

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 2, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**

WORK SESSION:

**Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Project
- Tighe & Bond**

Chairman Wazorko called the Work Session to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Vice Chairwoman Morante, Council members Christopher, Gediman, Hurley, Tompkins, Underwood; Town Manager Paulhus, Assistant Town Manager Cirioli, WPC Superintendent Alosso, and Town Clerk Arena.

Also in attendance, Paul Moran, Senior Engineer 2 from Tighe & Bond.

Chairman Wazorko opened the work session.

Mr. Moran gave a PowerPoint presentation of the project recap for the Shuttle Meadow Pump Station upgrade project. He stated the pump station was built in 1968 and underwent one upgrade in 2000. As of today the current pump station does not meet current OSHA regulations. There are many safety concerns due to the age of the structure.

Discussion ensued.

The Work Session was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. No action was taken.

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PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
January 2, 2024 – 7:00p.m.**

I. PRESENTATIONS: Plainville U12 Girls Softball Team

II. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act for the High School Boiler for an additional amount of \$181,300.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

December 13, 2023, Special Meeting and December 18, 2023, Regular Meeting

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. 2nd Assistant Fire Chief Appointment
2. Inland Wetlands Commission
3. Aviation Commission Resignation
4. Firefighter Appointment
5. Committee on Aging Re-appointments

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

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

1. Honor Heights
2. Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Project
3. White Oak Redevelopment Project Update
4. Happenings

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act
2. Bid #2024-05, Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Rehabilitation
3. Bid #2024-12S, High School Boiler Replacement
4. 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 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.

Councilwoman Christopher led the Pledge of Allegiance

I. PRESENTATIONS

Plainville U12 Girls Softball Team

Councilman Gediman congratulated and read a proclamation recognizing the Plainville U12 Girls Softball Team for participation in the Northern Connecticut Girls Softball League.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

Use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act for the High School Boiler for an additional amount of \$181,300.

****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 public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square in Plainville to hear public comments regarding use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act for a boiler replacement project at Plainville High School additional cost \$181,300.

Dated at Plainville, Connecticut this 28th day of December 2023.

Chairman Wazorko opened the public hearing for comments.

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave., commented on the timing of the boiler replacement at Plainville High School.

No further public comment was made, the hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to approve the minutes of December 13, 2023 Special Meeting The motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood and passed 7-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

Fire Department

Councilman Underwood motioned to appoint David Massey as 2nd Assistant Fire Chief of the Plainville Fire Department for a 1-year term. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

Councilman Underwood motioned to appoint John Smedile as Regular Firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

Inland Wetlands Commission

Councilman Hurley motioned to acknowledge Patrick Kilby’s request to not be re-appointed to the Inland Wetlands Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

Aviation Commission

Councilman Underwood motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Francis Cawley from the Aviation Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

Committee on Aging

Vice Chairwoman Morante motioned to reappoint the following members to the Committee on Aging for the term ending August 1, 2026.

- a) Elizabeth Creswell, (D), 23 Birch Tree Rd.
- b) Kathleen Marsan, (U), 44 Shuttlemeadow Rd.
- c) Charlotte Politis, (D), 74 Tomlinson Ave.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 7-0.

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

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report was given.

***Councilman Gediman motioned to add to the agenda:**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

***4. Establish MSP Building Project Communication Steering Committee**

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

VIII. TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Paulhus presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Honor Heights**

The outstanding items that require further discussion:

1. A town facilitated process for suggesting contractors for laterals and possible incentive (loan) package to pay for installation.
2. What penalties would apply for those homes that choose not to hook up.
3. Decision on three-family residence.
4. Decision regarding possible waiver for newer systems installed or repaired in the last 5 or 10 years.
5. Clarification on the eligibility for deferment of the assessment.

There is an item under Old Business to set the final assessment and other financial terms.

- **Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Project**

The project was put out to bid and received 5 responses. The bids ranged from a low of \$3,045,885 to a high of \$4,222,856. The low bid was submitted by Kovacs Construction Corporation. Tighe and Bond has reviewed and evaluated the bid information submitted by Kovacs Construction and believes the bid is reasonable and competitive.

There is an item under New Business to award the Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Project to Kovacs Construction Corporation as the lowest qualified and responsible bidder in the amount of \$3,045,885.

- **White Oak Redevelopment Project Update**

Remediation and environmental clean-up were completed on the interior of the building to remove hazardous building material. Remediation was performed by Enviro Consultants & Recyclers, Inc. stripping the interior down to the studs. 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.

Cal Hauburger is working with Tighe and Bond on preparing a second application referred to as a ("Capper Grant") to CT DEEP. These additional funds are necessary to finish the environmental clean up before we can transfer title of the property to the developers. Enviro shared pictures of the demolition which are included for your review.

- **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., spoke on various topics.

Francis Cudak, 48 Washburn Dr., spoke regarding the Honor Heights Sewer Project.

Matt Natale, 5 Shephard Ln., spoke regarding the Honor Heights Sewer Project.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St., spoke on various topics.

Gayle Black 4 Cianci Ave., spoke on various topics.

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Honor Heights Final Assessment and Other Terms

Councilman Gediman motioned to take from the table “Honor Heights Final Assessment and Other Terms”. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

Set Special Meeting Date

Councilman Gediman motioned to set a Special Town Council Meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, to discuss Honor Heights Final Assessment and Other Terms. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consider Use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act**

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to authorize the use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act for the High School Boiler Replacement Project for an additional amount of \$181,300. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

2. **Bid #2024-05, Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Rehabilitation**

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to award Bid #2024-05, Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Rehabilitation, to Kovacs Construction Corporation, Oxford, CT, in the amount of \$3,045,88. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

3. **Bid # 2024-12S, High School Boiler Replacement**

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to award Bid #2024-12S, High School Boiler Replacement, to SK Mechanical, LLC, Manchester, CT, for a total amount of \$879,300 which represents the base bid of \$820,600 plus the Alternate #1 bid of \$58,700. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

4. **Establish MSP Building Project Communication Steering Committee**

Councilman Gediman motioned to establish the MSP Building Project Communication Steering Committee for the purpose of developing, approving, and sharing information on the Middle School of Plainville renovate-as-new building project in preparation for the March 2024 referendum. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hurley and passed 7-0.

The Steering Committee will be made up of six (6) members as follows:

Town Council Chairman Christopher Wazorko
Town Council Vice Chairwoman Rosemary Morante
Board of Education Chairwoman Becky Tyrrell
Board of Education Vice Chairwoman Rebecca Martinez
Town Manager Michael Paulhus (as an ex-officio member)
Superintendent of Schools Brian Reas (as an ex-officio member)

5. Tax Refunds- See Addendum

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to approve the tax refunds as listed on the Addendum.
The motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood and passed 7-0.

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

Town Manager Paulhus mentioned to the Town Council he was looking into the Covanta noise issue.

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 pm Councilman Underwood motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by,



Cindy Arena, Town Clerk & Clerk of the Town Council

Refunds 1/2/2024

	Current Year	Amount
1 Ally Financial C/O Vault Trust, PO Box 9001951, Louisville, KY 40290		\$174.19
Total		\$174.19
	Previous Year	
1 Michelle L Croze, 16 Willis Street, Bristol, CT 06010		\$378.78
Total		\$378.78
	Sewer User Refunds	
1 Louise Laferriere, 71 Russell Avenue, Plainville, CT		\$48.68
2 Neal Court LLC, 321 Main Street, Farmington, CT 06032		\$4,927.12
3 David A France, Daniel France Conservator, PO Box 72, Bristol, CT		\$212.12
Total		\$4,975.80