

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, March 21, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.**

WORK SESSION:

Acting upon FY2023 Budget

Chairwoman Pugliese called the Work Session to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Vice Chairman Underwood, Council members Tompkins, Wazorko, Morante, Rocco, Catanzaro, Town Manager Lee, Finance Director Buden, Superintendent LePage, Director of Business & Operations Adlerstein, and Town Clerk Porrini.

132 - Human Resources – Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve Department 132 – Human Resources for \$148,738 reflecting a decrease of (\$3,342). The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 6-1 with Councilman Wazorko voting against.

840 - Capital Budget - Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve Department 840 – Capital Budget for \$1,778,600 reflecting a decrease of (\$124,500). The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

Board of Education- Capital Budget - Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve Board of Education Capital Budget for \$359,250. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

840 - Interfund Transfers Out - Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve \$748,939 to fund the Capital Reserve Fund. The motion seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

910 - Board of Education - Councilman Wazorko motioned to approve the Board of Education's expenditure budget for \$41,308,797 reflecting an increase of \$1,481,825. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Morante and passed 7-0.

Total FY23 Town of Plainville Expenditure Budget -

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve and recommend the General Government Fiscal Year 2023 budget including Debt Service and Capital Projects, for \$24,376,423 reflecting an increase of \$746,436. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

Councilman Wazorko motioned to approve and recommend a total Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 for \$65,685,220 reflecting an increase of \$2,228,261. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Underwood and passed 7-0.

The Work Session was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

**MINUTES
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REGULAR MEETING
March 21, 2022 – 7:00p.m.**

I. PRESENTATIONS:

II. PUBLIC HEARING

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

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

March 7, 2022, Regular Meeting; March 9, 2022, Public Hearing; March 14, 15 and 16 Special Meetings

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointments and Re-appointments to Boards and Commissions

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

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

1. Spring Bulk Pickup
2. Transfer Station Opening – Saturday, April 9
3. Road Bond Discussion
4. Farmington Avenue Trees
5. School Administrators Contract
6. COVID-19 Update
7. 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 #2022-02B, Bituminous Concrete Pavement
3. Tree Purchase – Farmington Avenue
4. Tax Refunds - Addendum

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Union Negotiations

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The special regular was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Chairwoman Pugliese, Vice Chairman Underwood, Council members Tompkins, Wazorko. Morante, Rocco, Catanzaro, Town Manager Lee, Town Attorney Mastrianni and Town Clerk Porrini.

Councilmember Wazorko led the Pledge of Allegiance

I. PRESENTATIONS

II. PUBLIC HEARING

Town Clerk Porrini 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 at 7:00 p.m. on Monday March 21, 2022, in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Center to hear public comment on the use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) associated with the American Rescue Plan Act for the following proposed projects:

- Purchase of Vac-Con Vehicle
- Sidewalk Installation
- Youth Services Counseling Program Improvements

Dated at Plainville, Connecticut this 17th day of March 2022.

Chairwoman Pugliese opened the public hearing for public comments.

Cassandra Clark, 39 Pierce St., commented regarding the sidewalk installation the town may want to add addition of bus shelters in town.

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

The public hearing adjourned at 7:10 pm.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to approve the minutes of January 3, 2022, Regular Meeting: The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Councilwoman Morante attended the most recent meeting of the Housing Authority.

Chairwoman Pugliese attended the Commission on Aging and mentioned

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

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

No report was given.

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report was given.

VIII. TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Spring Bulk Pickup**

On-Demand bulk pickup collection will begin on Monday, April 11th. Residents can request one bulk pick-up per year free of charge for acceptable large items that do not fit in the normal rubbish collection. Residents will be able to schedule their one bulk pickup free of charge either in the spring or fall. Spring collection will from April 11 until June 27th. During this period, bulk collection will not be available on April 18th (day after Easter) or May 30th (Memorial Day). Those who want to schedule a bulk pickup can contact CWPM at 860-793-6721 and provide their name, address, and phone number along with a description of the items to be collected. Calls must be scheduled by property owners/landlords. Calls placed by 3:00 pm Friday can be scheduled for collection the following Monday. Bulk items should be placed curbside no more than 24 hours before your scheduled pickup. Questions can be referred to the Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 Ext. 7176 or by visiting the Public Works Department page on the Town of Plainville website at www.plainvillect.com

- **Transfer Station Opening – Saturday, April 9**

The Transfer Station located on Grainger Lane will be open on Saturdays beginning on April 9th. The hours of operation are 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Plainville residents must show identification and there is a fee for disposal of most items. Items that can be disposed of without a fee include leaves, waste motor oil, antifreeze, mattresses, and electronic devices including TV's and computers. Questions regarding the transfer station can be referred to the Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 Ext. 7176 or by visiting the Public Works Department page on the Town of Plainville website at www.plainvillect.com

- **Road Bond Discussion**

The 7th year of the Road Bond Program is scheduled to begin next month (April). Town staff is requesting that the Town Council authorize the use of the State of CT Contract for the purchase and installation of bituminous concrete pavement utilizing the State Bid process in an amount not to exceed \$650,000.

It is expected that Tilcon will be the low bid in this area as they are in Plainville. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

- **Farmington Avenue Trees**

Last year the Town Council discussed the replacement of trees along Farmington Avenue that were removed by the State after being damaged by severe weather. Town staff is recommending the planting of ten maples and/or Red Buds along the westerly side of Farmington Avenue from Roberts Street to West Pine Way.

Town staff solicited two quotes by local vendors. The low quote was submitted by Winterberry Gardens of Southington in the amount of \$10,023.24. The trees would also be warrantied for one-year. As this tree replacement was not budgeted in the current fiscal year, Town staff is seeking authorization to move forward

with the work. There is an item under New Business that would authorize the installation of ten trees on the westerly side of Farmington Avenue from Winterberry Gardens of Southington in the amount of \$10,023.24.

- **School Administrators Contract**

The Board of Education has recently approved a contract with the Plainville Association of School Administrators for three years beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2025. The contract was filed in the Town Clerk's Office on March 16, 2022.

The Connecticut General Statutes allow for the Town Council, acting in its capacity as the Legislative Body, to reject the contract and send the negotiations into arbitration. The Town Council has 30 days from the filing of the contract to act. (April 15th). The contract will automatically go into effect if no action is taken by the Town Council as well. Superintendent Steven Lepage is here this evening to give some highlights of the negotiated contract and to answer any questions that you may have concerning same.

- **COVID-19 Update**

Plainville continues to be in the "yellow" category with an average daily rate of 6.1 new cases of COVID-19 per 100K population over the last two weeks. Last week there were four new cases of COVID reported in Plainville.

All major event centers and large gathering places are now open for use with no restrictions such as face masks or vaccination requirements except for certain healthcare settings and homeless shelters. A recent article in the Hartford Courant indicated that a subvariant of omicron - BA.2 is gaining ground in Connecticut. It is predicted that BA.2 will compose 95% of the cases in southern CT by early April. While BA.2 is thought to be more infectious than the original omicron variant, it seems that, as of yet, it is not as deadly or as disruptive to the healthcare system. CT saw a slight uptick in the positivity rate last week to 2.53% and hospitalizations are down 40 patients last week to 100 overall.

- **Happenings**

Town Manager Lee announced updates regarding tax bills and Senior Center activities. Further information can be found on the Town's website: [www. www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one spoke

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

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

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to authorize the use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act for the proposed projects:

- a. Purchase of Vac-con Vehicle – Estimated cost \$450,000
- b. Sidewalk Installations – Estimated cost \$410,000
- c. Youth Services Counseling Program Improvements – Estimated cost \$35,000

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

2. Bid #2022-22B, Bituminous Concrete Pavement

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to award Bid #2022-22B, Bituminous Concrete Pavement, under State Contract #22 PSX 0008 to Tilcon Connecticut Inc., New Britain, CT, in an amount not to exceed \$650,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

3. Tree Purchase – Farmington Avenue

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to authorize the purchase of trees to plant on Farmington Avenue from Winterberry Gardens, Southington, CT, quote dated November 2021 in the amount of \$10,023.24. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

4. Tax Refunds- See Addendum

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

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Union Negotiations

At 7:32 pm Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to enter Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

All seven Council members were present for the executive session along with Town Manager Lee. Discussion was held regarding the Union Negotiation matter. No votes were taken.

A motion was made, seconded unanimously passed, to end the executive session at 7:59 p.m. No further action was taken.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 pm Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Underwood and passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by,



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

Refunds	3/21/2022	
	Current Year	Amount
Ancar Leasing LTD, PO Box 1990, Fort Worth, TX		732.09
Corelogic, PO Box 9202, Irving, TX		1,872.46
VW Credit Leasing LTD, 1401 Franklin Blvd., Libertyville, IL		141.94
Total		\$2,746.49