## MINUTES – <mark>DRAFT</mark> PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

# COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER

## REGULAR MEETING November 20, 2023 – 7:00p.m.

I. PRESENTATIONS: Scoops for Troops

**U14 Soccer Team - CT Cup Champs** 

## II. PUBLIC HEARING

## III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

September 26 Special Meeting; October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting and October 23, 2023 Special Meeting; November 13, 2023 Organizational Meeting

## IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS - REPORTS

## V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

- 1. Appointment of Town Attorney
- 2.Planning & Zoning Commission Appointment
- 3. Recreation & Park Advisory Board Resignation
- 4. Recreation & Park Advisory Board Appointment
- 5.Firefighter Retirement
- 6.Appointments and Re-appointments to Boards and Commissions

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

## VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

## VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

- 1. Middle School Renovation as New Project Update
- 2.Treated and Non-Treated Road Salt
- 3.Leaf Collection Update
- 4. White Oak Redevelopment Project Update
- 5.Landfill Closure Update
- 6. Honor Heights Sewer Project Update
- 7. Aquarion Water Softening Upgrade
- 8.Financial Dashboard
- 9.Happenings

#### IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

## X. OLD BUSINESS

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1.Bid #2024-14, Treated Road Salt
- 2.Bid #2024-15, Non-Treated Road Salt
- 3.Tax Refunds Addendum

#### XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

#### XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Land Acquisition Negotiations

#### XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Chairman Wazorko, Vice Chairwoman Morante, Council members Christopher, Gediman, Hurley, Tompkins, Town Manager Paulhus, Assistant Town Manager Cirioli, Town Attorney Borea, and Town Clerk Arena.

Council Member Underwood was absent.

Councilman Hurley led the Pledge of Allegiance

\*\*Councilman Hurley motioned to move this agenda item to the beginning of the meeting:

#### V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointment of Town Attorney

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

Vice Chairwoman Morante motioned to appoint Morris Borea as Town Attorney and authorize the Town Manager to enter into a Letter of Agreement for services. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 6-0.

## I. PRESENTATIONS

Scoops for Troops U14 Soccer Team – CT Cup Champs

**Scoops for Troops** 

Councilman Hurley read a proclamation recognizing Michael and Kara Ahern for their efforts in raising money to aid veterans with their "Scoops for Troops" program.

**U14 Soccer Team – CT Cup Champs** 

Councilman Gediman congratulated and read a proclamation recognizing the Plainville United Ul4 Boys Travel Soccer Team for winning the 2023 U14 State Championship.

## II. PUBLIC HEARING

#### III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to approve the minutes of September 26, 2023 Special Meeting; October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting and October 23, 2023 Special Meeting; November 13, 2023 Organizational Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 6-0.

#### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Vice Chairwoman Morante attended the November Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees.

Councilwoman Christopher announced the annual Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party will be on December 13, 2023.

Councilman Gediman mentioned the Wave to Santa event held at Norton Park on December 13, 2023.

#### V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

## **Planning & Zoning Commission**

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to appoint Thomas Wichrowski, 154 White Oak Avenue, as a Regular Member of the Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 6-0.

#### Recreation and Park Advisory Board

- 1. Councilwoman Christopher motioned to accept the resignation of Quinn Christopher from the Recreation & Park Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 6-0.
- 2. Councilman Gediman motioned to accept the resignation of Benjamin Gediman from the Recreation and Park Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hurley and passed 6-0.
- 3. Councilman Gediman motioned to appoint Joseph Catanzaro, 2 Hollis Lane, to the Recreation & Park Advisory Board for the term ending May 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.
- 4. Councilman Gediman motioned to appoint Ray Carroll, 24 Crown Street, to the Recreation & Park Advisory Board for the term ending May 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.
- 5. Councilman Gediman motioned to appoint Kathy Pugliese, 50 West Broad Street, to the Recreation & Park Advisory Board for a term ending May 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

#### **Fire Department**

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to accept the retirement of Regular Firefighter Joseph Silverio from the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hurley and passed 6-0.

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

Board of Education Member, Becky Tyrrell, announced a meet and greet for the new Superintendent Reas on November 28, 2023.

## VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

## VIII. TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Paulhus presented and discussed the following topics:

#### • Middle School Renovate as New Project Update

Since there is support and consensus on the Council to move forward with the MSP Renovate as New Project, I'd like to outline the process and next steps.

Joint Town Council-Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Learning Commons at Plainville High School to review the following information:

- 1. Updated cost estimates for the renovate-like-new project (as presented at the 9/26/23 joint meeting)
- 2. Anticipated design and construction timeline
- 3. Impact to debt service (as presented at the 10/23/23 Town Council meeting)
- 4. Next steps to submit an application by June 30, 2024
- 5. Proposed referendum timeline

The Town Manager's office has uploaded documents to the website (dashboard) like the revised construction costs estimates, project timeline and important dates, and other related documents.

Town Council December meeting dates of 12/4 and 12/18 will address action items to establish public hearings, PZC 8-24 referral, and referendum date.

#### Treated and non-Treated Road Salt

During winter weather operations, the Town of Plainville's Roadways Department utilizes treated and non-treated road salt. Typically, treated road salt includes an organic performance enhancer for deicing and is most effective in colder conditions (temperatures below approximately 25° Fahrenheit). The Roadways Department has requested to utilize treated road salt for deicing operations in colder conditions.

There is an item under New Business regarding the approval of Bid #2024-14, Treated Road Salt to Mortin Salt, Inc. of Chicago, IL, under CRPC Bid #748 in the amount of \$99.67 per ton.

Non-treated road salt is simply rock salt without any organic performance enhancers for deicing and is most effective in relatively warmer conditions (temperatures above approximately 25° Fahrenheit).

There is an item under New Business regarding the approval of Bid #2024-15, Non-Treated Road Salt to Mortin Salt, Inc. of Chicago, IL, under State Contract # 20PSX0085 in the amount of \$67.94 per ton.

#### • Leaf Collection

This year leaf collection started on October 25th and will run until December 2nd weather permitting. By Monday, November 20th crews hope to be wrapping up round two. There have been less complaints this year as the leaves haven't fallen all at once, so crews have been keeping up.

#### • White Oak Redevelopment Project Update

Remediation and environmental cleanup are underway on the interior of the building to remove hazardous building material. Remediation is being done by Enviro Consultants & Recyclers, Inc. and is expected to be completed by the end of November.

A topographic analysis of contaminated soil mainly in the back of the property behind the buildings was performed. The study will result in identifying a well-defined area of contamination which will be used to write bid specifications for clean-up. There will be an opportunity to submit a second application for clean-up funds to CT DEEP if necessary to cover any over runs, which is referred to as a ("Capper Grant").

#### • Landfill Closure Update

The landfill closure project is making good progress and is expected to conclude by the end of December 2023. However, weather and site coordination could play a role in extending the timeline. November's report from our consultant LEA on the tracking of materials indicates that 236,630 tons of material has been approved and 161,526 tons has been received.

LEA has confirmed CT DEEP has given approval for the reuse of existing material on-site for cover material. With this approval, LEA has finished the first phase of the southeastern portion of the site. The Town can now relocate stockpiled materials to the southeast portion of the site.

#### • Honor Heights Sewer Project Update

The project is essentially complete except for a few punch list items. What remains is a discussion on setting the Final Assessment and the timing of connection to the system and timeline for Public Hearing. A special meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 27, 2023. The following items will be discussed.

- Determination of Final Assessment Amount: Staff Recommendation: \$10,000.
- Determination of Whether a Payment Plan will be Offered to Property Owners.
- Determination of the Length of Payment Plan and Interest rate on outstanding balance.
- Determination when or if residents will be required to connect to the public sanitary sewers.
- Timeline for Public Hearing

#### • Aquarion Water Softening Upgrade

Aquarion is working through their punch list from the initial start-up and making progress. Operator training was completed last week as planned. They have a few outstanding issues to address prior to going into service related to level controls in one of the tanks, correction of the sewer connection, and a few other items. Right now, they are looking to start up the week after Thanksgiving.

#### Financial Dashboard

The Financial Dashboard report has been provided to the Town Council through October 31, 2023 and has been posted to the Town website.

#### Happenings

Assistant Town Manager Cirioli reported on programs and activities with Town Departments. More information can be found at www.plainville.com.

#### IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave., spoke on various topics.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St., commented on the Middle School Plainville Renovate as New Project.

#### X. OLD BUSINESS

## XI. NEW BUSINESS

## 1. Bid #2024-14, Treated Road Salt

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to award Bid #2024-14, Treated Road Salt, under Capitol Region Purchasing Council Bid #748 to Morton Salt, Inc, Chicago, IL, in the amount of \$99.67 per ton. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

#### 2. Bid #2024-15, Non-Treated Road Salt

Councilman Hurley motioned to award Bid #2024-15, Non-Treated Road Salt, under State Contract #20 PSX 0085 to Morton Salt, Inc., Chicago, IL, in the amount of \$67.94 per ton. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 6-0.

#### 3. Tax Refunds- See Addendum

Councilman Gediman motioned to approve the tax refunds as listed on the Addendum. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 6-0.

#### XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

Town Manager Paulhus mentioned to the Town Council he would like to propose to the Town Council members at one of the December meetings the concept of forming a steering committee tasked with surveying the community, developing a Town slogan and logo, and offering recommendation for enhancing economic development.

## XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Land Acquisition Negotiations

At 8:07pm Councilman Gediman motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss a Land Acquisition Negotiation matter. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

Present were all six Town Council members and Town Manager Paulhus, Assistant Town Manager Cirioli, Town Attorney Borea, Town Planner Devoe, and Economic Development Coordinator Hauburger.

Discussion ensued regarding the land acquisition matter. At 8:50pm Councilwoman Christopher motioned to go out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 6-0.

No votes were taken.

#### XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 pm Councilman Gediman motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cindy Arena, Town Clerk & Clerk of the Town Council

## **Refunds** 11/20/2023

	Current Year	Amount
1	Parvin Begum, 38 Bohemia Street, Plainville, CT	\$170.77
2	Bissell Rental LLC, PO Box 531807, Livonia, MI 48153	\$65.04
3	Mike Albert Ltd, 10340 Evendle Dr, Cincinnati, OH 45241	\$828.55
4	Nissan Infinity LT LLC, PO Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75265	\$374.09
5	Toyota Lease Trust, 20 Commerce Way Suite 800, Woburn, MA 01801	\$70.95
6	Toyota Lease Trust, 20 Commerce Way Suite 800, Woburn, MA 01801	\$644.36
7	Toyota Lease Trust, 20 Commerce Way Suite 800, Woburn, MA 01801	\$550.17
8	Toyota Lease Trust, 20 Commerce Way Suite 800, Woburn, MA 01801	\$149.00
9	Toyota Lease Trust, 20 Commerce Way Suite 800, Woburn, MA 01801	\$490.75
10	Toyota Lease Trust, 20 Commerce Way Suite 800, Woburn, MA 01801	\$238.44
11	Toyota Lease Trust, 20 Commerce Way Suite 800, Woburn, MA 01801	\$301.17
12	Toyota Lease Trust, 20 Commerce Way Suite 800, Woburn, MA 01801	\$53.73
	Total	\$3,937.02
Previous Year		
1	Corelogic Refund Dept, PO Box 9202, Coppell, TX 75019	\$8,535.23
2	Estate of Matthew W Labarre Jr, 257 North Washington Street, Plainville, CT	\$15.32
	Total	\$8,550.55
Sewer User Refunds		
1	Rose A Labidis, 3040 SW Newberry CT, Palm City, FL 34990	\$508.55
	Total	\$508.55