

**MINUTES  
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 21, 2020 – 7:00p.m.**

- I.    PRESENTATIONS:                      Firefighter Service Awards**
  
- II.   PUBLIC HEARING**
  
- III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**  
January 6, 2020 Regular Meeting and January 7, 2020 Special Meeting
  
- IV.   ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS**
  
- V.    APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**
  - 1.   Firefighter Appointments
  - 2.   Appointments and Re-appointments to Boards and Commissions
  
- VI.   BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Meetings Only)**
  
- VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY**
  
- VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER**
  - 1.   Road Bond – Phase 2
  - 2.   Public Investment Community Index
  - 3.   Release of a Portion of Open Space on Camp & Bradley Streets
  - 4.   Financial Dashboard
  - 5.   Happenings
  
- IX.   PUBLIC COMMENTS**
  
- X.    OLD BUSINESS**
  
- XI.   NEW BUSINESS**
  - 1.   Consider 8-24 Referral-Release of a Portion of Open Space on Camp & Bradley Streets

2. Sale/Assignment of Tax Lien
3. Tax Refunds

**XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST**

**XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairwoman Pugliese called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square. Also, in attendance were, Vice Chairwoman Tompkins, Council members Morante, Gnazzo, Underwood, Town Manager Lee, Assistant to the Town Manager Colby, Attorney Chomick and Town Clerk Skultety.

Councilmen Cox and Wazorko were absent.

Councilwoman Morante led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. PRESENTATIONS:                      Firefighter Service Awards**

Councilman Gnazzo congratulated and presented the following with their Firefighter Service Awards:

Joseph Silverio	40 Years
David Mazurek	40 years
Kevin Toner	30 years
Raymond Moreau	30 years
William Costello	25 years
Michael Schneider	20 years
Rev. Dr. James Caron	15 years
Joseph Kosswig	10 years
Jake D'Amato	5 years
Taylor Doughty	5 years
Adam Barbuto	5 years
Martin Schiraldi	5 years
Matthew Wilkinson	5 years
Darrell Salley	5 years
Jacob Marynowski	5 years

**II. PUBLIC HEARING**

**III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the minutes the January 6, 2020 Regular meeting and the January 7, 2020 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood and passed 5-0.**

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS**

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins attended Martin Luther King Day celebration with Chairwoman Pugliese.

Councilwoman Morante attended the Conservation Commission and Library Trustees meetings where the main topics were the FY21 Budget preparations

Chairwoman Pugliese announced this was Scott Colby's last meeting. He has taken a job as the Assistant Town Manager in Windsor. On behalf of the Town Council she congratulated him and wished him the very best.

#### **V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION**

##### **1. Firefighter**

**Councilman Gnazzo motioned to appoint:**

- a. Trevor Buchas as a Regular Firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department**
- b. Elijah Spada as a Regular Firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department.**

**The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 5-0.**

##### **2. Fire Department**

**Councilman Gnazzo motioned to appoint Larry Sutherland as Support Staff to the Plainville Fire Department effective January 25, 2020. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 5-0.**

##### **3. Conservation Commission**

**Councilwoman Morante motioned to ratify Town Manager Lee's appointment of Linel Noble, (D), 6 Peace Court to the Conservation Commission for the term ending January 15, 2021. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 5-0.**

#### **VI. BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Meetings Only)**

No report due to budget work sessions.

#### **VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY**

No report was offered.

## **VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER**

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Road Bond – Phase 2**

Town staff has recently met regarding the proposed streets to be re-paved under the first year of the Phase II \$5M Road Bond Program. The recommendation for 2020 includes twenty-five (25) streets involving approximately four miles of road.

Some of the major streets on the list include Arcadia Ave., Norton Park Rd., E. Broad St., Robert Holcomb Way, Julie Rd., Rosanne La., Locust St. & a portion of Norton Trail. A complete list of the recommended streets was included in the meeting information package. The total estimated cost to re-pave the 25 streets is \$1.152M.

Town staff is also recommending authorization to purchase up to \$100K for catch basin tops and other related products from United Concrete Products and up to \$50K for concrete blocks and brick from Cromwell Concrete utilizing a state bid price. These monies would come from the Road Bond authorization.

Finally, Town staff is once again recommending authorization to hire Jones Construction Company to assist the Roadways Department in the repair of catch basins prior to paving. Jones Construction was the low bidder for this work in 2018 and has performed their work in an exemplary fashion over the last two years. They have agreed to hold their original unit prices from 2018. The estimated amount of their work would be “not to exceed \$50K”.

These monies would also come from the Road Bond authorization. Town staff expects to begin the paving work in the Spring.

- **Public Investment Community Index**

The State Office of Policy & Management prepares what is called the Public Investment Community (PIC) index for the cities and towns in CT. The PIC index measures the relative wealth and need of Connecticut towns by ranking them in descending order by their cumulative point allocation based upon five factors.

These five factors are: 1) per capita income; 2) adjusted equalized grand list per capita; 3) equalized mill rate; 4) per capita aid to children receiving Temporary Family Assistance program benefits and 5) unemployment rate.

Towns ranked in the top quartile (42 or less) in the PIC rankings are eligible for financial assistance programs that various agencies administer. These financial assistance programs include Urban Action Bond Assistance, Community Economic Development Program, Residential Mortgage Guarantee Program, Malpractice Insurance Purchase Program, and the Enterprise Corridor Zone Designation.

Plainville has been eligible under the PIC Index for many years and has taken advantage of several of the programs listed. In the year 2012, Plainville was number 33 on the PIC Index. In 2020, Plainville now stands at #44. Moving down the list means that, according to the State, we have become “wealthier” than 10 other Towns in CT over the last 8 years.

Towns considered less “wealthy” than Plainville include Mansfield, Windsor, Bloomfield, East Windsor, Enfield, Bristol, Plymouth and Seymour to name a few. This is somewhat both “good” news and “bad” news. The good news is that overall Plainville has gotten financially better since 2012, the bad news is that, if we continue this trend, we will become ineligible for some of the State assistance programs.

- **Release of a Portion of Open Space on Camp & Bradley Streets**

At the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting the Town Council reviewed a request from Trumbull Homes that a portion of land located on Camp Street and owned by the Town for open space purposes be released to the Trumbull Home homeowner’s association.

This land is located on the south side of the New Britain Water Company easement. This transfer would allow the Association to landscape a steep slope and relieve the Town from maintaining this area. The land would remain as open space in private ownership prevented from future development.

Because this land consists of a steep slope that will require attention and resources going forward by whoever owns the land, there are advantages to transferring ownership from the Town to the Association.

At the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting the Town Council referred the request to the Planning & Zoning Commission for their recommendation pursuant to 8-24 of the CT General Statutes.

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, the P&Z met and approved a motion to “approve the release of a portion of land at 161 Camp Street and 25 Bradley Street to Trumbull Homes”.

- **Grand List October 1, 2019**

Ann Marie Heering, Town Assessor has completed the October 1, 2019 Grand List. The Grand List is the value of all property in Plainville of Real Estate, Motor Vehicle and Personal Property. For 2019, the Grand List increased by \$15,678,860 or 1.12%. This is almost twice the increase from last year. This is the largest non-revaluation year increase in the last 15 years.

Real Estate values increased by \$4,591,630 or 0.40%, Personal Property by \$7,156,210 or 7.29% and Motor Vehicle by \$3,931,020 or 2.71%.

Based on the current mill rate, the increase for revenues to the FY21 budget is \$542,802.13.

- **Financial Dashboard**

The Financial Dashboard for the first six months of the fiscal year was included in the Town Council’s information package and posted on the Town website. Assistant to the Town Manager Colby reviewed the report.

- **Happenings**

Assistant to the Town Manager Colby reported on events and activities at the Senior Center. More information may be viewed on the Town’s website at [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com).

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Art Marino, 44 Tuttle St, Bristol thanked Town Manager Lee, the Town Council and citizens for their support of visits to the Tomasso Nature Park and for their support to him. He reported he received a new kidney and is doing well. He went on to report of the sightings in the Nature Park which included four bears, geese, swans, blue herons. Mr. Marino also mentioned there are no more complaints from neighbors that the turtles were laying eggs in their yards.

Joanne Edman, 166 West Main St comments included her opposition to any trail or alignment through Plainville. It's obtrusive and doesn't belong in Town.

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave comments included his suggestion to the BOE of how they could reduce their capital budget and for the Town, a separate delinquent tax fund to be use towards the following year's budget.

Levi Bechard, 37 Wayne Dr comments included a notice of violation he received for parking his registered and insured vehicles on his grass when there are other properties with the same parking conditions.

Roberta Lauria, 18 Perron Rd comments included her opposition to any trail or alignment that will be on or next to or have an impact on any neighborhood in Plainville.

Joel Edman, 63 Hollyberry Ln comments included his opposition to any alignment through Plainville that does not adhere to the original plan to utilize the abandon railroad bed to close several gaps of the Heritage Trail.

David Spencer, 127 Milford St Ext comments included a suggestion to the Town Council to allow more discussion and dialog when comments are made.

Dave Albert, 56 Hollyberry Ln comments included recent annual increases to the BOE budget primarily driven by medical insurance.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St comments included each trail designs phase and future public hearings for the opportunity for the Town Council and the public input.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Bid #2020-06B, Catch Basin Components for Road Bond**

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to award Bid #2020-06B, Catch Basin Components for Road Bond, under State Contract #17PSX0009 to United Concrete Products, Inc., Yalesville, CT in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 5-0.

### **2. Bid #2020-07B, Concrete Block and Bricks for Road Bond**

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to award Bid #2020-07B, Concrete Block and Bricks for Road Bond, under State Contract #17PSX0146 to Cromwell Concrete Products, Inc., Cromwell, CT, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 5-0.

**3. Extension of Contract #2018-13E, Construction, Repairs & Adjustments of Catch Basins on Various Streets**

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the extension of Contract #2018-13E, Construction, Repairs and Adjustments of Catch Basins on Various Streets, with Jones Construction, LLC, Farmington, CT, for the 2020 Road Bond construction season for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 5-0.

**4. Release a Portion of Open Space on Camp & Bradley Streets**

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the release of a portion of Open Space on Camp and Bradley Streets as outlined on a map by Harry E. Cole & Sons entitled “Property Survey Depicting Open Space Lot Line Revision Lexington Heights Development – Section 1” dated October 25, 2019 and authorize the Town Manager to execute the necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 5-0.

**5. Tax Refunds-See Addendum**

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the tax refunds as listed on the Addendum. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 5-0.

**XI. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST**

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**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

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<b>Refunds</b>		<b>1/21/2020</b>	
		<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Ally Financial, Louisville KY		\$450.75
2	Ally Financial, Louisville KY		\$406.51
3	Cordova-Vazquez, Avelino, East Hartford		\$7.68
4	Ford Credit Personal Property Tax, Detroit, MI		\$57.23
5	Ford Credit Personal Property Tax, Detroit, MI		\$406.78
6	Honda Lease Trust, Holyoke, MA		\$268.96
7	Koskoff, David E. Trustee, PO Box 374		\$711.28
8	VW Credit Leasing LTD, Libertyville, IL		\$907.74
9	VW Credit Leasing LTD, Libertyville, IL		\$35.76
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$3,252.69</b>

		<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Dupnik, Joseph, San Diego, CA		\$227.40
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$227.40</b>

		<b>Sewer User Fee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Brown, Otis Jr & Ruth, 70 Webster St		\$352.36
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$352.36</b>