

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** Jim Kilduff, Chairman, called the special August 21, 2025, Board of Finance meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Members in attendance: Victoria Carey-Vice Chairman, Jennifer Brunnoli, Eugene Croce, Tony Osipiak, David Sekorski, and Vijay Dora, Town of Plymouth Finance Director.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Jim Kilduff, Chairman, led the group and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Notice of Fire Exits** – Jim Kilduff noted the Fire Exits for the record.
- 4. To consider and make a recommendation on the following resolutions entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$20,090,786 For The Planning, Design, Construction, Development, Equipping And Furnishing Of A New Plymouth Police Department Facility And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$20,090,786 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", and "Resolution Appropriating \$6,000,000 For The Planning, Design, Engineering, Construction, And Reconstruction Of Various Road And Town Bridge Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$6,000,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose."**

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated through the recommendation of the Public Works board, they recommended increasing infrastructure improvements from \$4 million to \$6 million, which the Town Council approved, adding \$2 million for roads and bridges. The police department's funding remains unchanged. This change will slightly affect debt service. Bond counsel has provided initial drafts, but the final details are still being reviewed (re. short-term note, year might change). One significant project, the WPCA, may be delayed a year due to design work (maybe pushed out).

Mayor Joe Kilduff noted Reval. - There's uncertainty about the impact on the mill rate due to changing property valuations, making it hard to predict the exact effect for the public hearing. However, the goal is to proceed to a referendum for voters to decide on the projects. Looking for a recommendation from the Board of Finance, and briefly elaborated.

There will be two questions on the ballot. The Town Council September 2, the public hearing is set for September 3rd, with a special town council meeting afterward to set the referendum date (one item agenda) likely in the last full week of September or the 30th, dependent on the registrar, and briefly elaborated.

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MOTION:

Dave Sekorski made a motion, seconded by Vicky Carey make a recommendation on the following resolutions entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$20,090,786 For The Planning, Design, Construction, Development, Equipping And Furnishing Of A New Plymouth Police Department Facility And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$20,090,786 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

VOTE:

Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION:

Eugene Croce questioned the State Bond contribution to the project.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated no, we can note we are seeking state and/or federal help, which would help us bond less. This is the current proposal on the table, assumptions on grand list, growth, etc. - will point out where we are at and briefly elaborated.

Dave Sekorski questioned the public hearing and the bonding projection shared with us, the explanation, process, and any assumptions, and we need to move forward first, and briefly elaborated.

MOTION:

Tony Osipiak made a motion, seconded by Vicky Carey to make a resolution appropriating \$6,000,000 For The Planning, Design, Engineering, Construction, And Reconstruction Of Various Road And Town Bridge Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$6,000,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

VOTE:

Motion passed unanimously

DISCUSSION:

Eugene Croce questioned where does the \$6 M get us.

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Mayor Joe Kilduff stated in the resolution that it's going to finish the area that we call the farms. We're working on Mountain View and Crestview, and a very small section of Fountainhead - so this bond will at last be able to finish that area off to the rest of the Fountainhead, Tumble Brook, and Oakdale. It fully funds the South Main Street bridge, the bridge by Wolcott Road and Graystone Road, and that will actually be a 50% reimbursable, but the full cost is in there just in case. The Todd Hollow bridge, which has been closed for a couple of years now this will fix that bridge. There's also a chip seal program for several roads, quite a few of them on there, and also does Coleman Place on North St. There are some significant benefits to a lot of areas if this were to pass, and briefly elaborated.

Tony Ospiak noted it is a positive move that certainly will accelerate road improvement in the community, and briefly elaborated.

Mayor Joe Kilduff stated re: resolution – Bond Council requested to put that in there, specifically wording - re transferring - if something is appropriated for bonds, you could transfer to another project that has been approved for bonding, and briefly elaborated.

5. Public Comment

Ida Klaneski, 20 Prospect Street, Terryville, CT - questioned \$20 M cost, sewer work, hoppers at dump, and public hearing.

Stanley Klaneski, 20 Prospect Street, Terryville, CT – questioned other possibilities of renovating an existing building, road choice for repaving, re. Beach Avenue, and the timing of reevaluation.

Mayor Joe Kilduff discussed some of the above-mentioned ongoing projects and plans for road improvements:

1. **Beach Ave:** There's no definitive plan yet, but addressing the flooding issues there is a priority before repairs, noted the drainage creek problem, and (DEEP).
2. **Tory Crossing Area:** The design and engineering for this area have been completed, and utility meetings are nearly done. The project is eligible for regional funding, with the application in progress. Funding availability will determine the timeline through the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG).
3. **Road Selection:** Roads are technically selected by the Town Council, but the process involves recommendations from the Public Works Board, costs, a road study, and experts who suggest fixing roads that are on the verge of deterioration rather than those in bad condition to avoid full reclamation. The goal is to avoid costly full repairs by addressing roads before they worsen. Try to use Bonds for costly projects.
4. **Drainage Issues:** Roads, particularly in swampy areas, lack proper drainage, which leads to more expensive and frequent repairs. Future projects will include drainage improvements to avoid repeating because of these issues in the future.

Mayor Kilduff emphasizes thoughtful planning, many factors go into it, public input, and a focus on proactive road maintenance to avoid unnecessary costs, and briefly elaborated.

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Jim Kilduff stated there will always be estimates, not always fixed amounts, timing due to low reserves, we had to rebuild reserves, debt service coming down, and projects need to be addressed and briefly elaborated.

James Klaneski, 64 Beach Avenue, Terryville, CT - suggest discussion re. Police Station, Adhoc Committee minutes online for transparency and access.

Ann Marie Rheault, 125 North Main Street, Terryville, CT, noted that all plans for the new Police Department, including cost estimates from 2019 and subsequent escalations, are available on the website. Debt schedules and other estimates are being updated, and new ones are being developed with the help of the Mayor and Vijay Dora. The public hearing earlier this spring highlighted changes in bonding, budget, and leases, and these will be reflected in the updated project presentation. A timeline of the committee's work since 2019 are posted online - All meeting minutes are accessible as well to show all of the ongoing efforts over the past six years.

Ann Marie Rheault, 125 North Main Street, Terryville, CT, stated we're working on simplifying the information and exploring new ideas to help ensure residents feel informed and comfortable. Noted Vijay Dora had a great idea that will be incorporated into the Public Hearing schedules, and briefly elaborated.

A brief discussion took place regarding social media, mailings, signs, and advertisements (postcards) regarding the Public Hearing.

6. Board Member's Comments

Dave Sekorski - None

Vicky Carey - Noted Board of Finance advisory, noted good questions, and briefly elaborated.

Jennifer Brunoli - None

Eugene Croce - Board of Education agreement (follow-up)

Tony Osipiak - None

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7. Adjournment

There being no further business of the Board of Finance, a motion was made by Dave Sekorski, seconded by Eugene Croce, to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Yokubinas

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Recording Secretary

