

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
SPECIAL MEETING
May 4, 2020 – 6:00p.m.**

6:00pm EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Land Acquisition

Executive session was virtually called to order at 6:00pm on Monday May 4, 2020. In attendance were Chairwoman Pugliese, Vice Chairwoman Tompkins, Council members Wazorko, Morante, Gnazzo, Cox, Underwood, Town Manager Lee, Town Attorney Mastrianni, Attorney Alfred Smith from Murtha Cullina, Economic Development Coordinator Cal Hauburger, State DECD, Don Friday and State DEEP, Mark Lewis.

Discussion ensued regarding Land Acquisition matters.

Executive Session was adjourned at 6:50pm. No action was taken.

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
May 4, 2020 – 7:00p.m.**

I. PRESENTATIONS:

II. PUBLIC HEARING

- Town Council Proposed FY2021 Budget

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

April 20, 2020 Regular Meeting

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. Robertson Airport Improvements Taxiway Bid Update
 2. BRRFOC Inter-Community Agreement Renewal
 3. Happenings
- IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- X. OLD BUSINESS**
- XI. NEW BUSINESS**
1. Consider acting upon the Town Council FY2021 Budget
 2. Bid #2020-10, Airport Improvements Taxiway Rehabilitation
 3. Set Mill Rate
- XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST**
- XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The Regular Meeting was virtually called to order at 7:00pm. Present remotely, were Chairwoman Pugliese, Vice Chairwoman Tompkins, Council members Wazorko, Morante, Gnazzo, Cox, Underwood, Town Manager Lee, Town Attorney Mastrianni and Town Clerk Skultety. Coordinating the live feed was Director of IT Ross.

Also available remotely were Finance Director Buden, Superintendent LePage and Director of Business and Operations Adlerstein.

I. PRESENTATIONS

II. PUBLIC HEARING

- Town Council Proposed FY2021 Budget

Town Clerk Skultety read the following:

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF PLAINVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 4, 2020**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plainville Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square for the purpose of hearing public comment on the Town Council's Fiscal Year 2021 proposed budget.

Copies of the proposed budget are available at the Town Clerk's office during regular business hours and on the Town's website. www.plainville.com

Dated at Plainville, Connecticut this 30th day of April 2020.

Chairwoman Pugliese commented the General Government is proposed for \$23,354,931, the Board of Education for \$39,114,267 for a total expenditure budget of \$62,499,198. This budget represents a 0 mill increase.

Chairwoman Pugliese mentioned the Town Council received emails from residents and taxpayers. All 17 were in support of the proposed budget as presented.

The meeting was opened for public comments. Moderator Ross gave the opportunity for callers to comment. No comments were made, and the hearing was closed.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilman Wazorko motioned to approve the minutes of April 6, 2020 Regular Meeting and April 7 and 9, 2020 Special Budget Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

No Announcements were made.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

No appointments were made.

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

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report was offered.

VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Robertson Airport Improvements Taxiway Bid Update**

On April 23rd, seven bids were received to reconstruct the taxiway at Robertson Airport. The low bid was submitted by Empire Paving of North Haven for \$2,269,992 however, upon review, it was determined that this bid was “non-responsive” to the specifications for the project.

The second low bid was submitted by Tilcon, Connecticut, Inc. in the amount of \$2,389,944. At their meeting held on April 27th, the Aviation Commission conducted a virtual meeting to discuss the bids with AECOM, the consultants for the project. After reviewing the pertinent clauses in the specifications, the Aviation Commission unanimously recommended that the Empire bid was non-responsive and that the contract for the rehabilitation of the taxiway be awarded to Tilcon in the amount of \$2,389,944.

An Application has been filed with the FAA to provide funding for this project. The reimbursement rate for this project is normally 90%, however, FAA has informed Airport sponsors, including the Town, that this project will most likely receive 100% reimbursement as a result of the CARES Act.

There is an item under **New Business** regarding the recommendation of the Aviation Commission to award the Taxiway Rehabilitation Contract to Tilcon. Work is expected to occur in late summer/early fall after the grant has been awarded.

- **BRRFOC Inter-Community Agreement Renewal**

In 1985, Plainville entered into a 25-year agreement with 13 other municipalities to form the Bristol Resource Recovery Operating Committee, otherwise known as BRRFOC. The thirteen other towns were: Berlin, Branford, Bristol, Burlington, Hartland, New Britain, Plymouth, Prospect, Seymour, Southington, Warren, Washington and Wolcott.

The purpose of the Inter-Community Agreement was to have the Towns work together to manage our solid waste and to construct and operate the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility. This Agreement is scheduled to end on June 30th.

The BRRFOC Board feels that it is in the best interest of all the participating communities to continue contractual relationship to provide the residents and businesses of their municipalities with solid waste disposal services in their capacity as members of the BRRFOC.

The Board has proposed an Agreement that would extend to December 31, 2034. A Draft Agreement was included in the information package for this evening’s meeting.

The Agreement details the powers of the BRRFOC, the potential withdrawal of a municipality before the expiration date, the governance of the Board, the budget, revenues and expenditures, and other miscellaneous items. The Agreement is not all that different than the previous 25-year Agreement that has worked very well for the benefit of all the participating communities.

The Draft Agreement has been given to the Town Attorney for his review and comments. The plan is to have the Town Council consider approving the Agreement at the next Town Council meeting to be held on May 18th.

- **Municipal Center Opening**

As of early April, Governor Lamont closed schools and public buildings until May 20th. Although it is believed that schools will remain closed beyond that date, it is possible that some public buildings will be allowed to open.

Earlier in the day the Health Director met to with the Southington Town Manager, the Middlefield First Selectman and Town Manager Lee to discuss the opening of the Municipal Centers in our communities. Based upon this discussion, the plan is to have full staff back in the Municipal Center beginning on May 20th.

The Municipal Center will open to the Public on Tuesday, May 26th by appointment only. On Monday, June 8th, the Municipal Center will open for all residents without the need to make an appointment. This is all subject to change depending upon guidance from the Governor's Office.

The opening of both the Senior Center and the Plainville Library will be determined later because both facilities involve the gathering of large amounts of people in close proximity.

Various building projects will have to be completed to separate and protect employees and residents to maintain social distancing prior to the re-opening.

Town staff will publicize these re-openings in the coming days and weeks.

- **Happenings**

Town Manager Lee reviewed programs and activities which included the Tax & Assessing, Emergency Management Services, Senior Center and 2020 Census. More information can be found on the Town's website at www.plainvillect.com.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Email received from John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave commenting on various topics.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider acting upon Town Council FY2021 Budget

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to approve:

- a. the General Government Fiscal Year 2021 Budget, including Debt Service and Capital Projects, of \$23,354,931
- b. the Board of Education Fiscal Year 2021 Budget of \$39,144,267 for a total expenditure budget of \$62,499,198.

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

2. Bid #2020-10, Airport Improvements Taxiway Rehabilitation

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to reject the Empire Paving Bid of \$2,269,992 as non-responsive for Bid #2020-10, Airport Improvements/Taxiway Rehabilitation, and award to Tilcon Connecticut Inc., New Britain, CT in the amount of \$2,389,944, as recommended by the Aviation Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood and passed 7-0.

3. Set Mill Rate

Councilman Wazorko motioned to set the mill rate at 34.62 for fiscal Year 2021. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

XI. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

Councilman Cox thanked fellow Council members for their cooperation and work on the budget. He announced this will be his last Town Council meeting as he will be moving out of Town. He expressed his gratitude and support while serving on the Council.

Town Council members, Superintendent LePage and Town Manager Lee all congratulated Councilman Cox and wished him the very best.

XII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to adjourn at 7:32pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

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