

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 4, 2019 – 7:00pm**

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1. Land Acquisition

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Pugliese called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square. Also present were Vice Chairwoman Tompkins, Council Members Wazorko, Morante, Gnazzo and Carrier, Town Manager Lee, Assistant to the Town Manager Colby, Attorney Chomick and Town Clerk Skultety. Councilman Cox was not in attendance.

Councilman Carrier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PRESENTATIONS

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the minutes of January 23, 2019 Special & Regular Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 6-0.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Councilwoman Morante attended the public information session regarding an update to the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail specifically the segment that would go East/West to connect with CTfastrak. Purpose of the meeting was to determine a preferred alignment for that section of the trail.

IV. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

1. 150th Town Anniversary Celebration Committee

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to establish a 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee to provide recommendations to the Town Council for events and/or activities to celebrate the Town's milestone and appoint the following individuals:

Bernadette Camp Dostaler, 38 Cleveland Street
Maria Schwerdtle, 120 Woodford Avenue
Susan Derochers – AARP
Lynda Russell – Plainville Chamber of Commerce
Sally Miller – Committee on Aging
Nancy Eberhardt – Historical Society
Benjamin Gediman – Advisory Recreation & Park Board
Stacy Boyajian – Rotary Club

And one representative from:

Board of Education
Conservation Commission
Lion's Club
Women's Club.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko and passed 6-0.

2. Conservation Commission

Councilwoman Morante motioned to ratify the Town Manager's appointment of Michael Derosier, 8 Beckwith Drive, to the Conservation Commission for the term ending January 15, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and 6-0.

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

VI. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report

VII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Department of Transportation Easement Request - Municipal Center Intersection**

The State D.O.T. is planning to replace the traffic signal in front of the Municipal Center. They plan to install a system that relies on infrared cameras to determine the volume of traffic rather than the trip sensors in the street.

As part of this replacement, it is necessary for the State to obtain an easement from the Town in order to install the necessary equipment. A copy of the proposed easement map was included in your meeting materials.

The easement area constitutes 2,231 square feet and the State is offering the Town \$2,000 for its acquisition. Town staff has reviewed the proposed easement and have no issues with what has been proposed.

New pedestrian crossing push buttons as well as concrete ramps and sidewalk curbing will be replaced in certain areas.

- **Fiber Discussion**

There have been two work sessions of the Town Council regarding the installation of fiber to connect Town facilities, including four major pump stations to the waste water treatment plant. The total estimated cost of the project is \$711K. The recommended funding sources are as follows. The Capital Improvement Plan has \$200K already allocated to this project. \$250K is proposed to come from the WPC Phosphorus upgrade project and \$25K from a state education grant. The remaining \$237K would come from the CIP future budgets over the next five years.

This project would provide a myriad of benefits to all Town and school departments by providing high speed internet services to all of their facilities. Because the Town would own the fiber, there would be cost savings as the Town would no longer have to pay for certain internet connections and the fiber would allow for “voice over IP” phone service resulting in additional costs savings going forward. It is estimated that the annual cost savings after installation would be in the vicinity of \$42,500 in the first year and increasing by at least two percent per year going forward.

But what is as important as the cost savings is the fact that the fiber will take care of the weakness in the police communications existing system that relies on its connection to the repeaters that are located at the CT Commons and Toffolon School and Building & Grounds Department. Those connections are via rented T1 lines and a myriad of switchgear that can compromise the system in the case of failure or during a natural emergency when the power may be out for a long period of time.

The fiber project would eliminate this potential weakness in the police communication system.

It should be noted that only \$37K would be requested in the FY20 Budget if the project was approved as proposed with future allocation of \$50K +/- over the next four years. With the potential costs savings, the net cost to the project would be in the \$25K to \$45K range depending on how the remaining balance is financed.

There is an item under **New Business** that would authorize the use of \$250K towards the fiber installation and up to \$150 K to make improvements to the treatment plant and four pump stations as part of the WPC Phosphorus Upgrade project. There are sufficient monies available in the project contingencies account, to fund this portion of the project. However, in order for the fiber project to be incorporated with the WPC Phosphorus upgrade, a decision must be made as soon as

possible. A decision on whether or not to internally finance the remaining \$200K through the sewer project, can be made at a later date.

At a previous meeting it was requested to have more information on 5G. Director of IT Kevin Ross briefly described the 5G technology as an add-on to fiber networks to reach the end user with more capacity and less latency. Because high frequency waves have a harder time traveling over distance & through objects, the 5G network will be built on small cell site technology with antennas as close as 500 feet apart. Once 5G network are available to use they will be owned by the cell service providers. This type of service will be metered or limited to the amount of data one can use per month.

The networks the Town is looking to build are directly connected to all town buildings. This will allow for secure, fast connection between buildings with no added cost for bandwidth used ever. The cost for the current T1 lines is increasing and will eventually no longer be supported or maintained.

- **Fire Truck Purchase**

At the December 17, 2018 meeting the Town Council authorized the Fire Truck Committee to negotiate with Bulldog Fire Apparatus for the replacement of Engine 2. The Fire Truck Committee is recommending the purchase of Engine 2 in the amount not to exceed \$674,670.

If approved, the Fire Truck Committee will negotiate with Bulldog Fire Apparatus for the purchase of the Tower replacement with the remaining funds from the referendum authorization of \$1,425,330. I have spoken to the Vice-President of KME regarding whether this amount is sufficient to purchase the tower and he has assured me that it is. He will provide documentation that the tower purchase will be in line with bid prices that have been submitted through one of the national sales cooperative contracts system. This would insure that the purchase price is in line with a bidding process.

- **Augmented Reality**

Last summer, the Town Council heard a presentation from Adam Reiser from Nucleus Augmented Reality regarding his proposal to represent the Town of Plainville in all matters related to Augmented Reality (AR) advertising and marketing. At that time the Town Attorney was directed to perform some research and report back to them regarding the possible legal ramifications of such technology.

The Town Attorney opinion was included in the meeting information package.

The Town Attorney is recommending that “the Town should proceed with caution understanding that the legal landscape on this technology may change rapidly”.

The proposed agreement is for two years. There is no obligation for the Town to pay anything to Nucleus Augmented Reality unless they are able to secure a proposal that is satisfactory to the Town Council. Nucleus Augmented Reality, represented by Adam Reiser, believes that there is a market for this new technology which could have a monetary benefit to Plainville.

It is recommended that the Town give Nucleus Augmented Reality the opportunity to see if such a beneficial arrangement can be secured.

- **Road Bond Bids**

Town staff is preparing plans to complete the final year of the Road Bond Program. They are proposing that the Town purchase catch basin tops and other related products from United Concrete Products in an amount not to exceed \$75K. Town staff is also recommending that concrete blocks and bricks be purchased from Cromwell Concrete in an amount not to exceed \$25K. Both of these companies are the low bidder through the state bid process.

Town staff is also recommending that bituminous concrete materials be purchased from Tilcon in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. Tilcon was a low bidder under the state bid process as well.

Finally, Town staff is recommending that Jones Construction be engaged to perform the construction, repairs and adjustments to various catch basins in an amount not to exceed \$50K. Jones Construction was the low bidder for this work last year and has agreed to hold their prices at the same amount for this year as well.

- **Farmington Canal Trail Update**

Last Wednesday evening there was a Public Information Session in New Britain to discuss the proposed East/West alignment between Downtown Plainville and the CTfastrak Station in New Britain. There were approximately 25 people in attendance. The plan is to have the trail primarily alongside Woodford and White Oak Avenues that would be separated with a barrier. Once it reaches the area around Tilcon, the trail would be placed off road adjacent to the highway on the outside of the existing sound barrier.

Approximately 97% + is planned to be “off the road”. Comments were solicited and CRCOG and VHB (the consultants) will review them and consider possible changes to the proposed alignment.

It is anticipated that CRCOG and VHB will be making a presentation to the Town Council at a future meeting regarding the proposed route to New Britain.

Additionally, last week Town staff met with D.O.T and CRCOG staff to discuss the design phase of the north/south route (Alignment C) through Plainville. The D.O.T. staff will be designing the trail through Plainville.

The first step is to gather survey information and to determine the location of wetlands and other environmental information along the proposed route. The survey work is expected to begin in about one month.

D.O.T. staff indicated that there will be opportunities during the process for public input on the proposed design. They are anticipating that it will take up to a year to perform the survey work and wetlands determination. They also said that a final plan would be completed no earlier than December 2021 with possible construction beginning in 2022.

It is anticipated that the trail could be constructed in phases with the first phase being from Town Line Road to Norton Park. Town staff will provide updates as the design process moves forward.

- **Christmas Tree Collection Update**

The Christmas tree collection was completed by the Roadways Department. A total of 624 trees were collected and brought to the Transfer Station for disposal.

- **Grand List**

The October 1, 2018 Grand List is complete and has been signed by the Town Assessor Ann Marie Herring. The Grand List, after exemptions, totals \$1,396,621,830. This is an increase of \$7,726,971 from the previous Grand List.

The 0.56% increase included real estate increasing by \$5.6M (\$2.4M last year), Personal Property increasing by \$1.6M (\$2.7M last year) and Motor Vehicles increasing by \$524K (\$2.75M last year). Overall, the October 2018 Grand List would generate \$261,481 under the current mill rate of 33.84.

- **Happenings**

Assistant to the Town Manager Colby's report included events and activities within the Senior Center. For more information visit the Town Website at www.plainvillect.com

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Katherine LaBella, 50 Pierce St. comments included her experience with Simple Recycling. The bags were not picked up as the schedule stated and it was only after several emails did the bags get picked up but no other bags were left and the program promised.

Gary Garewski, 28 View St. comments included Tilcon's blasting and damaging effects to properties and rising ground water on View Street, Ledge Road and Maria Road.

It was suggested to set up a meeting with the Town Manager and area neighbors to discuss their concerns.

Dave Albert, 56 Hollyberry Ln. comments included concession stand revenues, bike trails through wetlands, un-shoveled sidewalks and zoning decisions.

Roberta Lauria, 18 Perron Rd. comments included her opposition to any trail or Alignment that will be on, next to or have an impact on any neighborhood in Plainville. She also attended the CROG meeting and questioned why is it ok for bikers to use parallel roads on Rt 72 through New Britain, but Plainville's neighborhoods will feel the impact instead of bikers using Rt 72 and Rt 10 through town?

Joel Edman, 63 Hollyberry Ln. comments included the CROG meeting regarding the linear trail. He spoke in opposition of the redesign of Townline Road and any trail through Plainville that does not adhere to the original rails to trails format. He also spoke in opposition to the concession stand.

Joanne Edman, 166 West Main St. spoke in opposition to Alignment C and the location and need for the concession stand.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St. questioned the operation of the concession stand and groups who would utilize it. He went on to compliment the Police Department on the way they handled a recent incident at Dick's Sporting Goods.

Gary Garewski, 28 View St. complimented the public works department for the way they handled the recent storms.

Adam Reiser, Nucleus Augmented Reality commented on the Town's risk but feels there would be a greater risk not to have augmented reality content managed by his consulting business. His position is to represent and help the Town negotiate advertising deals with area businesses. There is no cost to the town unless there is a business deal.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

***Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to add:**

8. Proposed Augmented Reality Agreement

The motion was seconded by Councilman Carrier and passed 6-0.

1. Resolution regarding Department of Transportation Easement Request -See Addendum

Councilman Wazorko motioned to adopt an authorizing resolution regarding the State of CT Department of Transportation's acquisition of an easement in front of the Municipal Center for Property File No. 171-416-001. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

2. Resolution regarding WPC Phosphorus Project-

Councilman Gnazzo motioned to adopt a resolution entitled "Resolution of Plainville Water Pollution Control Authority – Pump Station Monitoring Systems Upgrades". The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko. Discussion followed.

Councilman Wazorko motioned to table the motion until the March 4, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carrier and passed 6-0.

3. Bid #2019-09, Pumper Fire Apparatus

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to award Bid #2019-09, Pumper Fire Apparatus, to Bulldog Fire Apparatus, Woodville, MA, in an amount not to exceed \$674,670. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 6-0.

4. Bid #2019-12B, Catch Basin Components

Councilman Gnazzo motioned to award Bid #2019-12B, Catch Basin Components, under State Contract #17PSX0009 to United Concrete Products, Yalesville, CT, in the amount not to exceed \$75,000. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

5. Bid #2019-13B, Concrete Block & Bricks

Councilman Gnazzo motioned to award Bid #2019-13B, Concrete, Block & Bricks, under State Contract #17PSX0146 to Cromwell Concrete Products, Cromwell, CT, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

6. Bid #2019-14B, Bituminous Concrete Materials

Councilman Gnazzo motioned to award Bid #2019-14B, Bituminous Concrete Materials, under State Contract #7PSX0238 to Tilcon Connecticut Inc., Newington, CT, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

7. Bid #2018-13E, Construction, Repairs & Adjustments for Catch Basins

Councilman Gnazzo motioned to extend the contract awarded to Jones Construction under Bid #2018-13E, Construction, Repairs & Adjustments for Catch Basins, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

8. *Proposed Augmented Reality Agreement

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to authorize Town Manager Lee to enter into a 2-yr proposed Plainville Augmented Reality Representation Agreement with Nucleus Augmented Reality. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carrier. Discussion followed. The motion passed 6-0.

9. Tax Refunds – See Addendum

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the tax refunds as listed on the Addendum. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko and passed 6-0.

X. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

Town Manager Lee clarified various questions and concerns that were made during Public Comments.

XI. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Land Acquisition

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion regarding land acquisition. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko and passed 6-0.

Town Council members Pugliese, Tompkins, Wazorko, Morante, Gnazzo, Carrier, Town Manager Lee, Assistant to the Town Manager Colby and Attorney Chomick were in the Executive Session. Discussion ensued regarding land acquisition.

Executive Session ended at 8:55pm. No action was taken.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:56pm a motion to adjourn was made and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

1-2019

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that Robert E. Lee, Town Manager of the Town of Plainville, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents, on behalf of the Town of Plainville, regarding PROPERTY FILE NO. 171-417-001, DOT Acquisition Property Rights for the Route 372 (West Main St.) and S.R.536 (East Main St.) at Whiting St & Drive to Town Hall project, and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

Refunds

2/4/2019

	Current Year	Amount
1	Costa, Christina, 35 Kent St	\$210.66
2	Medynski, Mirosław or Kazimiera, 23 Hart Pl	\$29.17
	Total	\$239.83