

**MEETING MINUTES  
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER  
SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 18, 2017 – 6:00p.m.**

**6:00pm WORK SESSION:**

**FY18 Budget – Sub-Committee Report**

Chairwoman Pugliese called the work session to order at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square. Also present were Vice Chairman Saunders, Council members Wazorko, Morante, Gnazzo, Tompkins and Cox, Town Manager Lee, Finance Director Buden and Town Clerk Skultety. Town Manager Lee reviewed the Town Council Sub-Committee Recommendation as follows:

**Town Council Budget Sub-Committee Recommendation  
December 12, 2017**

The Sub-Committee met on three occasions (12/4, 12/6 & 12/12) to discuss the FY18 Town Budget in light of the recent actions taken by the State Legislature and the Governor. The net result is that State Revenues are being reduced by \$1,904,005 from what was anticipated. This reduction is occurring almost halfway into the current fiscal year leaving little opportunity to reduce expenditures in the remaining months.

In addition to the \$1.9M reduction in State Aid, the Sub-Committee also reviewed the current status of the Health Insurance Fund. In the mid-1990's, Plainville switched from a *fully insured plan* to a *self-insured plan*. Since that time, the Town has paid for the actual claims incurred rather than allowing for a health insurer to add their "profit" or "risk" on top of the anticipated/actual claims. For many years since that time, the Health Insurance Fund has maintained a surplus.

However, since March of this year, actual claims have greatly exceeded the expected claims by almost \$1.6M. Coupled with other expenses from the Health Insurance Fund (i.e. stop loss, administrative fees, etc.), the deficit in the Health Insurance Fund now stands at approximately \$2.3M. The Sub-Committee recognizes that this deficit needs to be addressed at this time as well as the loss of state aid.

Town and School staff identified possible reductions/savings in the current fiscal year. Those potential savings are:

	<u>Estimated Savings</u>
• Debt Service Reduction (\$4.7M to \$4.4M)	\$ 287,722
• Hiring Freeze 3 positions until 7/1/17	90,000
• Capital Improvement Adjustments	73,230
• Eliminate Sunday Hours @ Library (10 weeks)	6,348
• Board of Education Savings/Reductions	<u>220,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 677,300

These potential savings in the current fiscal year would reduce this year's deficit to \$1,226,705 in addition to the current Health Insurance Fund deficit of approximately \$2.3M.

The Sub-Committee also reviewed the current status of the Unassigned Fund Balance. According to the latest Financial Dashboard, this now stands at \$9,001,630 or 15.4% of the FY18 Approved Budget. Based upon current Rating Agency Recommendations, the Sub-Committee is recommending that the Unassigned Fund Balance should be lowered to no less than 12% or \$7,023,023. This is a difference of \$1,978,607. It was also noted that Rating Agencies look very unfavorably upon Municipalities that use unassigned fund balance for on-going operational expenses. Due to the shortfall in the Health Insurance Account, as detailed above, it is the recommendation of the Sub-Committee to have the Town Council begin to replenish this account via Additional Appropriations as detailed in the Town Charter utilizing the \$1,978,607 available above the 12% threshold.

The Sub-Committee then reviewed the FY18 Revenue estimates and it was determined that the other sources of revenue, not associated with state aid, are currently expected to come in as estimated.

Based upon the projected expenditure savings in the current fiscal year or \$677,300 and the need to use the available unassigned fund balance of \$1,978,607 to replenish the Health Insurance Fund, the Sub-Committee is recommending that a supplemental tax levy of 0.75 mills (2.3%) be adopted by the Town Council. Pursuant to current State Statutes, a supplemental tax levy (if there is to be one) must be adopted by February 1, 2018.

For the average homeowner currently paying \$4,086 in taxes (house valued at \$178,650, assessed at \$125,055), this would result in an increase of \$94.00.

This supplemental tax levy will result in approximately \$990,749 in additional revenues in the current fiscal year. The supplemental tax levy is not expected to cover the full amount needed. It would still leave a projected deficit in the current fiscal year of \$235,957. The Sub-Committee recognized and is hopeful that this could be reduced by the end of the fiscal year if past budget trends continue.

State Aid Reduction (incl. Governor's Holdbacks)	\$1,904,005
FY18 Savings	- \$677,300
Supplemental Tax Increase Revenue	<u>- \$990,749</u>
FY18 Projected Deficit	- \$235,957

The Sub-Committee also recognized the following factors/unknowns, all of which could NEGATIVELY impact the Town Budget and Financial Operations going forward:

1. The FY18 State Budget currently has a \$208M deficit. As part of the Governor Deficit Mitigation Plan proposed on December 13<sup>th</sup>, he suggested as one option further reducing ECS or Pequot monies to the Municipalities.
2. The State Budgets for FY20 and FY21 are currently projected to have a deficit of \$2B +/- in each year. While the proposed new formula for ECS would increase funding to Plainville in future years, given the projected deficits, this is not something that our community should count on.
3. Even with the Additional Appropriations recommended for the Health Insurance Fund there will still be a substantial deficit going forward in FY19 if the current trend of "actual" claims continue as they have over the last nine months. **It is anticipated that a significant increase in the FY19 Town Budget will be necessary for the health insurance line item.**
4. Over the last two years the Police overtime line item has seen expenses exceed the budgeted line item by \$250K and \$225K respectively. For the current year, Police OT is running almost \$58K below the last two years average but, the line item is still expected to exceed the budgeted amount. In past years these "overages" have been covered by additional appropriations from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Given the expected "drawdown" of the unassigned fund balance in the current year to 12%, it would not be prudent to continue to underfund the Police OT line item going forward.
5. Unassigned Fund Balance has been used to supplement the Capital Improvement Budget. Over the last three years the average amount contributed averaged \$165,000. This support from the Unassigned Fund Balance will not be as available going forward necessitating either an increase from the General Fund contribution to cover the current level of funding or decreasing the number of projects that can be funded. The CIP Budget has historically been underfunded based upon the number of submitted requests each year.

The Sub-Committee recognizes that significant changes may be necessary to address **the current and future reductions** in state aid to Plainville. These changes will either require tax increases above

what has happened over the last eight years, a reduction in services provided by both the Town and Board of Education, or a combination of both.

Looking forward those possible changes could include further reductions to both Town and Board of Education existing services – and/or with some tax increases – may be necessary.

In conclusion, the recommendation to issue a supplemental tax levy of 0.75 mills or 2.3% was very difficult, however, **the sudden significant reduction of State Aid** almost halfway through our fiscal year does not give us much choice. A drawdown of the Unassigned Fund Balance below the recommended minimum floor of 12% would not be prudent and would place the Town finances in a precarious position given what we know today going forward into the future. Failure to address the Health Insurance Fund, which has been greatly negatively impacted since the budget was adopted last March, is not an option as well.

Respectively Submitted:

Town Council Budget Sub-Committee

Katherine Pugliese  
Christopher Wazorko  
Deb Tompkins  
Rosemary Morante

Chairwoman Pugliese stated the sub-committee realizes there are many moving parts to the current Governor's budget with potential additional reductions. The sub-committee looked closely at both the Town's and the BOE's budgets and also at the health insurance funds and fund

balance. The last thing they wanted to do was to implement and send out mid-year supplemental bills.

Councilwoman Morante thanked the sub-committee members and staff for their input and assistance and after looking at the full picture with the combination of solution and strategies, a supplemental bill was necessary for sound financial management.

Councilman Wazorko recognizes the depth of the issues in the self-insurance fund is significant and the current budget's deficits will carry on to future budgets. Using the Fund Balance addresses this year's issues and going forward the Town Council will take a hard look at services and may see reductions.

Discussion continued.

The work session adjourned at 6:40pm.

**MINUTES  
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 18, 2017 – 7:00p.m.**

- I.    PRESENTATIONS:**
  - Erica Donovan
  - Fire Poster Contest Winners
  
- II.   PUBLIC HEARING**
  
- III.   MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
  - Minutes of December 4, 2017 Regular Meeting
  
- IV.   ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS**
  
- V.    APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**
  - 1. Fire Investigator Appointments
  - 2. Firefighter Appointment
  - 3. Conservation Commission Resignation
  - 4. CROG Appointment
  - 5. ZBA Resignation
  - 6. 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. Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Gap Closure Discussion – Tim Malone
2. Financial Dashboard
3. Happenings

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**X. OLD BUSINESS**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider Supplemental Tax Bill
2. Tax Refunds - Addendum

**XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST**

**XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**XIV. 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, Gnazzo, Tompkins and Cox, Town Manager Lee, Finance Director Buden, Town Attorney Mastrianni and Town Clerk Skultety.

Councilman Gnazzo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. PRESENTATIONS**

**Erica Donovan**

Chairwoman Pugliese presented Erica Donovan with a proclamation and congratulated her for the tremendous act of kindness she showed and the inspirational impact it had on others. State Representative Petit also presented Erica Donovan with proclamation and praised her for her spirit of giving and paying it forward.

**Fire Poster Contest Winners**

Fire Marshal Sutherland and Vice Chairman Saunders presented awards to the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Poster Contest winners.

## **II. PUBLIC HEARING**

## **III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the minutes of December 4, 2017 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.**

## **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS**

Councilwoman Morante attended the Conservation Commission meeting where there was a presentation on fracking and discussion regarding river clean-up. The Committee on Aging hosted discussion for Grandparents raising Grandchildren and reported the Library Board will be meeting with the Town Council.

Chairwoman Pugliese commented on the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Downtown Stroll which was well attended and thanked the merchants and the Plainville Fire Company for their participation.

## **V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION**

### **1. Fire Investigator**

**Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to appoint Detectives David Posados and Marc Rivard as Fire Investigators, as recommended by the Fire Marshal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko and passed 7-0.**

### **2. Firefighter**

**Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to appoint Zachary Bishop, 9 Mel Road, as a Regular Firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.**

### **3. Conservation Commission**

**Councilwoman Morante motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Jeffrey Brosseau from the Conservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.**

### **4. CRCOG**

**Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to appoint Jennifer Bartiss-Earley, Planning & Zoning Commission representative, to the Capitol Region Council of Governments Regional**

**Planning Commission through December 31, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.**

**5. ZBA**

**Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Gail Pugliese from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.**

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

Chairwoman Saunders' report included Superintendent Brummett attended a workshop at the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents where the new ECS funding formula was discussed. It is projected that Plainville's ECS funds will rise over the next 10 years. The Board of Education will continue to discuss the reduction of \$200,000 from this year's budget and will be working on next year's budget in January budget sessions to present to the Town in February.

**VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY**

No report was offered

**VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER**

**• Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Gap Closure Discussion**

On October 18<sup>th</sup> a Public Information Session on the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Proposal was held at the Plainville High School. Over 300 notices were sent to property owners that could be directly impacted by the trail. Approximately 175-200 persons attended the session and many gave feedback on proposed Alignment C. Tim Malone from CRCOG and Mark Jewel and Theresa Carr from VHB were in attendance and gave a detailed summary of the comments received, responses to those comments and adjustments to the Alignment that are being recommended. The power point presentation is available on the Town's website at [www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com)

Theresa Carr began by giving a detailed review of the project's history. Initially there was a long list of potential alternatives for the trail in Plainville and connection in New Britain that has been pared down to one in each town.

Tim Malone reviewed and addressed public concerns regarding safety and crime activity and reported research did not find related issues to other trails. The design of the trails and increased activity by users, added to more eyes on the trails to report any negative activities. Privacy concerns could be addressed in the design phase along with potential safety concerns near and along roadways. DEEP, the Army Corp of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency have all walked or seen the proposed trail alignment. Historic preservation and cultural resources have all been considered for retention in the alignment.



Mark Jewel walked the Town Council through the proposed 5.3 mile long alignment with paths between 10' and 12' in width and up to 98% off-road if the design phase followed the solid lined path. (In summary) The trail begins on Northwest Drive in the current parking area of the recent trail construction to the north. It extends from Northwest Drive towards Perron Road on the northwest side. Perron Road to Johnson Avenue onto the western edge of Carling Technologies property. South to the outside of Tomasso Nature Park towards the Transfer Station onto Granger Lane to Cody Avenue onto Town owned property onto Rt 72. There is a proposed culvert going under Rt 72 with alternatives reconnecting to the proposed trail on towards Bruce Avenue, King Street and Franklin Avenue towards the rear of West Cemetery property. After the cemetery it continues onto Town property towards Camp Street & Rt 177 and the railroad. A pedestrian bridge is proposed there with the trail continuing along Rt 177 south to the crossing of the Pequabuck River via a new bridge with the trail backing away from the river to Town owned Fire Department property onto West Main Street. The alignment moves on to Pierce Street to Broad Street through the intersection of Rt 177 to just beyond Hemingway Street crossing properties heading to Norton Park Road near Mancini Way and down into the 90 space parking lot at Norton Park. It would continue behind the pool and straight on the east side of the canal onto Town Line Road. This alignment has multiple environmental alternatives along the trail that would be addressed in the design phase.

The next step is to gather feedback from the Town Council and residents. Work will continue to draft a Final Report that would include phasing and funding. This project is currently in the Planning Phase and will move forward depending on the Town Council's endorsement and funding availability.

Bruce Donald, Legislatively appointed Chairman of the Connecticut Greenways Council and Tri-State Coordinator of the East Coast Greenway Alliance addressed the Town Council. It's been his experience that these projects such as the proposed Alignment C, are community builders. This trail is part of a greater East Coast Greenway Alliance and can look forward to having this completed in the next 4 years. He spoke to the concerns for safety and privacy and stated that once the trails become a linear park they become self-policing. There may be some graffiti or small vandalism but that tends to go away as the trail use increases. Although the intent of the trail is to be constructed on inactive railroads there are towns that have their trails realigned along roads and through wetlands as necessary.

Councilman Gnazzo commented he was part of the tour and walked through remote areas of the proposed alignment where there was evidence of ATVs and bon fires. He feels a monitored trail would eliminate those activities by the use of trail and by bicycle police patrolling the trails.

Chief Catania addressed the Town Council and mentioned he was involved with the Simsbury Police Department when the trails were being designed and built, patrolled them by bicycle, on foot and by cruisers. He responded to medical calls and nuisance calls but in his experience feels the more good people you have in an area the less crime you have. He offered residents who may have concerns to contact him and he would gladly meet with them. Chief Catania went on stating trail users are primarily families riding their bikes, walkers, joggers and elderly getting out for some exercise no a felony highway. Recent crimes that have been in the news did not happen because of the trails and it has been his experience that the majority of trail users are good people.

- **Financial Dashboard**

The Financial Dashboard through November 30<sup>th</sup> was included in the information package and has also been posted on the Town website.

Before review of the Dashboard, Town Manager discussed the impact that the State Legislature and Governor have imposed on Plainville as a result of the reduction of State Aid and the Governor's "Holdbacks".

Because the State Budget was not adopted within their normal timeframe, the Town Council waited until the last possible moment before setting the mill rate on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Due to the recent actions taken by the State Legislature and Governor Malloy, Plainville is slated to lose \$1.9M in state aid from what was anticipated when the mill rate was set.

Learning of this significant reduction almost half-way through the fiscal year does not leave many options in how to address the shortfall.

In addition, since March, the Health Insurance Fund has been experiencing insurance claims significantly above what was anticipated as well. In the mid-1990's, Plainville switched from a *fully insured plan* to a *self-insured plan*. Since that time, the Town has paid for the actual claims incurred rather than allowing for a health insurer to add their "profit" or "risk" on top of the anticipated/actual claims. For many years since that time, the Health Insurance Fund has maintained a surplus.

However, since March of this year, actual claims have greatly exceeded the expected claims by almost \$1.6M. Coupled with other expenses from the Health Insurance Fund (i.e. stop loss, administrative fees, etc.), the deficit in the Health Insurance Fund now stands at approximately \$2.3M.

The result of all this is that Plainville cannot ignore the current status of the Health Insurance Fund when addressing the reduction in state aid.

The Town Council's Budget Sub-Committee held a workshop earlier this evening and reported that they have identified \$677,300 in expenditure savings/reductions for the current fiscal year. These include savings realized in the Board of Education spending totaling \$220,000, reducing the Debt Service line item by \$287,722, Capital Improvement adjustments of \$73,230 and General Government reductions of \$96,348.

The Sub-Committee is also proposing to use Unassigned Fund Balance of \$2M to address the shortfall in the Health Insurance account. However, this still leaves a shortfall of almost \$1.2M in the current fiscal year. The Sub-Committee is recommending that a supplemental tax levy of 0.75 mills be approved for the FY18 Budget. For the average homeowner currently paying \$4,086 in taxes (house valued at \$178,650, assessed at \$125,055), this would result in an increase of 2.3% or \$94.00. This supplemental tax levy is expected to raise approximately \$990,000 still leaving a projected deficit in the current fiscal year of \$235,957. The Sub-Committee recognized and is hopeful that this could be reduced by the end of the fiscal year if past budget trends continue.

If a supplemental tax levy is approved, the bill would be mailed on February 1<sup>st</sup> and taxpayers would be given 60 days to pay the unexpected bill before delinquent interest is applied.

- **High School Track Settlement**

An Executive Session was held during the last Town Council meeting to discuss the proposed settlement with respect to the High School Track Dispute. A mediation session with Retired Judge Jonathan Silbert was held on December 1, 2017. After 8 ½ hours of mediation and hearing from all involved parties, the Mediator suggested settlement.

The Town Council authorized the terms of the recommended settlement after discussion in Executive Session.

A portion of the settlement requires the Town to contribute \$43,334 towards a portion of the milling & re-paving of the track. This amounts to 1/3 of the cost of this work. It should be noted that the contractor was looking to recoup costs in excess of \$275,000 and the consultant was looking to be reimbursed for their work in excess of \$70,000. The consultant will also be contributing towards a portion of the paving & milling in the amount of \$16,666.

Town staff has posted on the Town website a document entitled “Plainville High School Track Mediation Summary – December 4, 2017”. This document explains in more detail the mediation process and the rationale for the proposed settlement recommendation. The funds to pay for the Town’s portion of the settlement will come from the Turf Field account and not the general fund.

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Katherine Labella, 50 Pierce St, spoke in opposition to a trail that splits the Pierce Street neighborhood and affects other neighborhoods in Town. She states there are at least five people who are talking about leaving the Old Mill Condominium complex while two units have recently gone on the market. She continued with her concerns and feels sections of the trail have put neighborhoods in jeopardy.

Gayle Dennehy, 28 Perron Rd listened to the earlier presentation and is not in favor of the proposed alignment on Perron Road. She has concerns for a possible sight line on the north side of the street, the existing bus stop on Johnson Ave and additional traffic with the proposed trail. She along with her neighbors bought their houses on the dead end street for quiet enjoyment and feels that will go away with the trail.

Candace Hall, 113 Shuttlemeadow Road commented on the reduction of operating hours at the Library and feels that is not a wise thing to do.

Gayle Black, 4 Cianci Ave has rollerbladed on many areas of the trails and has never had an issue. Most users are good people and are there for enjoyment.

Linda Ferguson, 8 Perron Rd spoke in opposition to the trail alignment that will impact neighborhoods in Plainville. She feels the purpose of the rails to trails has been forgotten and that the proposal will change the dynamics of neighborhoods, remove natural barriers and landscaping. It’s easy for residents to stand up and support the trail especially when their property is not being impacted but not for the residents that are being forced to accept it.

Roberta Lauria, 18 Perron Rd spoke in opposition to any trail or alignment that will have an impact on any neighborhood in Plainville. If there are no rails there should be no trails. She addressed the Town Council and remarked the residents voted them in to represent them and feels

that is not the case. If a Council member would like the trail going through their yards then they should be fighting for that to happen in their neighborhood.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St began by thanking public works for extending the leaf collection and suggested the Plainville High School parking lot project be delayed to save funds and questioned the cost to the Town for the proposed trail. Town Manager Lee responded the parking lot will be bonded and paid for over 20 years and the proposed trail will not cost the Town anything. He went on to comment on the trail alignment and benefits it will bring to the Town.

Dave Albert, 56 Hollyberry Ln feels the proposed location for the Dog Park should not be within 150' from anyone's house and questioned the liability for having the trail through Town. The response was the Town would have limited responsibility under Connecticut Statutes.

Carrie Zack, 87 Hollyberry Ln stated her backyard is 50' from the canal and feels the proposed trail is close to her property. The trail will be an extension of the park and asked for a buffer of 150' from the trail and wetlands for safety and privacy. When the canal dries up she's concerned people can cross it into her property.

Joel Edman, 63 Hollyberry Ln would also like to see a buffer from his backyard but stands by his original statement no rail no trail. He does not feel the trail will attract people to the downtown area and does not want to see changes to Broad Street. He voiced his concerns for safety, the impact to wetlands and feels the Town does not need this trail as being presented.

Art Marino, Bristol is the curator for Tomasso Nature Park and is pleased with the alternate alignment around the park and looks forward to giving tours of the park in the spring.

David Spencer, 127 Milford St Ext commented on criminal activities after nightfall and questioned the self-policing idea.

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave attended the last BOE meeting and feels they need to cut back when preparing their next year's budget and would like to see the Town use Fund Balance to offset the deficit from the State. He also question under what authority can the Town Council assess a higher mill rate. The response was the state statutes supersedes the Town Charter and if the Fund Balance was used then we'd be in the same situation as the State is currently.

Joanne Edman, 166 West Main St would like the Town to wait for an inactive railroad to consider the trail alignment or put in in an area that will not be invasive or obtrusive. Residents have spoken and do not want the trail as proposed. There will be future costs to the Town for patrolling and maintenance.

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Consider Supplemental Tax Bill**

**Councilman Wazorko motioned pursuant to Section 265(a)(4) of the adopted State of Connecticut FY18-FY19 Biennial Budget, motion to adjust the mill rate from 32.68 to 33.43**

**for the fiscal year ending June 30-, 2018 and authorize the issuance of a supplemental tax bill by February 1, 2018. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders. Discussion followed. The motion passed 7-0.**

**2. Tax Refunds - Addendum**

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

**XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST**

In regards to the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail, Town Manager Lee commented that no one on the Town staff or the people he has been working with, which includes Plainville residents is looking to fill this gap and somehow negatively impact people who live along the trail. In other communities, this trail has been embraced, has been a great benefit to the communities and to the residents along the trail and he feels it will be the same for Plainville. The new alignment of the trail now puts the trail directly in front of Town Manager Lee's house and he along with his wife are happy about that.

Town Manager Lee went on to state he and Town staff and trail supports believe that most if not all issues can be addressed in the design phase of the project. There is very little evidence that trails cause increased crime, increased vandalism and increased problem. In fact the experiences have been just the opposite. He believes there is a strong element in the community that support the completion of the trail. There were 200 people who showed up at the October meeting. Invitations were sent out to those residents whose property would be impacted by the trail and there was a lot of support. He does not feel that the same comments made by the same people at the Council meetings represents a great majority in the community.

**XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to adjourn at 9:45pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by,

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

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**Refunds 12/18/2017**

	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	CCAP Auto Lease LTD, Dallas, TX	\$501.18
2	Curtis, Patricia, Holy Hill, FL	\$14.12
3	Duprey, Dean, 205 Cooke St	\$16.44
4	Enterprise FM Trust, St Louis, MO	\$167.38
5	Honda Lease Trust, Dallas, TX	\$107.45
6	Honda Lease Trust, Dallas, TX	\$85.42
7	Lewicki, Renee, 14 Geneva Ave	\$145.91
8	Nissan Infiniti, LT, Dallas, TX	\$261.61
9	Perrotti, Michael, Jr, 16 Belmont Pl	\$13.00
10	Peterson, DL Trust, Sparks, MD	\$265.92
11	Scheyd, Steven or Kimberly, 23 Dickman Rd	\$97.55
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,675.98</b>

	<b>Prior Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Sedrowska, Ewa, 97 Dallas Ave B6	\$122.90
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$122.90</b>

**Sewer User Fee**

1	Plainville Family Dental, 20 Pine Street	\$260.56
2	Riordan, James & Margaret, 45 Chester St	\$6.48
3	Tong Sing, 79A East St	\$722.26
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$989.30</b>