

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
February 5, 2024 – 7:00p.m.**

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

- Joel Edman
- Helen Bergenty

I. PRESENTATIONS:

Fire Prevention Poster Contest Winners

II. PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed ordinance entitled “Ordinance Appropriating \$61,915,000 For Renovations and Improvements to the Middle School of Plainville, And Authorizing The Issue of Bonds and Notes to Finance the Portion of The Appropriation Not Defrayed from Grants”

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

January 16, 2024 Regular Meeting

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1. Law Firm Update

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4. Happenings

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1. Extension of Robert Jackson Way
2. Final Benefit Assessment for Sanitary Sewer System
3. Clean Water Fund Application for Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Project
4. Resolution regarding Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Project
5. Establish public hearing regarding Town Manager’s FY2025 Proposed Budget
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7. Tax Refunds - Addendum

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

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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, Underwood; Town Manager Paulhus, Assistant Town Manager Cirioli, Town Attorney Borea and Town Clerk Arena.

Councilman Hurley led the Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Wazorko asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of lifelong residents Joel Edman and Helen Bergenty.

I. PRESENTATIONS

Fire Prevention Poster Contest Winners

Fire Marshal Dievert presented awards to the Annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest Winners, Emi Blanco 4th Grade winner and Taylor Carrier 5th Grade winner.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

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**Town Clerk Arena read the following legal notice:

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plainville Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Center, 1 Central Square in Plainville, Connecticut, to consider the following matter:

1. Proposed ordinance entitled “Ordinance Appropriating \$61,915,000 For Renovations and Improvements to the Middle School of Plainville and Authorizing the Issue of Bonds and Notes to Finance the Portion of the Appropriation not Defrayed from Grants”.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file and available for public inspection during normal business hours in the office of the Town Clerk and at the Plainville Public Library.

Dated at Plainville, Connecticut, this 1st day of February, 2024.

Five correspondences were read to council various Council members. The Correspondences will be submitted to the Town Clerk to be included in the minutes. **(See addendum)**

Chairman Wazorko opened the public hearing for comments.

Dan Ciesielski, 33 Overlook Dr., spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum, had concerns regarding a possible mill rate increase.

Mary Couture, 48 Milford St., spoke in favor of the Renovate like New MSP Referendum.

Katherine Curtis, 15 Maiden Ln., spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Bethel Hairston, 10 Mancini Way, spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Anina Consalvo, 5 Hoerle Ct., spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Alyssa Consalvo, 5 Hoerle Ct., spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Marylin Charette, 18 Milford St., stated opposition to the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave., stated opposition to the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Emily Wasley, 176 Stillwell Dr., spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Erin Nadolny, 29 Maxine Rd., spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Tom Fote, 15 Bradley St., spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Quinton Johansen, 371 Woodford Ave., spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Gayle Dennehy, 28 Perron Rd., commented on the Renovate Like New Plan and the proposed maintenance plan.

Alison Ozga, 29 Beechwood Rd., spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Rejean Carrier, 28 Perron Rd., stated opposition to the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Rebecca Martinez, 8 Irving St., spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Kathy Pugliese, 50 West Broad St., commented on the Renovate Like New Plan and the proposed maintenance plan.

Justin Gill, 2 Tyler Farms Rd., spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Noah Meehan, 4 Orchard Ln., spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Sophie Meehan, 4 Orchard Ln., spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Melissa Sweeney, 40 Glenwood Dr., spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Blaine Boxwell, 13 Jude Rd., spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

George Fensick, 2 Pinecrest Dr., stated opposition to the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Jered Bruzas, 72 Wayne Dr., spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Jessie Carlson, 26 Ashford Ln., spoke in favor of the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

Jacob Rocco, 11 Diamond Ave., stated opposition to the Renovate Like New MSP Referendum.

8:08 pm hearing no further comments the public hearing was closed.

The Council then took a 5-minute break before the meeting. Councilwoman Tomkins left the meeting at this time.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilman Hurley motioned to approve the minutes of January 16, 2024 Regular Meeting The motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood and passed 6-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Vice Chairwoman Morante commented on the Library Board of Trustees activities and the progress of the Middle School Plainville Communication Steering Committee.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

Fire Department

Councilman Underwood motioned to appoint Michael Barr, 20 Root Avenue- Bristol, as a Probationary Firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 6-0.

Councilman Underwood motioned to appoint Devin Gonzalez, 27 O’Sullivan Drive- Bristol as a Probationary Firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 6-0.

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

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney Borea informed the Town Council he will be changing legal practices at the end of February.

VIII. TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Paulhus presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Extension of Robert Jackson Way**

This request dates to 2021, when Buck Fever, LLC (aka Paul Matteo) applied for an extension to Robert Jackson Way in the Strawberry Fields Industrial Park. The application was to provide frontage for three building lots. The Planning & Zoning Commission approved the plan and accepted a financial guarantee to ensure the road was constructed to Town standards. Work began in earnest in 2022 and was completed in 2023. Upon completion, the road was inspected and passed muster with the Engineering Department.

The financial guarantee was subsequently released, and the matter was referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission for an opinion on the proposed acceptance. On January 9, 2024, the Planning & Zoning Commission made a formal motion recommending that the Town Council officially accept the physical extension of Robert Jackson Way.

There is an item under New Business to accept the extension of Robert Jackson Way.

- **Honor Heights**

Town Manager/ Engineering – working to prepare and distribute mailing to residents summarizing previous actions and the process moving forward. Town Manager/Engineering – working to finalize and distribute contractor’s list – Target date mid-to late February. Coordinate outreach and discussion with interested contractors via public informational meeting with a date to be determined. Town Manager/Town Attorney – working to clarify the eligibility for deferment of the assessment.

There is an item under New Business to record the necessary documents for the Final Beneficial Assessment on the land records.

- **Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Reconstruction Project**

Now that the Shuttle Meadow Pump Station project has been awarded the town will proceed to apply to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program. The fund operates a loan program to which the WPCA will request \$3,175,896. In addition to the application, there is also a resolution to proceed with approving and authorizing the Town Manager to enter into a Project Loan Agreement. This action is necessary because it is a competitive funding source and authorization would expedite the process.

There are two items under New Business to authorize the grant application and the loan agreement.

- **Happenings**

Assistant Town Manager Cirioli announced activities and events within and including the Tax/Assessor Office and Senior Center. Further information can be found on the Town's website.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

X. OLD BUSINESS

*Councilman Gediman motioned to add to the agenda:

XI. NEW BUSINESS

*7. Set Special Meeting Date

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

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Extension of Robert Jackson Way

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to accept the extension of Robert Jackson Way. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 6-0.

2. Final Benefit Assessment for Sanitary Sewer System

Councilman Gediman motioned for the Town Council acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority to authorize the Town Manager to record the necessary documents for the Final Benefit Assessment for the Honor Heights Sanitary Sewer System. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 6-0.

3. Clean Water Fund Application for Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Project

Councilman Hurley motioned for the Town Council acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority to authorize the Town Manager to enter into contracts with the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection and execute any and all documents as may be required by the state or federal government in connection with said contracts pertaining to the Clean Water Fund Application for the Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Reconstruction Project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood and passed 6-0.

4. Resolution Regarding Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Project

Councilman Gediman motioned for the Town Council acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority to adopt a resolution entitled “Resolution Approving a Loan Agreement to Obtain Clean Water Fund Financing for Water Pollution Abatement Facilities” The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 6-0.

5. **Establish public hearing regarding Town Manager’s FY 2025 Proposed Budget**

Councilman Underwood motioned to establish a public hearing in the Municipal Center on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 7:00pm regarding the Town Manager’s Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 6-0.

6. **Set Special Meetings regarding Town Council’s FY 2025 Proposed Budget**

Councilman Hurley motioned to establish the following special meetings of the Town Council for the purpose of considering and acting upon the Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget:

- March 11, 12, 13, 14, 19 and 20, 2024
in the Municipal Center at 6:30pm

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

7. **Set Special Meeting Date**

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to set a Special Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, to discuss Ordinance adoption, Set Referendum Date and Authorize Explanatory Text for the proposed Referendum for Renovations and Improvements to the Middle School of Plainville. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 6-0.

8. **Tax Refunds- See Addendum**

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

XII. **OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST**

XIII. **MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:47 pm Councilman Hurley motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted by,



Cindy Arena, Town Clerk & Clerk of the Town Council

Refunds 2/5/2024

	CurrentYear	Amount
1 Roundpoint Mortgage Servicing,	466 East St. #8,	\$55.57
2 Evelyn N Agustin-Lopez,	18 Church St. 1st Fl, P	\$162.28
3 CCAP Auto Lease LTD,	1601 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75201	\$270.47
4 Erwin A Coello Gonzalez,	105 Westwood Ave.	\$15.71
5 Erwin A Coello Gonzalez,	105 Westwood Ave.	\$219.31
6 Enterprise FM Trust,	9315 Olive Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132	\$167.85
7 Joseph M Jurado,	2 Autumn Ln.	\$136.99
8 Mattia Perone,	22 Church St.	\$41.50
9 Stanislaw Saroma,	69 Northwest Dr. Apt. 29	\$234.11
10 Vault Trust,	500 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226	\$179.41
11 Paulo J Reis,	5 Weatherstone Ridge Rd.	\$21.81
12 Northwest Community Bank,	86 Main Street, Winsted, CT 06098	\$754.40
	Total	\$2,259.41
	Previous Year	
1 Corelogic,	PO Box 9202, Coppell, TX 75019	\$2,415.04
	Total	\$2,415.04

Sewer User Refunds

1 Brian J & Danielle Buckley,	28 Alderson Ave.	\$212.12
2Dawn Bucciarelli & Joseph Dichiara,	13 Mountain View Dr.	\$224.98
3Lisa & Michael F Melninkaitis Co-Tr	310 Cooke St.	\$78.76
	Total	\$515.86

2-2024

**RESOLUTION
APPROVING A LOAN AGREEMENT TO OBTAIN CLEAN WATER FUND FINANCING FOR
WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT FACILITIES**

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED \$3,175,896 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF SHUTTLE MEADOW ROAD PUMP STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT;
AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES AND/OR
BONDS TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Plainville (the “Municipality”) has made application to the State of Connecticut for project funding in an amount not to exceed \$3,175,896 for the Shuttle Meadow Road Pump Station Rehabilitation Project (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has approved the application and proposes to enter into a Project Loan and Project Grant Agreement between the State of Connecticut acting by the Commissioner of the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (the “DEEP”) and the Municipality under the Clean Water State Revolving (CWSRF) Fund Program (the “Agreement”)

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town Council, Acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority, of the Town of Plainville, Connecticut, as follows;

1. That it is in the best interests of the Municipality to enter into the Agreement with the State, and the Municipality hereby approves, the Agreement in substantially in the form attached to this Resolution, which additions, deletions or amendments as may be approved by the Town Manager, such officer’s signature thereon being conclusive evidence of his approval thereof.
2. The Town Council, Acting as the Water Pollution Control Authority further authorizes the Town Manager or his designee to enter into such Agreement and all Obligations (as defined in the Agreement), agreements or certifications of the Municipality described therein and further authorizes the Town Clerk to impress the seal of the Town of Plainville on such Agreement.
3. That the Municipality appropriate Three Million One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$3,175,896) for the Project. The Project appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, equipment, materials, land and easement acquisition, site improvements, engineering fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the Project or its financing.
4. That the Municipality issue and renew temporary notes or interim funding obligations from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of bonds or notes or obligations for the Project or the receipt of grants for the Project. The amount of the notes or obligations outstanding at any time shall not exceed Three Million One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$3,175,896) to finance the appropriation for the Project. The notes or obligations shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-244a, Section 7-378 or Sections 22a-475 to 22a-483 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. Any bonds or notes or obligations described in Paragraphs 2 and 3 of this resolution shall be limited obligations of the Municipality secured by the irrevocable pledge of the Revenues as defined in the Agreement.
5. That the [Mayor, Town Manager, etc.] and the Treasurer of the Municipality are duly authorized to enter into and sign any bonds or notes or obligations by their manual or facsimile signatures. The [Mayor, Town Manager, etc.] and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes or obligations; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes or obligations; to provide for the keeping of a record of the bonds or notes or obligations; to sell the bonds or notes or obligations at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes or obligations; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes or obligations.
6. That the Municipality hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys the Municipality reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the Project. The [Mayor, Town Manager, etc.] and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Municipality pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds or notes or obligations authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

7. That the [Mayor, Town Manager, etc.] and the Treasurer are authorized to (i) make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes or obligations to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds or notes or obligations, (ii) apply for and accept federal and state grants to finance the project and federal and state loans to finance the project, and to enter into any grant or loan agreement prescribed by a federal agency or by the State; and (iii) take any other actions necessary to obtain such grants or loans pursuant to Section 22a-479 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Revision of 1958, as amended, or to any other present or future legislation, or to implement such grant or loan agreements. Any grant proceeds may be used to pay project costs or principal and interest on bonds, notes, or temporary notes or obligations.

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From: kelly carter
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2024 6:17 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: MSP

Hello,

I am writing in support of the renovate like new project for the Middle School of Plainville. As a parent, clearly I want a safe and productive learning environment for my children. I have two elementary aged children and the plan will be to send them to MSP unless we are forced to look outside of Plainville due to the continuing deterioration of the school. This is not something we want to do but have been forced to have these discussions as the building is unsafe in many ways.

My second point for supporting this project is as a homeowner. In a study using a database of about 407,000 homes sales and nearly 11,000 elementary school districts and 57 markets, the study concluded that, on average, buyers pay at least \$50 more per square foot for homes in top rated school districts compared with homes served by average rated schools. As a result it is safe to say that communities that invest in their education system see a financial return. As our school system goes through a significant and uncertain leadership change, we shouldn't be taking chances to lose the gains we've made in this area. By ignoring the failing infrastructure and technology of MSP, we certainly will be taking that risk.

The last point I would like to make in this email is that Plainville population is changing and will continue to change. Older individuals are leaving and younger families are moving in if we want to continue to have a safe and positive environment for these children to grow in we need to show them we are invested in them. We know that education and access to educational resources show decreases in mental health crisis, trauma and abuse, crime, and addiction. It is our duty as the adults in this town to give these children the very best foundation and while that starts at home it is definitely supported by the school system.

I look forward to seeing the progress from the town council, BOE and the Plainville Community Schools administration.

Thank you,

Kelly and Tim Maynard
141 Hollyberry Lane
Plainville CT

From: Jessica Daniel
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2024 9:24 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: MSP Project

Dear Town Council Members,

I'm unable to attend the public hearing on 2/5. I'm writing in full support of the MSP Renovation. My children have experienced the antiquated building and it's time to repair/renovate for the future MSP students. I look forward to being able to vote on this in March.

Jessica Daniel
24 Robidoux Drive

From: Charlotte Politis
Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2024 7:48 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Middle school

I am appalled that it is taking so long to repair the roof etc on the Middle School!

The last parent night my family attended some hallways were blocked off due to water pouring in from the rain. Shame on our town for letting this go so long - I urge you to get it fixed!!

Charlotte Politis - 74 Tomlinson Ave, Plainville

From: Jaimie Lindenmuth
Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2024 9:16 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: MSP renovation

Good evening Plainville Town Council members,

I'm writing to state my support for the Renovate as New project for MSP. I would like my support, as a Plainville Resident, to be noted at the meeting tomorrow.

With gratitude,
Jaimie Lindenmuth
15 Bradley St

From: Rebecca Karabin-Ahern
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 10:51 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Middle School renovate like new

Good morning, Town Council,

Thank you for pushing forward on this much needed project for MSP. Our youth deserve the best learning environment possible. I fully support the plan on renovate like new.

Have a wonderful day.

Best Regards,

Rebecca Ahern
(curent parent)