

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 2, 2018 – 6:00pm**

6:00pm WORK SESSION:

Proposed FY2019 Budget Discussion

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 and Town Clerk Skultety.

Discussion began regarding the bonding of 2 fire trucks, the Debt Service Plan, timing of a referendum and the Capital Budget.

In summary, Councilman Wazorko, Vice Chairman Saunders, Councilwoman Morante and Councilman Gnazzo would like to fund Engine #1 in the budget as opposed to going to referendum. They feel this is the best way to fund the truck and have concerns for a failed referendum.

Councilwoman Tompkins, Councilman Cox and Chairwoman Pugliese would like to fund Engine #1 by going to referendum and feel the support to pass it would be there. However in the event it didn't pass it was agreed that alternative ways would be looked at to fund the truck.

Councilman Wazorko motioned for a brief recess at 6:30pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.

At 6:35 the meeting reconvened.

840-Interfund Transfers Out- Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve \$1,561,613 to fund the Town of Plainville Capital Requests. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 6-1 with Vice Chairman Saunders voting against.

Total FY 19 Town of Plainville Expenditure Budget – Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the Town's General Government Expenditure Budget for \$22,733,146 reflecting a decrease of (\$288,949). The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 6-1 with Vice Chairman Saunders voting against.

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the Board of Education Expenditure Budget for \$37,322,912 reflecting an increase of \$1,819,816 for a total FY19 expenditure budget of \$60,056,058 reflecting an increase of \$1,530,867 or 2.62%. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 6-1 with Vice Chairman Saunders voting against.

The Special Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 2, 2018 – 7:00pm**

- I. PRESENTATIONS: Kathy Lickwar**

- II. PUBLIC HEARING**
Town Council's FY 2019 Proposed Budget

- III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
Minutes of March 19, 2018 Regular Meeting; March 21, 2018 and March 22, 2018
Budget 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. 8-24 Referrals
 - 2. Fair Housing
 - 3. Happenings

- IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- X. OLD BUSINESS**

- XI. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. 8-24 Referrals
 - 2. Fair Housing Resolution
 - 3. Set Location of Annual Town Meeting (All Day Budget Vote)

4. Possible Action on the FY 2019 Proposed Budget
5. Tax Refunds – See 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, Town Attorney Mastrianni, Finance Director Buden and Town Clerk Skultety.

Councilman Wazorko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PRESENTATIONS Kathy Lickwar

Councilwoman Morante presented a town chair to Kathy Lickwar and thanked her for her 36 years as a member of the Library Board of Trustees, serving the last 10 as Chairwoman.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

Town Clerk Skultety read the following legal notice:

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF PLAINVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 2, 2018**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plainville Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday April 2, 2018 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 2019 proposed budget.

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

Chairwoman Pugliese stated the Town Council approved a recommended budget total FY19 expenditure budget of \$60,056,058 reflecting an increase of \$1,530,867 or 2.62% and then opened the meeting to public comments

Jim Lenois, Sr., 10 James Pl spoke in favor of replacing Engine #1 considering the current Engine #1 is 30 years old. The pump needs work and there are safety issues. In this condition, it is only allowed to be used as a backup if necessary. He voiced his concerns if Engine #1 goes to referendum along with the replacement of the tower truck and the referendum does not pass. He went on to state the Town's public safety is at risk and asked the Town Council to do the right thing.

Kurt Plourde, 86 Westwood Ave, Captain of the Fire Department spoke in favor of the replacement of Engine #1 and the importance of that replacement happening this year. He feels it should be included in the budget.

Phil Brosseau, 151 Broad St, supports including the replacement in the budget.

Lea Toner, 59 Julie Rd, commented on the importance of having the safest equipment available and the need to replace the 30yr vehicle.

Robert Planeta, 17 Robidoux Rd, 2nd Assistant Chief spoke about the importance of replacing Engine #1. Men and women's lives are at stake as well as the residents.

Jeff Johnson, 32 Peach Orchard Hill, spoke in favor of replacing the aging Engine #1 and having it in the budget.

Kevin Toner, 59 Julie Rd, Chief commented the Department was out at a structure fire on Easter and the only piece of equipment left was Engine #1. He voiced his concerns if there was another alarm and that was the only responding truck. He does not want to risk anyone's live with undependable equipment.

Martin Schiraldi, 57 Maxine Rd, spoke in support of the replacement of Engine #1 that has pass its expected service years. As firefighters they need to know they will have the water needed to put out the fire and as home owners they need to know the firefighters will arrive safely and have the water needed to knock down the fire and make a rescue if needed.

Tom Moschini, Sr, 44 Forestville Ave, Deputy Chief in in charge of the fleet maintenance and voiced his concerns that Engine #1 would be needed at a call. He would like to see the truck funded in the budget.

Joanne Edman, 166 West Main St spoke in favor of funding the replacement of Engine #1 and suggested cutting the BOE to fund it.

Tim Lennon, 14 Woodland St stated the Fire Department operates on a minimal budget and feels the replacement of the pumper has been part of the budget discussion for many years. He supports funding the replacement.

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave supports the budget as presented and trusts the Town Council to fund the replacement of the truck.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St commented the Fire Department is a volunteer department and their protection and safety is paramount. He supports the replacement of the truck.

David Spencer, 127 Milford St Ext commented on the BOE budget's increase

Dave Albert, 56 Hollyberry La spoke in support of the replacement of Engine #1.

George Fensick, 2 Pinecrest Dr spoke in support of the replacement of Engine #1 within the budget without increasing the bottom line.

No more comments were made and the hearing was closed.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the minutes of Minutes of March 1, 2018 Regular Meeting; March 8, 2018 Public Hearing; March 12, 2018 and March 13, 2018 Budget Special Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

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

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report was made.

VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **8-24 Referrals**

A letter dated March 15, 2018 from Attorney Kenneth Laska representing a property owner adjacent to Norton Park is offering to donate land along the Farmington Canal for the future Multi-Purpose Trail. The parcel consists of approximately 5.24 acres.

A second letter dated March 19, 2018 from Geoffrey Sager of FCP-Two, LLC is requesting the abandonment of a portion of Corporate Avenue in order to help facilitate future development opportunities. The portion to be abandoned is approximately 670 linear feet and a little less than one acre in total.

Before the Town Council can act on either of these two requests they must first be referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission for what is known as an 8-24 referral. This referral is for the P&Z to determine whether or not these requests are in conformance with the Plan of Conservation & Development for Plainville.

- **Fair Housing**

Annually, the Town of Plainville is required by the State & Federal Agencies to endorse a Fair Housing Policy. The purpose of a Fair Housing Policy is to help 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 & federal law.

- **Happenings**

Town Manager Lee commented on activities and programs within the Senior Center and Library.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Al Chicchetti, Bristol, Retired Army Veteran addressed the Town Council and feels it is his mission that when he sees something wrong with a flag he would corrected. He buys flags for people who cannot afford a new one has watched meetings on TV. He would like to see the order of the American Flag in the Council Chambers moved to the Town Council's far right.

Candace Hall, 113 Shuttlemeadow Rd expressed her pleasure that the Dog Park was not approved at the current location and suggested purchasing the Chung Property and having a Dog Park there.

Roberta Lauria, 18 Perron Rd commented on her recent resignation from the Conservation Commission and explained her reasons why. In summary she feels the majority response to the Trail to the Town Council was in opposition of it and could not in good conscience give her time and report to a Town Council that showed a lack of principal and integrity.

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave suggested a Charter change to include absentee ballots for the Town Meeting all day budget vote, asked the Town Council to look into the permits for the new owner of Phoenix Soil, commented on the Tilcon project and the Dog Park Committee.

Joel Edman, 63 Hollyberry La comments included the Dog Park and the petition in support of, change to the trail from the mule path and the negative impact the trail will have on residents

Robert Planta, 17 Robidoux Rd correctly positioned the American Flag.

Joanne Edman, 166 West Main St recited a prayer, commented on the budget and Desmond's Army project.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. 8-24 Referrals

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to submit two 8-24 referrals to the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding a letter dated March 15, 2018 from Attorney Laska regarding Buck Fever, LLC Property and a letter dated March 19, 2018 from FCP-TWO, LLC regarding a

portion of Corporate Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

2. Fair Housing Resolution – See Addendum

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to adopt a resolution entitled “Fair Housing Resolution”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko and passed 7-0.

3. Set Location of Annual Town Meeting (All Day Budget Vote)

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to set the location of the Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of voting on the Town Council’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Budget at the Plainville Firehouse, Tuesday, April 24, 2018 for the hours of 6:00am to 8:00pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

4. Possible action on the FY 2019 Proposed Budget

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve and recommend:

- a. the General Government Fiscal Year 2019 Budget including Capital Projects for \$22,733,146, and
- b. the Board of Education Fiscal Year 2019 budget for \$37,322,912 for a total expenditure budget of \$60,056,058.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox.

Councilman Wazorko motioned to amend the original motion and motioned to remove (\$75,000) = (\$28,000) from Department 160 – Insurance
(\$26,000) from 840-Buildings & Grounds Capital Budget for the pick-up truck
(\$21,000) from Department 910 – School Budget

and add \$75,000 to the Capital – 840

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders. Discussion ensued.

Summary comments:

Councilman Wazorko feels it’s important to include the Engine #1 fire truck in the budget and not wait for a referendum.

Vice Chairman Saunders feels this issue is about public safety and would like to see Engine #1 be put in the budget.

Councilwoman Morante supports the amendment and feels this piece of equipment belongs in the budget.

Councilman Gnazzo feels it is in the best interest to put Engine#1 in the Capital Budget and not take the risk at a referendum.

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned for a three minute recess. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and failed.

The amended motion failed 4-3 with Chairwoman Pugliese, Vice Chairman Saunders and Councilwoman Tompkins voting against.

Discussion continued on the original motion.

Summary comments:

Councilman Cox supports having a referendum for the fire trucks and feels confident that it will pass.

Vice Chairman Saunders feels the amendment would not affect the mill rate and would give the fire department the tools they need.

Councilman Wazorko feels the right way to go is to put Engine#1 in the budget and let the voters decide. He supports a future referendum for the other requested fire trucks.

Chairwoman Pugliese feels bonding is the appropriate step to take considering the cost of fire equipment and having a referendum in June. She feels the referendum will be supported and pass.

The original motion failed 3-4 with Vice Chairman Saunders and Council members Wazorko, Morante and Gnazzo voting against.

Council members will set a date and time for a Special Meeting to continue budget discussions.

5. Tax Refunds - Addendum

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

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to adjourn at 8:40pm. 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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**FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION
TOWN OF PLAINVILLE**

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 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 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**4/2/2018**

	Current Year	Amount
1	Acar Leasing LTD, 4001 Embarcadero Dr., Arlington, TX 76014	\$3.65
2	Acar Leasing LTD, 4001 Embarcadero Dr., Arlington, TX 76014	\$158.24
3	Carriage Services of CT Inc., 48 Broad St., Plainville, CT 06062	\$5,671.86
4	Gauthier, Est of Ellen M., 128 East Street, Plainville, CT 06062	\$201.96
5	Honda Lease Trust, 600 Kelly Way, Holyoke MA 01040	\$721.25
6	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$267.91
7	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$6.71
8	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$324.54
9	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$8.12
10	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$236.08
11	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$8.12
12	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$231.05
13	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$5.30
14	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$266.76
15	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$7.35
16	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$242.75
17	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$6.08
18	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$242.75
19	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$6.08
20	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$312.13
21	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$10.74
22	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$369.12
23	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$10.17
24	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$379.48
25	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$13.06
26	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$243.37
27	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$6.71
28	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$258.33
29	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$10.17
30	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$170.33
31	Nissan Infiniti LT, P O Box 650214, Dallas, Texas 75265	\$6.71
32	Porsche Leasing Limited, P O Box 24329, Nashville, TN 37202	\$1,502.11
33	USB Leasing LT, 1850 Osborn Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54902	\$8.91
34	USB Leasing LT, 1850 Osborn Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54902	\$388.47
	Total	\$12,302.72

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1	Dery, James, 69 Northwest Dr., #7 Plainville, CT 06062	\$75.21
2	Dery, James, 69 Northwest Dr., #7 Plainville, CT 06062	\$139.14
3	Dery, James, 69 Northwest Dr., #7 Plainville, CT 06062	\$81.43
Total		\$295.78