

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH EMERGENCY SESSION

Held October 12, 2022

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The Village of Plymouth convened in Emergency session on October 12, 2022 at 7:00PM in person and streamed live on Facebook. Mayor Cassaundra Fryman called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Mrs. Susan Moore	Present	Mr. Matthew Patrick	Absent
Mr. Richard Hurles	Present	Ms. Susan Broderick	Present
Mr. Jeffrey Brown	Absent	Mrs. Hannah Carter	Present

EMPLOYEES: James Burton, Administrator; Tom Hintz, Police Chief; Theo Latteman, Assistant Village Administrator; and Rebekah Fearing, Tax/Court Clerk.

Visitors and other employees: None

Motion to excuse.

It was moved by Mr. Hurles and seconded by Mrs. Carter to excuse Councilman Patrick and Councilman Brown.

Motion carries 4-0

Motion 1

Mayor Fryman stated she called this emergency meeting to discuss what happened the previous night at the council meeting concerning the dump truck ordinance. She strongly believes this is an urgent matter and needs to be addressed now instead of put off for another two weeks.

Fryman asked for Administrator Burton to please tell them once again, in his opinion, what it is we need and why we need it. She would like for council to listen to what the utility department workers have to say.

Burton started by saying his main concern is not having a back up dump truck. He is worried if something happens to the one and only truck we have, then what. Another issue he has is with the smaller truck, the 350 or 3500, the fact it cannot be used to salt. Burton points out this is what happen to the 350 the Village got rid of last year; too much salt (weight) was put in and it twisted the bed. He would like to stick with the original plan of a 550 or 5500 knowing a truck of that size will be able to handle anything we could possibly need it for.

Burton stated he only wants to do what is right and move on, but, we have to get something. We cannot be left without a back up.

Mrs. Moore asked what kind of wear and tear will be put on the pick ups if they end up being used to plow. Burton responed it will tear up the front ends and that they should only be used for alleys and parking lots. Ideally he would love to see two dump trucks with plows.

Moore then asked Assistant Admin Latteman to go through the scenario of what would happen if they would be called in late at night to salt and/or plow. Latteman stated the following:

- ½ hour drive
- ½ hour to an hour to take leaf box off. (This requires two people.)
- ½ hour to an hour to put salt spreader on. (This requires two people.)

Latteman's point was it could be anywhere between an 1 ½- 2 ½ hours before they could even get started on salting the roads. He said it's a lot of work that could be avoided. Mayor Fryman stated in the case of a water leak, time is of the essence. Same scenario if there is a grave to be dug. The dirt is left on the truck. The back and forth between dirt, salt, leaves.... It could get very time consuming.

Ms. Broderick asked what the Freightliner is used for. Burton stated it is used for the really big jobs such as hauling concrete. It is also used to haul the big equipment.

Broderick stated with leaf season is over the leaf box comes off the truck. Burton stated that is correct. Mr. Hurles said the scario Latteman gave of having to remove the leaf box and put on the salt spreader is unlikely. Burton and Latteman stated more likely than not, they are still picking up leaves when the snow starts to fall. Latteman said it has happened every winter since he has worked her.

Mayor Fryman pointed out even when the leaf box comes off for the season, the salt spreader will go on. There is still going to be a change in equipment should there be a grave to be dug or a water

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leak.

Mrs. Carter wanted to know if the 3500 dump truck could be used on water main breaks and at the cemetery for burials. Latteman stated it could be used in cases of emergency, they would just really have to watch what is put in it.

Burton stated he still wants to shoot for the bigger truck with a diesel engine. He believes it will hold its value and have a bigger payoff when it's time to get rid of.

Mrs. Moore asked again- is the 3500 okay. Latteman said in his opinion no, we originally ordered a 5500 and the reason why is because they are built better. He also believes them to be more efficient in the long run.

Mr. Hurles stated he came on Council after the 5500 had been approved. His opinion is the 3500 would work for what the Village needs it for. The saving of \$20,000 is the main reason for him. He doesn't believe the Village should purchase an \$82,000 truck, that we should stay within our means.

Mrs. Carter said she is not necessarily for the 5500, she thought the 3500 was a good compromise. She also likes the idea of saving \$20,000, however, wants the guys to have the equipment they need to do the job. Mr. Hurles, once again, stated his opinion that the 3500 would work just fine. Latteman again disagrees, stating the frame will get bent if it is used to salt the roads.

In the Fiscal Officer's absence, Rebekah Fearing was asked to speak about the funding sources for the different trucks. The 5500 was to be paid for out of the water, cemetery and permissive funds. She wanted to remind Council if the truck is not big enough to be used to haul dirt from a grave it cannot be paid for out of the cemetery fund. Same for the permissive fund, if the truck is not used for streets, ie salting the roads, it cannot be paid for from that fund.

Ms. Broderick gave her opinion on how she wishes the truck would have been presented. She would have liked to been given a few different options to consider and speak about with the committee. She also didn't think this needed to be an emergency especially when others may have prior commitments.

Mr. Hurles is opposed to make any decisions tonight since the entire Council is not present. Ms. Broderick asked what was the problem with waiting 13 more days for the third reading. Mayor Fryman stated, in her opinion, it most definitely is a time-sensitive matter. The goal is to have something purchased before winter comes. She stated this is not something that should take two plus months to has out. She, like everything else, wants what's best for the Village.

Broderick asked, if in the future, proper procedure please be followed. She is concerned with what people from around town see; it is about perspective. Mayor Fryman responded that she tried to finalize this decision last night at the council meeting when everyone was present.

Ordinance re: Purchase of 3500 Dump Truck

MAYOR FRYMAN READ AN ORDINANCE FINDING A REAL AND PRESENT EMERGENCY ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPERATION OF THE VILLAGE UTILITY DEPARTMENT WITHOUT TWO DUMP TRUCKS BEING NECESSARY TO PROVIDE BASIC AND NECESSARY SERVICES SUCH AS LEAF PICKUP, SALTING OF ROADS AND PERFORMING CEMETERY AND STREET MAINTENANCE, AND THE UNTIMELY CANCELLATION OF THE VILLAGE'S PENDING TRUCK ORDER AND THE NECESSITY TO FIND A REPLACEMENT AT THE END OF THE 2022 MODEL YEAR REQUIRING THE PURCHASE OF A REPLACEMENT 2022 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 3500 HD TRUCK FROM THE JEFF SCHMITT AUTO GROUP FOR \$54,498.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Mrs. Moore and no second was heard on the third and final reading.
Ordinance Fails

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Mayor Fryman stated if there is no second the ordinance will die, and we will have to start the entire process all over again. She asked if we are really going to wait another two months before trying to decide.

Mrs. Carter said that is not necessarily what she wants to happen, however, she agrees it would be better to make the decision with everyone present. Hurler believes if a decision is made tonight, it would be perceived it was only done because of the two council member who were not able to make the meeting. Carter stated she would rather discuss it repeatedly than possibly make the wrong decision. Mayor Fryman stated again, the ordinance dies.

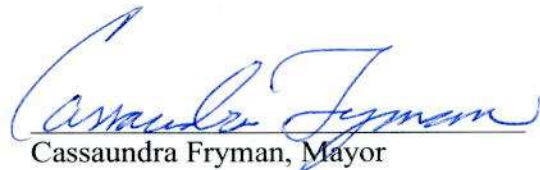
Motion to adjourn

It was moved by Mr. Carter and seconded by Mrs. Moore to adjourn at 7:32PM.

Motion carries 6-0

Motion 2


Rebekah Fearing, Tax and Mayor's Court Clerk


Cassandra Fryman, Mayor

All formal actions of the Village of Plymouth concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.