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Special Meeting Minutes - January 22, 2026

Call to Order: Mayor David Sekorski called the scheduled January 22, 2026, Plymouth Town Council Special Meeting to order at 7:00 pm, in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall.

Roll call: The following council members were present – Susan Boilard, Raymond Engle, Joe Green, Ron Tiscia, TJ Zagurski and Mayor Dave Sekorski. Recording Secretary, Patricia Hale, was absent and the Acting Recording Secretary was Linda Konopaske for this meeting.

Fire Exit Notification: Mayor Sekorski noted the Fire Exits for the record.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Sekorski led the Plymouth Town Council and the Public Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: The mayor recited the Serenity Prayer and ended with God Bless the Town of Plymouth.

Public Comment:

- John Murphy thanked the Council for moving forward with the truck lease for the WPCA.
- Melanie Church informed the Council that she attends the Capitol Improvement Committee meetings, and it is very sad that everyone seems to want more space and more help and more funding. She urges the Council to say no to these requests and to use caution as the town has no money. She feels this is a “runaway train” with too much spending and no gains. She also encouraged all the Town Council members to attend Board of Education meetings as they are considering letting the Bristol Boys and Girls Club provide programming in town.

Discuss and take action to purchase/lease a Vac Con Sewer Truck with Attachments for WPCA:

The mayor stated that the funding comes out of the WPCA income and that this was a necessary piece of equipment. Mayor Dave introduced Jason Patrick, the WPCA plant manager, to answer any questions the board may have. Ray Engle asked about the bidding process. Jason Patrick replied that there were 3 companies that bid but only one made the truck that fits in our garage, and they were the lowest bidder. The truck has a 15-to-20-year lifespan. It is a purchase/lease agreement so we will own it at the end of the lease term. Our current one is over 24 years old and will be sold. Currently the highest offer they have is \$10,000 from Truck Builders of CT.

TJ Zagursky moved that the Town of Plymouth enter into a lease agreement with Lease Service Center, Inc. for the purchase of a Vac Con Sewer Truck with attachments that is currently valued at \$410,037.00. Second by Joe Green. Roll call vote: TJ Zagurski-Yes; Sue Boilard-Yes; Joe Green-Yes; Ron Tiscia-Yes; Ray Engle-Yes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Discuss and take action on recommended candidate for Public Works Director:

Mayor Sekorski introduced Joe Sopczneski and relayed some of his background experience and stated that this is a highly competitive position and we are fortunate to have found someone of Joe's caliber and experience. He also wanted the Council to know that Joe Carey, the Chair of the Public Works Committee, was involved in the interview process, and the candidate did meet with the entire Public Works committee at their last meeting. Ron Tiscia asked what the starting date would be and the mayor replied February 2, 2026, pending receipt of the background check which should be in any day now. Joe Sopczneski introduced himself and stated he has 18 years of construction experience and extensive experience in landscape architecture. He grew up in town, lives in town, is interested in bringing new energy to the town and welcomes the opportunity to serve the town.

Joe Green moved that we enter into a 1-year contract with Joe Sopczneski as the Public Works Director which contains a 90-day probation period (the same as the previous contract) conditional on receipt of the full background check. Second by Sue Boilard. Roll call vote: TJ Zagurski-Yes; Sue Boilard-Yes; Joe Green-Yes; Ron Tiscia-Yes; Ray Engle-Yes. **Motion passed unanimously.** The mayor welcomed Joe Sopczneski to the team.

Adjournment: There being no further business of the Plymouth Town Council; **Town Councilman Ray Engle moved to adjourn at 7:17 pm. Second by Ron Tiscia. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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