

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
WHEELER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
15 CLEVELAND MEMORIAL DRIVE
PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 24, 2017 – 7:00pm**

I. PUBLIC HEARING

- Proposed ordinance entitled, "Appropriating \$25,260,000 For Renovations And Improvements To Wheeler Elementary School And Plainville High School, And Authorize The Issue Of Bonds And Notes To Finance The Portion Of The Appropriation Not Defrayed From Grants"

Councilwoman Pugliese called the hearing to order at 7:00pm in the gymnasium of Wheeler Elementary School, 15 Cleveland Memorial Drive. Also present were Vice Chairman Saunders, Council members Morante, Tompkins and Carrier, Town Manager Lee, Town Manager Assistant Colby and Town Clerk Skultety. Not in attendance were Councilmen Wazorko and Ciotto.

Town Clerk Skultety read the following legal notice:

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF PLAINVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 24, 2017**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plainville Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Wheeler Elementary School, 15 Cleveland Memorial Drive in Plainville, Connecticut, to consider the following matter:

- 1. Proposed ordinance entitled “Ordinance Appropriating \$25,260,000 For Renovations and Improvements to Wheeler Elementary School and Plainville High School, 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 20th day of April, 2017.

Chairwoman Pugliese mentioned that preceding the public hearing a brief overview of the Wheeler Elementary School Renovations and Plainville High School Parking Lot/Drainage Replacement projects was given followed by a tour of Wheeler Elementary School.

The proposed building projects include the renovation-as-new of Wheeler Elementary School and replacement of the paving at Plainville High School including parking lots, some walkways and drainage. The renovation-as-new of Wheeler School included code upgrades to meet current local, state, and federal codes, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, upgrades to the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems with the addition of air conditioning, relocation of the main office, a single addition in the form of a walkway connecting the administrative wing to the Kindergarten wing, and site improvements including new drop-off locations.

Estimated total cost for both projects \$25,260,000 with estimated State reimbursement \$12,107,000 for Wheeler Elementary School. Estimated net cost to Plainville \$13,153,000.

Chairwoman Pugliese opened the hearing for public comments.

Mark Chase, 48 Metacommet Rd spoke in favor of the renovation project. He went on to describe the needs of the projects at Wheeler and feels the Town deserves to benefit from the State funds.

Elizabeth Grosse, 77 Trumbull Ave was a student at Wheeler School and remembers the hot classrooms, no formal entrance and the separation of classrooms. She feels the renovations will help parents as well as the teachers and students and is in favor of the renovations project.

Anne Grosse, 77 Trumbull Ave stated she was part of the planning committee for the 50th anniversary of Wheeler School which was built in 1952 and expanded in 1994. The proposed renovations of the school will meet the need of the students in the 21st century and hopes the residents of Plainville will support the proposed projects.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St questioned the impact on Plainville of the proposed State budget and asked if funds already set aside for the proposed building projects are still intact.

The response was the reimbursements funds for the building projects are in place and will remain in place until June 30.

Hearing no more comments Chairwoman Pugliese closed the public hearing at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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