motion passed 3:1.

Discuss and take action to authorize the Mayor to sign the Assistance Agreement by and between the State of CT, acting by the DECD and the Town of Plymouth, for a Historic Properties Survey Grant

A brief discussion took place concerning the State of Connecticut/DECD and the Town of Plymouth for the Historic Properties Survey Grant.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman John Pajeski, to authorize the Mayor to enter into and sign the Assistance Agreement by and between the State of CT, acting by the DECD and the Town of Plymouth, for a Historic Properties Survey Grant, and when the final documents are received a presentation will be brought before the Town Council. This motion was approved unanimously.

Discuss and take action to authorize the Mayor to sign the State of Connecticut OPM Neglected Cemeteries Account Grant Program Application

Mayor Merchant noted the application for the \$2,000.00 Grant had to be received by the State of Connecticut prior to July 31, 2018 and briefly elaborated.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, authorizing Mayor David Merchant to apply for and accept, on behalf of the Town, a Grant from the Neglected Cemetery Account, and that Mayor David Merchant is authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said Grant should the Town be selected for a Grant award. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Council Liaison Reports

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Charter Revision Commission had an excellent presentation by a Plainville Town Council member regarding combining Finance Directors with their Board of Education, noting they had saved a lot of money had a Town Manager form of government. He further stated the Charter Revision Commission was doing a good job. Board of Education/no report; Code Enforcement Committee/no report; Park and Recreation Committee/no report.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated at the June meeting of the Police Commission, Police Commissioner Dave Mischke had requested a copy of the Police Overtime Report as he concerned about the number of hours worked and Officer safety. She further stated the Police Commission voted to ask the State for a new "No Thru Truck" sign on North Main Street.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Communications Commission voted to give the old Conex building, inside the tower compound at the Fairgrounds, to the Terryville Fair for their use.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the new Public Works radios were delivered and their radios are being switched out. Referencing the Board of Finance meeting, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated BlumShapiro will be the auditors for the 17/18 fiscal year.

Town Councilman John Pajeski stated Human Services Commission was moving along, and that the program book for the backpack program were coming along nicely. Town Councilman John Pajeski stated Gosinski Park was taking applications for rentals, noting everything was going smoothly with Vinnie Klimas there. Town Councilman John Pajeski stated Inland Wetlands were also doing nicely, noting they were taking permits, checking swimming pools, etc.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated Planning and Zoning would be holding a Public Hearing because of a zone map change and they were trying to add a section to preserve historic buildings, basically dedicated for Main Street and Prospect Street Schools. He further stated Planning and Zoning had imposed a moratorium for changing the Town's Zoning maps because they because they want to review and change some zoning regulations first.

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 Council Comments at this time.

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

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he takes his job as a Town Councilman seriously, noting he is an inquisitive person, will continue to ask questions, he was not going to change and briefly elaborated. He further stated the Business Manager discussion was supposed to be on this month's agenda and briefly elaborated.

Executive Session Contract Negotiations

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to enter into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss Contract Negotiations. This motion was approved unanimously.

Present for the Executive Session were Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Mayor David Merchant, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, Town Councilman John Pajeski and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski.

Mayor David Merchant called the Plymouth Town Council meeting back into regular session at 8:33 p.m.

Action, as may be necessary, from Executive Session

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman John Pajeski, to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Police Union to count up to 12 hours of work each week by the Animal Control Officer-Police Officer (ACO/PO) for purposes of satisfying the Police Department's contractual minimum manning requirements. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Police Union that all hours worked by the Canine Handler shall count towards the Police Department's contractual minimum manning requirements. This motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Hale, Recording Secretary