

**Minutes**

**November 15, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Joe Kilduff called the scheduled November 15, 2021, 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 Councilman Ron Tiscia. Excused Absence: Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann. Also in attendance were Police Captain Ed Benecchi, Town Attorney William Hamzy and Police Chief Karen Krasicky.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Nate Brown, to accept the Town Council November 15, 2021, Agenda as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Fire Exit Notification**

Mayor Joe Kilduff noted the Fire Exits for the record.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia led the Town Council Members and the Public Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Moment of Silence**

Mayor Joe Kilduff requested a Moment of Silence for two long-time Community members who had passed away; Dan Slevinsky and Bill Hermann.

**Invocation**

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated God Bless American and the Town of Plymouth for the record.

**Town Council Rules and Procedures**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to accept the Town Council Rules and Procedures as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Discussion:** When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated material that is received for Town Council meetings will be emailed to the Town Council Members prior to the meeting as early as possible.

**Vote:** This motion was approved unanimously.

**To Appoint William Hamzy as Town Attorney**

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he would be reappointing William Hamzy as the Town Attorney for the Town of Plymouth, noting this item did not need a Town Council vote however, he wanted to inform the Town Council Members.

## **Discuss and take action to set Town Council Dates**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, to approve the 2022 Town Council meeting dates as presented; first Tuesday monthly at 7:00 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

## **Discuss and take action for Town Council Liaison Assignments**

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Nate Brown, to accept the Town Council Liaison Assignments and backups as presented. This motion was approved unanimously.

## **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

No report.

## **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville, stated she believes the Town Charter requires Town Council approval for the Town Attorney appointment.

## **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the lights in the Town Hall back parking lot were out, noting the Electrician should be looking at the issue tomorrow. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he was meeting with all Department Heads, as well as Board and Commission Chairmen, in order to get a feel for their needs and the direction they were heading in. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated he appreciated everyone's well wishes for his appointment as Mayor. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated a temporary person was in place as the Director of Finance and that he was casting a wide net for a permanent replacement and briefly elaborated.

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Toyota Lease Trust \$358.64; VW Credit Leasing LTD \$109.50; and Karen Zagurski \$15.03. This motion was approved unanimously.

**Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations: To accept the resignation of Sally Bain-Picard from the Human Services Commission; to appoint Donna Dognin from an Alternate Member to a Regular Member on the Human Services Commission; to reappoint Cathy Beaudoin to the Human Services Commission with a term ending on 10/1/2024; to appoint Joe Carey to the Housing Authority Board with an ending term of 10/1/2023; to appoint Vincent A. Gualtieri III to the Planning and Zoning Commission with an ending term of 09/01/2023**

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to accept the resignation of Sally Bain-Picard from the Human Services Commission. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Nate Brown, to appoint Donna Dognin from an Alternate Member to a Regular Member on the Human Services Commission

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, to reappoint Cathy Beaudoin to the Human Services Commission with a term ending on 10/1/2024. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, to appoint Joe Carey to the Housing Authority Board with an ending term of 10/1/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Nate Brown, to appoint Vincent A. Gualtieri III to the Planning and Zoning Commission with an ending term of 09/01/2023. This motion was approved unanimously.

### **Application for Reimbursement for OPM Body Worn Camera/Dashboard Camera Grant Program under the Police Accountability Bill**

Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the Town Council had previously received information for the Reimbursement for OPM Body Worn Camera/Dashboard Camera Grant Program under the Police Accountability Bill. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated this was item #1 and item #2 was the actual application indicating the amount of money the Police Department was anticipating (30% of the total amount 87,513.72) which roughly comes to \$26,254.12. Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the third section of this information was the authorization page which needs to be signed by the Mayor; the head of the Town and the fourth section was the signatory page for the Town, which for the best interest of the Town should be signed for by the Police Chief. She further stated the Police Department had the Policy and the Captain had worked on it, noting most towns have the Chief of Police sign off on it and briefly elaborated on the document and what it covered/did not cover.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Police Chief Karen Krasicky stated the cameras have been a tremendous help and are mandatory under the Police Accountability Bill, noting a picture is actually worth more than a thousand words.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Police Captain Ed Benecchi stated the public's response to the cameras is relative; some people do not care and some will make a false complaint no matter what, noting the cameras are accountability transparency.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the cameras protect the Police Officer from false complaints and the Public from a Police Officer if he acts irresponsibly, noting he feels they are a needed expense.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to authorize the

Mayor, the Chief of Police and the Town Clerk to sign the Application for Reimbursement for OPM Body Worn Camera/Dashboard Camera Grant Program under the Police Accountability Bill so the reimbursement can be made. This motion was approved unanimously.

### **To approve Economic Development Grant and the Sale of Lots 18 and 19 Container Drive to 18/19 Container Drive LLC**

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated this agenda item had resulted in an action by the previous Administration and was a follow-up on the Contract, along with the Grant, which had been included in the Town Council Member's packets.

Town Councilman Nate Brown made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Joe Green, to approve the Economic Development Grant for Lots 18 and 19 Container Drive to 18/19 Container Drive LLC. This motion was approved unanimously.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ron Tiscia, to approve the sale of Lots 18 and 19 Container Drive to 18/19 Container Drive LLC. This motion was approved unanimously.

When questioned by Town Councilman Dan Gentile, Mayor Joe Kilduff stated there were not many lots remaining in the Industrial Park.

### **American Rescue Plan Discussion**

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the previous Administration had put together an Ad Hoc Committee to examine how the American Rescue funds that come in would be spent, noting there is a lot of paperwork and a lot of details we have to go through to make sure the monies are spent the right way. He further stated we will do everything by the book; we will take our time and make sure what we do will be in the best interest of the community. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated the Public is encouraged to bring forward any ideas and recommendations as long as they fit with what the funds are for, noting it has to have something to do with COVID or helping with the next pandemic that comes along. He further stated the Ad Hoc Committee had one meeting to date and that hopefully the ball will get rolling for their second meeting sometime in December or January. Mayor Joe Kilduff stated Town Councilwoman Roxanne McCann had spoken to several Town Departments, including the Fire Department, and a potential list will be kept.

### **Housing Authority Audit and status of ADA Renovation Grants**

Vinnie Klimas, Chairperson, Housing Authority of the Town of Plymouth, gave a brief presentation regarding the Housing Authority Audit and an update on the status of the ADA Renovation Grants. Vinnie Klimas stated the Housing Authority was obligated to submit their annual Audit to the Town Clerk and the Town Council, noting this was the fourth "clean" audit the Housing Authority had submitted. He further stated the summary of the Audit could be found on the last page of the report showing it was clean. Housing Authority Chairperson Vinnie Klimas stated the Housing Authority's Board of Directors and Staff were experienced and hard working, noting Board Member Joe Longo was also present this evening and that he was a valuable member of the Board. Housing Authority Chairperson Vinnie Klimas stated he also wanted to thank the Town and the Town Council for all of their assistance in obtaining these monies.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he wanted to thank Vinnie Klimas for his flawless reports, noting he was doing a great job.

Vinnie Klimas stated the \$1.5 million HUD CDBG Funds and the \$2.5 State Sponsored Housing Portfolio Funds (SSHP funds) had been awarded and they were waiting to sign a contract and briefly elaborated. Vinnie Klimas stated the two qualifying bids had been rejected because they had come in too high, which cannot be

done with Federal funds. He further stated the project had been rebid, that a mandatory walk through would happen this coming Friday and the bids would be opened on December 17th. Vinnie Klimas noted the State also recommended the bids be rejected because they did not fit their criteria either.

Vinnie Klimas displayed a drawing that showed six units which would be completely accessible, and ADA Compliant. Vinnie Klimas also displayed a drawing of the Community Room, noting it would be made accessible, as well and briefly elaborated. Vinnie Klimas stated he wanted to thank the Police Department for all the times they had helped out at Gosinski Park, noting they had great knowledge and were of great assistance. Vinnie Klimas stated he wanted to congratulate the newly elected officials, noting they were doing a great job.

### **Town Council Liaison Reports**

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he wanted to congratulate the Board of Education Members and the new Superintendent, noting they were doing an excellent job and he wanted to give them credit for turning the schools around and fixing problems. He further stated they had handled a recent issue in a professional manner.

### **Town Council Comments**

Mayor Joe Kilduff noted he did not have to respond to Public Comment however he wanted everyone to know that he takes his Oath of Office to follow the State and Federal Constitution, as well as the Town Charter, very seriously and wanted to clarify. Referencing Chapter VI., Offices and Departments, Section One, Mayor Joe Kilduff read the following into the record: *"The mayor shall appoint and may remove, a town attorney, who shall be an attorney at law admitted to practice law in this state"* and noted this appointment did not require Town Council approval.

Town Councilman Ron Tiscia stated he was learning and wanted to thank the Republican Town Committee for their endorsement of him, as well as the Republican Town Committee and everyone who campaigned so hard to get us where we are today, noting it shows.

Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated he wanted to welcome the new Mayor and Town Council members as well as all the newly elected officials. He further stated the Town of Plymouth runs on volunteerism and it is what this Town is all about. Town Councilman Dan Gentile stated we will make it better by every decision we make, and that the next two years will be great.

Town Councilman Nate Brown stated he was looking forward to serving the Community and working with his fellow Town Council members.

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

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council, Town Councilman Joe Green made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Nate Brown, to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Hale  
Recording Secretary

