

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
February 22, 2022 – 7:00p.m.**

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

Councilwoman Tompkins led the Pledge of Allegiance

I. PRESENTATIONS

II. PUBLIC HEARING

Town Clerk Porrini read the following legal notice:

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF PLAINVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
February 22, 2022**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plainville Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday February 22, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square in Plainville to hear public comments regarding the American Rescue Plan Act Planning Committee's recommended use of funds.

Dated at Plainville, Connecticut this 17th day of February 2022.

Chairwoman Pugliese opened the public hearing for public comments.

David Mazurek, 71 West Broad St., spoke in favor of ARPA's recommendation use of funds under the "Loss Revenue" category.

Mary Carpenter, 14 Robidoux Rd., asked the status of the Honor Heights sewer project.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St., questioned the process for allocating the ARPA funds if public hearings would be scheduled.

Andre Grandbois, 42 Maxine Rd., questioned specific line items provided by the ARPA Planning Committee.

Tom Arcari, 4 Autumn Ln., spoke regarding specific line items provided by the ARPA Planning Committee.

Hearing no additional comments, the public hearing was closed.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to approve the minutes of February 7, 2022, Regular Meeting: The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

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No report was given.

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report was given.

VIII. TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Tomlinson Avenue Bridge Construction**

Dayton Construction Company has notified Town staff that they will begin work on the replacement of the Tomlinson Avenue Bridge this week. Their initial work will include clearing & grubbing, test pits, control & removal of invasive vegetation, and the installation of a field office.

Dayton will implement an alternating one-way traffic pattern when needed during this period. The Plainville Police Department will handle traffic control as well. Dayton is not anticipating the closure of the road to vehicular traffic until early April. The plan calls for the existing corrugated metal pipes be replaced with concrete box culverts.

Pedestrian traffic will be maintained during the duration of the project. Town staff is working with the school administration and DATTCO Bus Company to re-route the busses when the road closes in April.

- **Pedestrian Crossing at High School**

Town staff has confirmed that the State Department of Transportation will allow for the installation of a Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon at the crosswalk located on Route 10 and Robert Holcomb Way.

Due to conflicts with an existing water line, the crosswalk will be relocated approximately ten feet to the south. A portion of the work will be for ramps to be constructed in the re-located areas. Town staff is preparing a formal plan to the D.O.T. and expect that the work will be completed before the start of school in September. Monies to complete this project will come from the Town Aid Road (TAR) account.

- **White Oak Remediation LEP Request for Proposals**

As reported at the last Town Council meeting, two firms have been interviewed to oversee the environmental clean-up of the White Oak site. Cal Hauburger, Matt Daskal and Mark DeVoe interviewed the two firms.

It is their unanimous recommendation that the Town Council award this work to Tighe & Bond. This recommendation is based on their strong understanding of the project scope and needs of the community. The Tighe & Bond proposal was the most complete one of the respondents – detailing fully anticipated costs, timelines, and a good understanding of past and future efforts.

They will serve as the Licensed Environmental Professional (LEP) to oversee remedial contractor bidding, investigation, clean-up, and required documentation.

There is an item under New Business that would authorize the Town Manager to enter negotiations with Tighe & Bond of Middletown to serve as the LEP firm overseeing remediation efforts of the former White Oak Corporation property and to utilize previously secured State DECD Brownfield Remediation grant to fund said service in the amount of \$143,883.90. If approved, Tighe & Bond will immediately begin the planning work with final clean-up expected to be completed in the fall.

- **Road Paving Bid**

Town staff continues to plan for the next phase of the Road Bond program which will begin in April. In 2018, the Town received nine proposals to contractors to provide construction, repairs, and adjustments of catch basins on various streets.

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Jones Construction was awarded the contract at that time and the Town Council has extended their contract for the last couple of years with the same payment provisions that were previously bid. They have performed their work in an exemplary manner for Plainville. Town staff is recommending that the Town Council continue to engage Jones Construction to provide similar work this spring at the same unit prices that were bid in 2018. Town staff is also recommending that the purchase of concrete block be awarded to Cromwell Concrete under a State Bid Contract in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Cromwell Concrete has provided this material in previous years.

There are two items under New Business regarding these recommendations.

- **Disposal of Pickup Truck**

Town staff is seeking approval from the Town Council to dispose of a 2003 GMC pick-up truck previously used by both the Roadways and WPC Departments. The truck has extensive structural deterioration, along both frame rails, a disconnected cross member and deteriorated rear shock mounts. These conditions are not deemed repairable, and the vehicle has no trade-in value.

There is an item under New Business requesting permission to dispose of the 2003 GMC pick-up truck at auction.

- **COVID-19 Update**

A recent Hartford Courant article reported that there are different “risk levels” between CT towns based on how many people have been vaccinated. The Chief Medical Officer at Yale New Haven Health stated that the “vaccination rate in the population where you live is one factor that can impact transmissibility and numbers of infections”. Other factors include “how much ventilation, distancing and masking” one encounters.

As of last Thursday (February 17th), 71% of the Plainville population had been fully vaccinated. This compares to 76% in Southington, 72% in Bristol, 87% in Farmington, and 60% in New Britain. With respect to children ages 5-11, 33% of children in Plainville have been fully vaccinated. Surrounding Town percentage vaccinated between 5-11 years of age: Southington (33%), Bristol (25%), Farmington (58%) and New Britain (18%).

Governor Lamont has lifted the state mask mandate for students in school as of February 28th. It is up to the local school boards to determine whether to continue a mask mandate beyond that date. Absent positive action to require masks in school, the mandate will sunset. Masks will still be required for those students when they travel on the school bus. This is a federal mandate. To date, Plainville has had 3,425 confirmed and presumed positive COVID cases since the pandemic started. There have been 51 total deaths reported. Case positivity currently stands at 47.7 per 100,000 population. Last week Plainville had 45 cases reported – the previous week this number was 72.

For the week beginning January 22, 2022, unvaccinated persons had a 3.1x greater risk of testing positive for COVID compared to fully vaccinated persons. For the week beginning January 30, 2022, unvaccinated persons had a 15.2x greater risk of dying from COVID compared to fully vaccinated persons. The good news is that the hospital rate for COVID continues to decline, suggesting that persons are getting less severe symptoms from COVID. Beginning next Monday (2/28) persons entering Town buildings will no longer be required to wear masks. It will be left up to each individual whether to wear a mask. Masks will still be available at the entrances of each Town building.

- **Financial Dashboard**

The Dashboard for the period through January 31st was included in the meeting information package for this evening’s meeting and was posted on the Town website as well.

- **Happenings**

Assistant Town Manager Daskal announced activities and updates regarding Senior Center activities. Further information can be found on the Town’s website:

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St., questioned the agenda item regarding the Town Manager search profile.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. ARPA Planning Committee Recommendation

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to utilize the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) associated with the American Rescue Plan Act standard allowance under the “Loss Revenue” category, taking the \$10mil exemption. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

2. RFP #2022-12, White Oak Remediation LEP

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to authorize the Town Manager to enter into negotiations under State Contract #18 PSX 0153 with Tighe & Bond of Middletown, CT to serve as the LEP firm overseeing remediation efforts of the former White Oak Corporation under RFP #2022-12, White Oak Remediation LEP, and to utilize the previously secured State DECD Brownfield Remediation grant to fund said services in the amount of \$143,883.90. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

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

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to approve the extension of Contract #2018-13E, Construction, Repairs & Adjustments of Catch Basins on Various Streets, with Jones Construction, LLC, Farmington, CT, for the 2022 Road Bond construction season in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Jones Construction has agreed to hold the 2018 contract unit pricing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

4. Bid #2022-19B, Concrete Blocks and Bricks

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to award Bid #2022-19B, Concrete Blocks and Bricks, under State Contract #17 PSX 0146 to Cromwell Concrete, Cromwell, CT, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

5. Disposal of Pickup Truck

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to authorize the disposal of the 2003 GMC pickup truck at auction. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

6. Tax Refunds- See Addendum

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

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

1. Town Manager Search Profile

Town Manager Lee provided the Town Council members with an updated report from Randi Frank, LLC regarding the search for the candidates for the position for Town Manager.

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:17 pm Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by,



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

Refunds

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	Current Year	Amount
1	Ludko, Deborah, 38 Lincoln St	28.86
2	Washington Concrete Products Inc., 328 So Washington St	34.74
3	Szuszakiewicz, Elzbieta, 7 D'Amico Dr	194.15
4	ACAR Leasing Ltd, 4001 Embarcadero Dr., Arlington, TX	323.65
	Total	\$581.40

	Prior Years	Amount
1	Olson Brothers Co, PO Box 188, Plainville, CT	\$35.63
2	Olson Brothers Co, PO Box 188, Plainville, CT	\$33.08
3	Ally Financial, PO Box 9001951, Louisville, KY	\$453.35
4	Hyundai Lease Titling Trust, 4100 Wildwood Pkwy, Atlanta, GA	\$486.06
	Total	\$1,008.12