

**MINUTES  
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 22, 2017 – 7:00p.m.**

- I.   PRESENTATIONS:**
  
- II.   PUBLIC HEARING**
  
- III.   MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**  
Minutes of February 6, 2017 Regular Meeting and February 13, 2017 Special Meeting
  
- IV.   ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS**
  
- V.    APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**
  - 1. Police Officer Appointment
  - 2. Conservation Commission Resignation
  - 3. Fire Department
  - 4. 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. 2017 Paving Program
  - 2. Wheeler School Project Update
  - 3. Access Agreement – White Oak Corporation Property
  - 4. October 1, 2016 Grand List
  - 5. Governor’s Proposed Budget – Impact to Plainville
  - 6. Financial Dashboard – January 2017
  - 7. Recycle Coach App
  - 8. Happenings
  
- IX.   PUBLIC COMMENT**

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider Access Agreement with White Oak Corporation
2. Tax Refunds-Addendum

**XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST**

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (con't.)**

**XIV. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Pugliese called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square. Also present were Vice Chairman Saunders, Council members Wazorko, Morante, Ciotto, Tompkins and Carrier, Town Manager Lee, Intern Colby, Town Attorney Mastrianni and Assistant Town Clerk Clark.

Councilman Carrier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. PRESENTATIONS**

None

**II. PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Councilman Ciotto motioned to approve the Minutes of February 6, 2017 Regular Meeting and February 13, 2017 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS**

None

**V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION**

**1. Police Officer Appointment**

Police Chief Catania introduced Troy Nobel. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to appoint Troy Nobel to the position of Police Officer effective February 23, 2017 and as a condition of continued employment, he must successfully complete all aspects of the Basic Police Officer Training Program at the Connecticut Police Academy and the Plainville Police Department Field Training Program. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

**2. Conservation Commission**

Councilwoman Morante motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Eric Levy from the Conservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Saunders and passed 7-0.

**3. Fire Department**

A. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to acknowledge the retirement of Thomas Borio from the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

B. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to acknowledge the retirement of John Coelho from the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

C. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Bruce Lauzier from the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

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

Chairwoman Saunders reported on a trip to Hartford with Superintendent Brummet to testify in front of the Appropriations Committee regarding budget cuts to schools. She stated that the Governors proposed budget would be devastating to the students of Plainville.

**VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY**

No report

**VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER**

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **2017 Paving Program**

Town staff has put together the list of roads to be paved during the upcoming construction season.

It is proposed that the following streets will be paved this spring: Broad St. (Whiting to Rte. 10), Park Street (Maple St. to Rte. 10), Irving St., Race Ave., and Crown St.

For the summer: Linden Street (E. Broad to Woodford Ave.), Winter St., Summer St., E. Maple St., Milford St., Woodland St., and Kent St.

For the Fall: Gilberte St., Ferland St., Paul St., Dallas Ave. (Dewey to Milford St), Milford St. Ext. (from Dallas to Arcadia), Merline Ave., and Dewey Ave.

- **Wheeler School Project Update**

The joint meeting of the Capital Projects Building Committee, Town Council, and Board of Education to get an update on the Wheeler School Project originally scheduled for tomorrow evening has been re-scheduled for next Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Wheeler Elementary School Library.

At this meeting, O&G and KBA will present the plans for the project as well as the estimated project costs. The public is invited to attend this presentation as well.

- **Access Agreement – White Oak Corporation Property**

Town staff has been in contact with Marcia Toffolon, owner of the White Oak Corporation property adjacent to the Municipal Center regarding the potential re-development of the property. This is a very strategically located property in the center of the downtown consisting of approximately 14 acres.

It has been vacant for quite some time and the potential purchasers have expressed concern regarding possible ground contamination from its many years of past use as a construction yard.

The Town has the ability to apply for grant funds to perform studies to determine the extent of any contamination. If necessary, grant funds could also be available for clean-up of the site as well. In speaking with State officials, in order to apply for the grants, the Town must have in place an "Access Agreement" with the property owner.

There is an item under **New Business** that would authorize the Town Manager to execute an access agreement with the White Oak Corporation property.

- **October 1, 2016 Grand List**

This is a revaluation year. Every five years, Town staff has to revalue all of the real estate in Plainville. According to the Town Assessor, the October 1, 2016 increased by \$2.8M over the previous year. This slight increase would generate approximately \$90,000 in new revenue at the current mill rate of 31.99.

- **Governor's Proposed Budget – Impact to Plainville**

The Governor's proposed two-year budget that he submitted to the State Legislature could have a dramatic impact on property taxes for Plainville if enacted. Under the Governor's proposed budget, statutory formula grants would increase by around \$300,000, however, he has also proposed that municipalities pay into the teacher's retirement system. The teacher's retirement

system was established by the State going back to the 1939. The Teacher's Retirement Fund has been underfunded and mismanaged for many years. Rather than address the shortfall at the state level, the Governor is proposing that the municipalities pay a portion of the teacher's retirement bill.

It is proposed that Plainville contribute \$1,927,428 in FY18 (next year's budget) towards teacher's retirement.

The bottom line is that the net impact of the Governor's proposed FY18 budget to Plainville would result in raising an additional amount to the bottom line. This is roughly equivalent to 1.25 mills. This alone would result in a tax increase of over 3 percent. To put that in some perspective, over the last four years combined, the tax rate has increased by 3.56%.

Town staff will continue to monitor the state budget process. One major concern is that the state budget may not be in place by the time that Plainville votes on then budget on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Town Manager's proposed budget for FY18 will be presented at a Special Meeting to be held next Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Town Council Chambers. Residents are invited to attend this Special Meeting as well.

- **Financial Dashboard – January 2017**

The Financial Dashboard was distributed in the Town Council information package for tonight's meeting. It was also posted on the Town web page last Thursday evening. The Town Manager went over some of the specific items on the Financial Dashboard.

- **Recycle Coach App**

A new mobile device application to assist Plainville residents regarding recycling and trash collection has been developed. Scott Colby gave a brief overview of the new **free** application. It was suggested by council members to put a link to the app on the town Facebook page and other Facebook pages with town information.

- **Happenings**

Assistant to the Town Manager Colby reported on Town activities and events within the Senior Center, bulk pickup, and hazardous waste collections. More information may be obtained at [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com)

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Andrea Saunders, 55 Fawn Drive. Mentioned that the town of Plainville Schools are ranked 61<sup>st</sup> on the 2017 report of the 100 best schools in Connecticut.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St. Asked for clarity on upcoming meetings and asked how the state budget will impact upcoming projects such as Wheeler School.

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave. Says the Board of Education budget is too high and hopes the new school project will not cost too much.

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Consider Access Agreement with White Oak Corporation**

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to approve and authorize Town Manager Lee to execute an Access Agreement with White Oak Properties subject to review of the Town Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

**2. Tax Refunds – See Addendum**

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the tax refunds as listed on the addendum. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ciotto and passed 7-0.

**XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST**

Town Manager Lee said that school projects are driven by the Capital Projects Building Committee – not the Board of Education.

**XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to adjourn at 7:55pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ciotto and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

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Refunds

2/22/2017

Current

Amount

2/22/17

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	<b>Year</b>	
1	CoreLogic, Rochester, NY	\$2,173.24
2	CoreLogic, Rochester, NY	\$1,341.34
3	CoreLogic, Rochester, NY	\$2,024.86
4	CoreLogic, Rochester, NY	\$1,867.58
5	CoreLogic, Rochester, NY	\$1,224.90
6	CoreLogic, Rochester, NY	\$1,517.13
7	CoreLogic, Rochester, NY	\$293.66
8	CoreLogic, Rochester, NY	\$1,863.10
9	CoreLogic, Rochester, NY	\$1,566.39
10	CoreLogic, Rochester, NY	\$1,839.59
11	CoreLogic, Rochester, NY	\$2,472.19
12	CoreLogic, Rochester, NY	\$2,569.60
13	CoreLogic, Rochester, NY	\$725.54
14	CoreLogic, Rochester, NY	\$3,219.00
15	CoreLogic, Rochester, NY	\$1,942.60
16	CoreLogic, Rochester, NY	\$2,297.52
17	CoreLogic, Rochester, NY	\$1,863.10
18	Dubay, Elsie, 169 Broad St	\$250.00
19	Everbank, Jacksonville, FL	\$368.54
20	Famiglietti & Famiglietti, 145 West Main St	\$1,662.84
21	Heslin, Howard or Laura, 150 W Main St	\$56.82
22	Honda Lease Trust, Holyoke, MA	\$284.58
23	Honda Lease Trust, Holyoke, MA	\$34.39
24	Honda Lease Trust, Holyoke, MA	\$607.81
25	Jakova, Mario, Wolcott, CT	\$92.45
26	Mikolajcik, Donald, 90 Town Line Rd	\$241.91
27	Mitera, Gregory, 34 Higgins Ave	\$2,144.13

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36,544.81</b>
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	<b>Prior Year</b>	
1	Jakova, Mario, Wolcott , CT	\$110.82

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$110.82</b>
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	<b>Sewer User</b>	
1	Angkhavong, Sayyaphone, 129 Tomlinson Ave	\$20.39

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20.39</b>
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