

**PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
SPECIAL MEETING
January 20, 2009 - 7:30 p.m.**

6:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

-Land Acquisition Matter

7-7:30 p.m. TOWN COUNCIL CITIZENS FORUM

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS (7:30 p.m.)

None

II. ORAL PETITIONS (Non-Agenda Items)

III. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

1. Rails-to-Trails Update (presented by Plainville Greenway Alliance)
2. Robertson Airport Update
3. Delinquent Tax Report
4. Happenings (S. Osle)

VI. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

V. BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON (3rd Monday Meetings Only)

VI. ORAL PETITIONS (Agenda Items)

VII. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

January 5, 2009 Regular Meeting

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

IX. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Board of Education Resignation
2. Fire Department Appointments
3. Ratify Conservation Commission Re-appointments
4. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Sewer User Fee Adjustment
2. Bid #2009-15, Consultant for 2009 Small Cities Application Process
3. Resolution for Skate Park Grant
4. Bid #2009-16, Berner Pool Slide Repairs
5. Establish a public hearing regarding robertson Airport
6. Accept donation for sand
7. Tax Refunds – See Addendum

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wazorko called the Executive Session to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 in the Conference Room of the Municipal Center, One Central Square. Present were Council members Bergenty, Hurley, Ciotto, Szach, Rupaka, Deegan, Town Manager Lee and Town Attorney Michalik.

Discussion followed regarding Land Acquisition and Personnel Matters. Councilman Hurley motioned to close Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ciotto and passed 7-0.

No further action was taken.

Chairman Wazorko called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 in the Council Chambers. Assistant Town Manager Osle and Assistant Town Clerk Clark were present. Councilman Deegan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

TOWN COUNCIL CITIZENS FORUM

Chairman Wazorko opened the meeting to comments and questions from the public.

Donna Cavallaro, 30 Robert Street Physic Coordinator for the Plainville Family Resource Network, and Caroline Coughlin, 40 Maple Street, Parent Educator for the program addressed the Town Council regarding the state grant funded program at Linden Street School and possible budget cuts to the program during the present fiscal and the possible elimination to the program in the next budget. The Council is invited to attend their informational event January 27 at Linden Street School at 6:00p.m.

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Avenue commented on the Toffolon School Building Project. He asked that his name not appear on the dedication plaque.

Dominick D’Onofrio, 11 Tyler Avenue spoke against the new agenda format with the Citizens Forum.

Henry Syskowski, 133 Pickney Avenue spoke against and questioned the new agenda format.

Arthur Screen, 62 Robert Street Ext. questioned the new agenda format and expressed his frustration accessing the meeting agendas on the website.

Henry Syskowski echoed Mr. Screen's frustration accessing the meeting agendas on the Town's website.

John Kisluk stated he believes the public will be frustrated with the new format.

Tom Warnat, 11 Eastwood Drive stated he has not had any problems accessing the meeting agendas on the Town's website.

At 7:30 Chairman Wazorko continued with the agenda.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

No hearing

II. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Lee reported on the following topics:

- Rails-to-Trails Update

Jim Cassidy, 19 Cassidy Avenue representing the Greenway Alliance updated the Town Council on the Rails-to-Trails Project, reviewed a map of possible routes through Town and made suggestions on how to make it possible. Chairman Wazorko requested information regarding the bond request for the Bond Commission and more information regarding the cost of moving forward with the proposed trail.

- Robertson Airport Update

At the last Town Council meeting, it was reported that the F.A.A. had approved the \$5.8M purchase price for Robertson Airport and that full funding would be available later on this spring. Since the last meeting, the Town has received confirmation that the F.A.A. has also agreed to the proposed purchase price for the V.A.B. parcel containing Hangar 1. The purchase price for this parcel is \$1,911,640. That brings the total purchase price of the airport to \$7,711,640. The F.A.A. has committed to paying 95% of the purchase price or \$7,326,058. The State D.O.T. has committed to paying 3.75% of the purchase price of \$289,186.50. This would result in the Town paying 1.25% or \$96,395.50.

It should be noted that the funding from the F.A.A. comes from taxes that are levied on the purchase of airline tickets also that the F.A.A. is proposing to fund the great majority of the purchase because they want to insure that the smaller airplanes that utilize Robertson Airport will not have to move towards the larger airports in the event that Robertson Airport is closed. According to a Feasibility Study conducted by Clough Harbour & Associates, the operation of Robertson Airport is anticipated to generate a net positive revenue return for the foreseeable future. Revenues are expected to come from the leasing of the airport and facilities to a fixed based operator, Tie down fees, and fuel. Expenditures are expected to be Insurance, maintenance of grounds & buildings, electricity, and legal/professional services resulting with an expected annual positive cash flow of approximately \$195,000. From that amount, the Town will extract \$78,000 for a payment in lieu of the lost taxes and the remaining amount, estimated to be \$117,000, will go into an account for future airport improvements after the Town recoups local cost of \$96,395.50 for the airport. The F.A.A. and the D.O.T. also fund capital improvements at similar percentages that they fund the purchase, namely 95% FAA, 3.75% DOT with the Town share being 1.25% for future capital needs such as the re-paving of the runway. That means that a \$2M runway paving project would result in a local share of \$25,000.

If the Town were to purchase the airport, the operating plan at this time would be to make a similar arrangement with the current FBO of the airport that currently exists with the Tomasso and to seek proposals for the use of the large V.A.B. Hangar.

At this time, it would be appropriate to schedule a public hearing whereby the citizens could ask questions regarding the proposed purchase of the Airport. Officials from the F.A.A., D.O.T. and Clough Harbour would attend the public hearing and be available to answer any questions.

Copies of the Airport Feasibility Study will be available in the Plainville Library by the end of this week. Copies are also available for viewing in the Town Manager's Office. A possible referendum date could be set for late March.

- Delinquent Tax Report

This report was unavailable for the meeting.

- Happenings (S. Osle)

Assistant Town Manager Osle reported on the Town's website update, activities in the Senior Center, Youth Services, Social Services and the Family Resource Network.

Councilwoman Szach commented on the good conditions of the roads during and after the snow by the Roadways Department and mentioned how dark Crooked Street is.

Councilman Rupaka requested more information regarding the funding sources of the Plainville Family Resource Network.

Chairman Wazorko asked for a work session before the next meeting regarding a Charter Revision.

III. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney Michalik reported on the Plainville Baking Company foreclosure. The property is set for a Sale by Auction on April 25, 2009 at noon at the premises.

IV. BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON (3rd Monday Meetings Only)

No report

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Old or New Business Agenda Items)

Walter Majsak, 11 Broad Street commented that all questions from the public should be directed to the Chairman and the meetings should be more respectful.

Henry Syskowski, 133 Pickney Avenue had questions regarding the possible purchase of Robertson Airport and feels there is a need for more information.

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Avenue would like to see an airport stay in Town but questions the Town's involvement.

Arthur Screen, 62 Robert Street Ext. commented on the Robertson Airport proposed purchase revenue figures.

Dominick D'Onofrio, 11 Tyler Avenue commented on the Robertson Airport proposed purchase and increased taxes.

Henry Syskowski, 133 Pickney Avenue questioned the source of the revenue for the proposed airport purchase.

VI. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilman Ciotto motioned to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2009 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Szach. The motion with the correction passed 7-0.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Councilman Deegan reported on his ride-a-long with the Police Department.

Councilman Hurley attended a recent Eagle Scout Ceremony.

Councilwoman Bergenty attended the Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, the Board of Education meeting and the Economic Development Agency meeting.

Councilman Ciotto reported on the Economic Development Agency meeting and the business survey results.

Councilman Deegan motioned and Councilwoman Szach seconded for a 5 minute recess.

VII. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

- 1. Councilman Ciotto motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Arthur Hoerle from the Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Councilman Deegan and passed 7-0.**
- 2. Councilman Deegan motioned to:**
 - a. appoint Paul Brousseau, 143 Cooke Street, as a regular firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department**
 - b. appoint James Lenois, Sr., 10 James Place, as a regular firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department**
 - c. appoint Thomas Moschini, Jr., 40 Forestville Avenue, as regular firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department****The motion was seconded by Councilman Rupaka and passed 7-0.**
- 3. Councilman Hurley motioned to ratify the Town Manager's re-appointments of Mark Brochu (U) 170 Rockwell Avenue, Sue Holcomb (D) 51 West Main Street, Lisa Lozier (U) 17 Grant Avenue and Lawson Taylor (R) 5 Woodside Lane to the Conservation Commission all for the term 1/15/09 – 1/15/13. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ciotto and passed 7-0.**
- 4. Councilman Rupaka motioned to appoint Charlotte Koskoff (D) 8 River Edge Court to the Plainville Area Cable Television Advisory Council (PACTC) to fill**

the vacant term 7/1/07 – 6/30/09. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ciotto and passed 7-0.

5. Councilwoman Szach motioned to reappoint Mark Chase (U) 36 Pequot Road to the Downtown Beautification Commission for the new term of 12/31/08 – 12/31/11. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ciotto and passed 7-0.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Sewer User Fee Adjustment

Councilman Ciotto motioned to adjust the following sewer user fee charges:

- a. Mutual Services LLC/Saji Abrham, 210-212 Woodford Avenue, from \$1,716.80 to \$1,447.83
- b. Thadeusz Bienasi, 30 Ivy Road, from \$824.06 to \$298.62
- c. Jadwiga Markow, 39 Cody Avenue, from \$1,304.77 to \$298.62
- d. Berkshire Oil, 263 East Street, from, \$875.57 to \$545.08
- e. Bry Corp Inc., 70 Northampton Avenue -2A, from \$1,167.42 to \$446.37

The motion was seconded by Councilman Rupaka and passed 7-0.

2. Bid #2009-15, Consultant for 2009 Small Cities Application Process

Councilwoman Szach motioned to award Bid #2009-15, Consultant for 2009 Small Cities Application Process and Project Supervision, to L. Wagner & Associates, Waterbury, CT, for a fee to include \$3,000 for the preparation and submission of the State Application and addition per diem rates as outlined in their proposal dated December 16, 2008. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rupaka and passed 7-0.

3. Resolution for Skate Park Grant- See Addendum

Councilwoman Bergenty motioned to adopt a resolution for the purpose of obtaining a grant from the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for the Norton Park Skate Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hurley and passed 7-0.

4. Bid #2009-16, Berner Pool Slide Repairs

Councilman Rupaka motioned to waive the requirement of 3 quotes and award Bid #2009-16, Berner Pool Slide Repairs, to Slide Renu, Avon, OH, in the amount of \$10,950. The motion was seconded by Councilman Deegan. Discussion followed and the motion passed 7-0.

5. Establish a public hearing regarding Robertson Airport

Councilman Hurley motioned to establish a public hearing for Monday, February 9, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School to hear public comment on the acquisition of Robertson Airport and an appropriation in the amount of \$7,711,640 for the acquisition. After the estimated State and Federal grants, the Town's portion of that amount will be \$96,396. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ciotto and passed 7-0.

6. Accept donation for sand

Councilman Ciotto motioned to accept a \$200 donation for sand from Peter Niwinski, Aerows Blind & Shade Manufacturing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Szach and passed 7-0.

7. Tax Refunds – See Addendum

Councilman Rupaka motioned to authorize tax refunds as listed on the addendum. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Szach and passed 7-0.

CITIZENS FORUM continued.

Henry Syskowski expressed his displeasure with the new agenda format.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Ciotto motioned to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Deegan and passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol A. Skultety, Town Clerk
& Clerk of the Town Council

January 20, 2009

TAX REFUNDS

1. Collin, Maurice & Gena, 32 Terra Rd.-\$64.81
2. Corbin, Karen, 4 Oakland St.-\$22.33
3. Honda Lease Trust, Holyoke, MA-\$28.15
4. Toyota Motor Credit Corp, Atlanta GA-\$264.50
5. VW Credit Leasing LTD, Libertyville, IL-\$216.17

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**RESOLUTION OF THE PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL REGARDING
NORTON PARK – SKATE PARK**

I, Carol A. Skultety, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Plainville, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut having its principal place of business at One Central Square, Plainville, that I am the keeper of the corporate records and seal. That the following is a true and correct copy of resolutions duly adopted and ratified by the Plainville Town Council, on Tuesday January 20, 2009 in accordance with the constituent charter of the Town of Plainville; and that the same has not in any way been modified, repealed or rescinded, but is in full force and effect.

RESOLVED, that Robert E. Lee, Town Manager of the Town of Plainville be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of this municipal corporation a Personal Services Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to the Norton Park Skate Park CSAP 2009-03.

IN ADDITION, that Robert E. Lee, Town Manager of the Town of Plainville is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts and execute all documents necessary to said grant with the State of Connecticut.

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that Robert E. Lee, Town Manager of the Town of Plainville was appointed Town Manager on July 26, 2004. As the Town Manager, Robert E. Lee serves as the Chief Executive Officer for the Town of Plainville, and is duly authorized to enter into agreements and contracts on behalf of the Town of Plainville.