

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
April 3, 2023 – 7:00p.m.**

I. PRESENTATIONS:

II. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Town Council's FY 2024 Proposed Budget

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- March 20, 2023, Regular Meeting; March 21, 2023, Special Meeting

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2. Aviation Commission Update
3. Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Alignment Update
4. Honor Heights Sewer Extension Project Bid
5. Fair Housing
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1. Possible Action on the Town Council's FY 2024 Proposed Budget
2. Fair Housing Resolution
3. Fair Housing Policy Statement
4. Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement
5. Tax Refunds - Addendum

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Councilman Rocco led the Pledge of Allegiance

I. PRESENTATIONS

II. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Town Council's FY 2024 Proposed Budget

Assistant Town Manager Cirioli 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, April 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, for the purpose of hearing public comment on the Town Council's Fiscal Year 2024 proposed budget.

Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours.

Dated at Plainville, Connecticut this 31st day of March 2023.

Plainville Town Council

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

Town Manager Paulhus commented that the General Government is proposed for \$24,998,890, the Board of Education for \$43,071,797 for a total expenditure budget of \$68,070,687.

The meeting was open for public comments.

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave., questioned the funding for various department budgets.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St., feels the proposed budget is a good one.

No additional comments were made, and the hearing was closed.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to approve the minutes of March 20, 2023, Regular Meeting; March 21, 2023, Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

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VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney Chomick provided clarification to the Town Council and residents concerning the

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Balloon Festival being referred to as a “carnival” at a previous Town Council meeting.

VIII. TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Paulhus presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Charter Revision Update**

The Charter Revision Commission recently completed their mandatory review of the entire Charter including the three items charged to them by the Town Council. The Commission has not officially recommended any revisions but is on schedule to submit their final report to the Town Clerk on June 5th.

The Assistant Town Manager, Assistant Town Attorney, and Town Clerk are drafting new language and providing clarification for certain sections of the Charter. They will make a presentation to the Commission at the next meeting. A special meeting of the Commission is likely to be called for Monday, April 17th to review the information provided by Town staff.

- **Aviation Commission Update**

Repair of the Administration Building Roof is underway. Simon Roofing is waiting for materials to be delivered. When this happens, they will schedule the project with the Town for the work to proceed.

Interstate Aviation reported a roof leak on the Maintenance Hangar. The Town’s Buildings and Grounds division identified the cause of the leak to be an exhaust vent and applied a temporary solution (silicon) around the problem area. The roof is still under warranty, and Ultimate Construction was called out to repair the leak. They visited the Airport last week and will investigate again after the next big rain event. The Food Truck Battles will no longer be taking place at Robertson Airport. The organizers informed the Town that they have decided to move their event back to their original location in Naugatuck.

The Nex-Gen Car Show is still on schedule for Saturday, April 30th from 12-6pm. Nex-Gen anticipates making a \$5,000 contribution to a Plainville charity upon the completion of the event. This amount is based upon the anticipated revenues and can be adjusted if there is inclement weather. There are discussions underway regarding a Tribute for William V. O’Leary. The Assistant Town Manager and the

The Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds is exploring tree options and memorial plaques. The Joint Robertson Airport Lease Negotiations Sub-Committee has been meeting regularly in Executive Session to review the current lease agreement with Interstate Aviation and negotiate terms for a new agreement. The Sub-committee is evaluating the services of a consultant to assist with reviewing the structure and components of the lease.

- **Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Alignment Update**

The Farmington Canal Trail currently ends in Plainville at Northwest Drive in the vicinity of Johnson Avenue. From this location the trail must be extended southerly. No practical corridor exists easterly of Johnson Avenue. The Town owns various parcels between the current trail terminus and Route 177 southerly of Northwest Drive. As a result, utilizing the Airport Property, Perron Road, Tomasso Nature Park, landfill property, DPW property and various open space properties were considered the most practical trail corridor.

Recently, the Conservation Commission has reintroduced their objection to using Tomasso Nature Park. Their latest objections seem to center around the separation of the two facilities and how more activity in the area will disturb the character of the park. The proposed trail corridor skirts the easterly limits of Tomasso Nature Park utilizing an existing path. Absolute separation between the two facilities (multi-trail and Nature Park) can be achieved only with fencing and landscaping. Certain types of fencing would not be allowed because it would restrict the movement of wildlife, (Regulatory Issue), thus, a split rail fence and landscaping or a low beam fence and landscaping are the likely fencing/landscaping alternatives.

- **Honor Heights Sewer Extension Project Bid**

The original cost estimate done by the Town Engineer more than 18 months ago targeted a range of \$1,500,000 – 2,000,000. The town recently opened bids for the project and of the seven (7) proposals received, the apparent low bidder submitted a bid of \$1,186,260.

Tighe & Bond Consulting is assisting with the review and once they have completed their due diligence a recommendation will be made to the Town Council. A recommendation is expected for the April 17th Town Council meeting and if awarded, the project is estimated to begin in June 2023.

- **Fair Housing**

April is designated as Fair Housing month. As a recipient of Small Cities Community Development Block Grants, the Town has an ongoing obligation to acknowledge our commitment to Fair Housing.

There are three items under New Business that would: 1) re-adopt a resolution entitled “Fair Housing Resolution”; 2) re-appoint the Town Manager as the Fair Housing officer and authorize him to sign and implement the “Fair Housing Statement”; and 3) authorize the Town Manager to sign and implement the “Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement”.

- **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

James Paul Thomas, 1 Seneca Rd., commented on various topics.

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave., commented on Paderewski Park and other various topics.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Possible Action on the Town Council’s FY2024 Proposed Budget

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to approve:

a. the General Government Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, including Debt Service and Capital Projects, of \$24,998,890

b. the Board of Education Fiscal Year 2024 Budget of \$43,071,797 for a total expenditure budget of \$68,070,687

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

2. Fair Housing Resolution

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to adopt a resolution entitle “Fair Housing Resolution”. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

3. Fair Housing Policy Statement

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to appoint Town Manager Michael T. Paulhus as the Fair

Housing Officer and authorize him to sign and implement the “Fair Housing Statement”. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

4. **Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement**

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to authorize the Town Manager to sign and implement the Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

5. **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

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:59 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

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**FAIR HOUSING
RESOLUTION**

Whereas, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

Whereas, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be

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allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

Whereas

The Town of Plainville is committed to upholding these laws and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED, That the Town of Plainville hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the chief executive officer of the Town of Plainville or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Plainville and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Refunds

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	Current Year	Amount
1 Autunno Anthony P, 63 Fawn Dr		\$40.75
Total		\$40.75