

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2021 – 7:00p.m.**

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XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting was called to order remotely at 7:00 pm. Present were Chairwoman Pugliese, Vice Chairwoman Tompkins, Council members Wazorko, Morante, Gnazzo, Rocco, Underwood, Town Manager Lee, Assistant Town Manager Daskal, Town Attorney Chomick and Town Clerk Porrini.

I. PRESENTATIONS

II. PUBLIC HEARING

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the minutes of February 1, 2021 Regular Meeting and February 8, 2021 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Councilwoman Morante attended the Library Trustees meeting. Topics included daily operation updates, and the introduction of two new data bases. One of the data bases referred to as “SimplyE”, a new Library E-reader application for residents.

The Conservation Commission is preparing upcoming Spring activities.

Chairwoman Pugliese gave a brief overview of the public hearing regarding the rate increase requested by Valley Water. A statement was read into the record on behalf of the Town Council requesting the rate increase be postponed.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

1. Fire Company Officers

Councilman Gnazzo motioned to acknowledge the 2021 Fire Company Elected Officers and recognize the Fire Company Captain and Lieutenants as Officers of the Fire Department as follows:

Captain	William Gammon
1 st Lieutenant	John Myska
Lieutenant	Thomas Moschini, Jr.
Lieutenant	Doug Marcarelli
Lieutenant	Adam Barbuto

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

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

No report was given

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report was given

VIII. TOWN MANAGER

- **Fiber Project Update**

The fiber project continues to move forward. This project, when completed will connect Town buildings, schools, police communication repeaters, and several sewer pumping stations to high-speed fiber. The Town has contracted with SERTEX to install the fiber on the utility poles. Before this can be done, work must be performed in many instances to create the space for the new fiber. Additionally, some existing utility poles must be replaced to accommodate the new services. This takes a lot of coordination between Eversource, Frontier, Crown Castle (Comcast) and FiberTech before SERTEX can do their work.

Town staff has been conducting monthly meetings with the utility companies since the early summer on this project. It is now anticipated that SERTEX can begin their work by the end of March. Their installation will take approximately two months. In the interim, the IT Department is preparing interconnection with the Municipal Center, Library, Police Department, Fire Department, Senior Center, Recreation Department, Buildings & Grounds, and Roadways Department. They have also begun re-wiring the Water Pollution Control Facility setting up data and to ensure that they have the necessary equipment for the fiber. The same will be done to Buildings & Grounds that currently do not have internet service. It is expected that the project will be completed early this summer.

- **Outdoor Wireless Access Points – Town Hall and Library**

Through the efforts of the IT Department, the Town was recently awarded two outdoor access points via a state program to help spread connectivity access around Connecticut. The IT Department is suggesting the installation of these access points in the rear of the Municipal Building and the Library. This will provide internet service to anyone in the parking lots of these two town buildings. It is expected that these access points will be installed during the Spring.

- **\$6M GO-BAN Results**

The Town recently went out to bid the renew \$6M in General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes. The low bid was submitted by TD Bank with an interest rate of 0.23%. This is the lowest BAN rate in several years except for one for the Town of Greenwich (a AAA rated Town) at 0.18%.

The Town also mitigated the issuance expense by by-passing the need to issue an official statement. Plainville has an above average AA+ rating through Standard & Poor which allowed for strong investor interest and locking in a historically low interest rate. The BAN will expire in September, at which time the Town will permanently bond these monies.

I want to thank Finance Director Rob Buden and Barry Bernabe from Phoenix Advisors for working together on this BAN renewal.

- **Financial Dashboard**

The Dashboard for the first seven months of the fiscal year through January 31st was included in the meeting information package and was posted to the Town website.

- **COVID-19 Update**

Vaccinations are now available to anyone who is 65 years of age or higher. Hartford Healthcare has announced that they are opening two new max-vaccination sites soon. The first site will be located at One Liberty Square in New Britain and is expected to open on February 22nd. The Town website has a link that will allow senior to make appointments directly with that site. The second site will be located at the Oakdale Theater in Wallingford and will open on March 1st. Both sites will each vaccinate 500 persons a day, six days a week.

Instructions on how to get an appointment for COVID-19 vaccinations can be found on the Town website at www.plainvillect.com. The Health District is also beginning to reach out to the homebound. For example, Shane Lockwood is working with Linda DeZenzo at the Housing Authority to identify residents to schedule a vaccination at the senior housing complex. Shawn Cohen is also providing transportation for those seniors who need it. Any Senior Citizen who needs assistance in scheduling a vaccination can contact Stephanie at the Senior Center at 860-747-5728 and she will be happy to help you.

- **Happenings**

Assistant Town Manager Daskal reported on activities and programs in the and Senior Center details can be found on the Town's website: www.plainvillect.com

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were heard.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Tax Refunds- See Addendum

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the tax refunds as listed on the Addendum. The motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood and passed 7-0.

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:41 pm Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood and passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cindy A. Porrini, Town Clerk
& Clerk of the Town Council

Refunds

2/16/2021

	Current Year	Amount
1	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA, Fort Worth, TX	\$157.66
2	Zapadka, Michal, 5 Jeannette Dr	\$76.30
	Total	\$233.96

	Sewer User Fee	Amount
1	Gingras, Patricia, 71 Dogwood Rd	\$1,436.89
	Total	\$1,436.89