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Minutes

March 6, 2019

Call to Order: Mayor David Merchant called the scheduled March 6, 2019, Plymouth Town Council Regular meeting to order at 6:30 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, and Finance Director Ann Marie Rheault.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mayor David Merchant stated he had no changes to the March 6, 2019 Plymouth Town Council agenda. Mayor David Merchant stated Jeffrey Ziplow, BlumShapiro Cybersecurity Risk Assessor, would be present later in the evening and would be discussing a recent cyber breach in the Plymouth Town Hall's computer systems.

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 the United States of America and the Town of Plymouth" for the record.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Jim Mozelak, 18 Carriage Drive, Terryville, briefly commented on the Dog Warden position.

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, briefly commented on security issues in Town.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No report.

Acceptance of Minutes (February 6, 2019)

Town Councilman John Pajeski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to accept the February 6, 2019, minutes as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor's Report

Mayor David Merchant briefly commented, reviewed and updated the following: Street Lights Project, Conversion process for Financial Software, and the recent school threat.

Financial Director's Report

Finance Director Ann Marie Rheault briefly comment on her Financial Report, Town of Plymouth General Fund Revenue/Expenditures Summary for 1/31/2019.

When questioned by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, Finance Director Ann Marie Rheault explained the Parks and Recreation, Plymouth Town Council, Central Office, and Human Services line items in detail.

Ann Marie Rheault stated Jeffrey Ziplow, BlumShapiro Cybersecurity Risk Assessor, was present this evening to discuss a cyber attack on Town Hall and provided a brief summary.

Jeffrey Ziplow, BlumShapiro Cybersecurity Risk Assessor, stated the Town of Plymouth's Municipal and Police Computers had a ransomware cyber-attack occur; a brief discussion followed.

Plymouth Police Department Sergeant John D'Aniello provided a brief summary on how the Police Department was currently working with the cyber breach.

Discuss and take action, as may be necessary, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Laura Boruff \$15.36; Harold Cook \$300.00 *Sewer Refund; JP Morgan Chase Bank \$254.05; James Ouellette \$18.81; Robert Salinger \$21.11; Duane Stacey \$30.92; Vault Trust (Ally Financial) \$466.27; VW Credit Leasing LTD \$784.55, \$93.44; Wells Fargo Financial \$1,461.00

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to refund overpayment of Property Taxes to the following: Laura Boruff \$15.36; Harold Cook \$300.00 *Sewer Refund; JP Morgan Chase Bank \$254.05; James Ouellette \$18.81; Robert Salinger \$21.11; Duane Stacey \$30.92; Vault Trust (Ally Financial) \$466.27; VW Credit Leasing LTD \$784.55, \$93.44; and Wells Fargo Financial \$1,461.00. This motion was approved unanimously.

Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations: To reappoint Michael Ganem to the Economic Development Commission with an ending term of 11/01/2023; to reappoint Lani Johnson to the Capital Improvements Committee with an ending term of 02/01/2022; to reappoint Joseph Green to the Capital Improvements Committee with an ending term of 02/01/2022; to reappoint Diana Oberg to the Historic Property Commissioner with an ending term of 08/01/2022; to reappoint Robert Green to the Historic Property Commissioner with an ending term of 08/01/2023; to appoint Chalaine Kilduff to the Economic Development Commission with an ending term of 02/01/2024

Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to reappoint Michael Ganem to the Economic Development Commission with an ending term of 11/01/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to reappoint Lani Johnson to the Capital Improvements Committee with an ending term of 02/01/2022. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to reappoint Joseph Green to the Capital Improvements Committee with an ending term of 02/01/2022. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to reappoint Diana Oberg to the Historic Property Commissioner with an ending term of 08/01/2022. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to reappoint Robert Green to the Historic Property Commissioner with an ending term of 08/01/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to appoint Chalaine Kilduff to the Economic Development Commission with an ending term of 02/01/2024. This motion was approved unanimously.

To create a Police Department Building Committee (Michael Audette, Cesar Beiros, Matthew Gualtieri, Christopher Latimer, Victor Mitchell, Ann Marie Rheault, Mark Sekorski)

Mayor David Merchant explained the reasoning for appointing a Police Department Building Committee, noting Senator Henri Martin and State Representative Whit Betts had introduced a bill to help fund the new Plymouth Police Department and briefly elaborated.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to appoint Michael Audette to the Police Department Building Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, Cesar Beiros to the Police Department Building Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, to appoint Matthew Gualtieri to the Police Department Building Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to appoint Christopher Latimer to the Police Department Building Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to appoint Victor Mitchell to the Police Department Building Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to appoint Ann Marie Rheault to the Police Department Building Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann, to appoint Mark Sekorski to the Police Department Building Committee. This motion was approved unanimously.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile regarding reaching out to the Town of Thomaston for shared services, Mayor David Merchant stated he would be reaching out to the City of Bristol, noting they were bigger and had a lot more to offer.

To discuss and take action to transfer, not to exceed \$12,000 from the Police Extra Duty Fund, for the purchase, setup and configuration of a dedicated Police Department Computer Server

Referencing a memo received from Plymouth Police Department Sergeant D'Aniello, Finance Director Ann Marie Rheault explained the transfer and detailed the need; a brief discussion followed.

Town Councilman Tom Zagurski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to transfer (not to exceed \$12,000) from the Police Extra Duty Fund, for the purchase, setup and configuration of a dedicated Police Department Computer Server. This motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he would like an update from Plymouth Police Chief Karen Krasicky regarding the permit fees for Bingo, Bazaar or Raffle Permits and would like the item placed on next month's Town Council agenda if possible.

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 Fire Commission had noted the Fall Mountain Fire Station's new furnace was working well.

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated bids were going out for a new furnace at Headquarters and they hoped to have it installed by July. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Police Commission was trying to knock off Traffic Authority business items that had been on their agenda for a long time. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Police Commission was reviewing their Bylaws again and would be starting on the Assistant Chief Job Description and Promotional Procedure next month. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Police Commission informed the Chief that they would like to go back to interviewing Police Officer candidates as the Police Commission used to do in the past. Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski stated the Communications Commission had a short meeting and that Chairman Marty Sandshaw had read the following statement at the meeting: "Any decision to move the Town's Dispatching services to Litchfield County Dispatch requires the Town to be respectful of the collective bargaining process. The Town is presently in such union negotiations and the parties have agreed that neither of them will publicly comment on these negotiations. So this Commission must respect that agreement and there will be no further updates until the bargaining process is concluded."

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated the Charter Revision Commission was moving along nicely regarding the Town Manager form of government, noting they were discussing the cost of a Town Manager versus a Mayor. He further stated the Commission was doing a good job, noting they meet on the first and third Thursday of every month if anyone would like to attend. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated Plymouth was fortunate to currently have a Mayor who was a businessman, but in the past the Town has had Mayors that cost the Town millions and that he was in favor of having a Town Manager.

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

Town Council Comments

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he was still holding his Open Forum Discussion on the first Monday of each month from 6:30 p.m. through 8:00 p.m. He further stated it was good to hear what was on everyone's minds, noting it was very interesting with good conversation and briefly elaborated.

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 Councilman Dan Gentile, to move into Executive Session at 7:31 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 and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski.

Mayor David Merchant called the Plymouth Town Council meeting back into Regular session at 8:10 p.m.

Action, as may be necessary, from Executive Session

No action taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Tom Zagurski, to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Hale
Recording Secretary