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**Minutes**

**January 7, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Mayor David V. Merchant called the scheduled January 7, 2020, Town of Plymouth Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

**Roll Call:** Present were Town Councilman Daniel Gentile, Town Councilman Joe Green, Mayor David Merchant, Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski, Town Councilman John Pajeski and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also in attendance was Town Attorney William Hamzy.

### **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.

**Reading of Legal Notice: LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING, Reading of Legal Notice: LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING, Public Hearing on Ordinance Change. Pursuant to Chapter III, Section 5c of the Plymouth Town Charter, the Plymouth Town Council will hold a Public Hearing in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall, 80 Main Street, Terryville, CT 06786, on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., for the following purpose: To hear Public Comments on an amendment to Chapter 15, Article V., Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Personnel Tax Abatement Ordinance. David V. Merchant, Mayor, dated at Plymouth, CT this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.**

Mayor David Merchant read the Legal Notice into the record as follows: LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING, Reading of Legal Notice: LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING, Public Hearing on Ordinance Change. Pursuant to Chapter III, Section 5c of the Plymouth Town Charter, the Plymouth Town Council will hold a Public Hearing in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall, 80 Main Street, Terryville, CT 06786, on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., for the following purpose: To hear Public Comments on an amendment to Chapter 15, Article V., Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Personnel Tax Abatement Ordinance. David V. Merchant, Mayor, dated at Plymouth, CT this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.

**To consider and take Public Comment regarding the following: To give citizens an opportunity to hear and or/make oral or written recommendations concerning an amendment to Chapter 15, Article V., Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Personnel Tax Abatement Ordinance.**

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Mayor Merchant briefly explained the Ordinance to amend Volunteer Firefighter and Ambulance Personnel Tax Abatement Ordinance.

Town Attorney Bill Hamzy stated this Amendment to the Ordinance came about because of a new Public Act passed in the last session at the Capital and briefly elaborated.

Lani Johnson, 26 Cross Road, Terryville, stated this was a wonderful incentive because it was hard trying to get volunteers every year and this Ordinance would help to keep volunteers, as well. Lani Johnson thanked the Mayor and the Town Council for considering the abatement.

Mark Sekorski, Old Waterbury Road, Terryville, stated the Fire Department gives a listing to the Tax Assessor showing which members qualify for the abatement annually and explained the qualifications required to be eligible for the abatement. He further stated there is an established system of checks and balances and briefly elaborated.

Lani Johnson stated the Plymouth Volunteer Ambulance Corps also has qualifications that must be met and submits the listing of qualified volunteers to the Tax Assessor annually.

### **Adjournment**

Town Councilwoman Sue Murawski made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Hale  
Recording Secretary