

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting was called to order remotely at 7:00pm. Present were Chairwoman Pugliese, Vice Chairwoman Tompkins, Council members Wazorko, Morante, Gnazzo, Rocco, Underwood, Town Manager Lee, Assistant Town Manager Daskal, Town Attorney Mastrianni and Town Clerk Skultety and Town Clerk Porrini.

Also in attendance via zoom were Board of Education Chairwoman Tyrrell, Board members Davenport, Hardy, Palmieri, St. Lawrence, Wells, White, Martinez, Superintendent LePage, Assistant Superintendent Levenduski and Director of Business Operations Adlerstein.

Town Manager Lee and Superintendent LePage reviewed a Budget Power Point Presentation for the Fiscal Year 2022. Covered topics included revenue sources, Education Cost Sharing (ECS) Grant, Unassigned Fund Balance, Health Insurance, Police Overtime and Capital Improvement items.

I. PRESENTATIONS

Carol Skultety Proclamation

Chairwoman Pugliese presented retiring Town Clerk Carol Skultety with a proclamation and thanked her for many years of service with the Town of Plainville.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the minutes of January 4, 2021 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood and passed 7-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Chairwoman Pugliese read a statement submitted by Roberta Brown, Chair and Lynn Davis, Co-Chair of the Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth Development with an expressed message as a united community we strongly condemn all acts of violence and ask every member of the Plainville community to defend our democratic ideals and show our children that we resolve differences in a respectful and peaceful manner. Offensive language, name calling, and other displays of hatred have no place in our schools and community. No acts or incidents of prejudice, bigotry, or racism will be tolerated in Plainville.

Councilwoman Morante commented on upcoming Spring activities for the Conservation Commission and the Library is open and functioning well within COVID precautions.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

1. Conservation Commission

Councilwoman Morante motioned to ratify Town Manager Lee's appointment of Eileen Ayala (U), 248 Farmington Avenue, to the Conservation Commission for the term ending January 15, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko and passed 7-0.

2. Aviation Commission

- a. Councilman Underwood motioned to reappoint Robert Mastrianni, (R), 261 Camp Street, to the Aviation Commission for the new term 11/1/20 – 10/31/2023. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.
- b. Councilman Underwood motioned to reappoint Reade Clemens, (R), 87 Farmington Avenue, to the Aviation Commission for the new term 11/1/20 – 10/31/2023. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.
- c. Councilman Underwood motioned to reappoint David King, (L), 88 Trumbull Avenue, to the Aviation Commission for the new term 11/1/20 – 10/31/2023. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

3. Housing Authority

Councilman Underwood motioned to reappoint Leona Bisson, (D), 216 Trumbull Avenue, to the Housing Authority for the new term 2/1/21 – 1/31/26. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

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

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report was given

VIII. TOWN MANAGER

• Health Insurance Trust Fund

At the December 21st Town Council meeting there was a discussion regarding the deficit in the Self-Insurance Health Fund. A plan was presented that would utilize future savings in the Debt Service line item to eliminate the deficit. Town staff has drafted a Resolution Regarding the Health Insurance Trust Fund for your consideration. There is an item under New Business regarding this Resolution.

• Next Steps Regarding White Oak Proposals

Loureiro Consultants presented at the last Town Council meeting their "Review & Evaluation" of the two proposals submitted for the re-development of the White Oak property. The Town Council was informed that the Planning & Zoning Commission, Economic Development Agency, and the Plainville Chamber of Commerce had endorsed the "Residential, Industrial, Retail, Community & Outdoor space" use proposal submitted by Manafort and others as opposed to the "Office, Industrial & Outside Storage" use proposed by D'Amato/Meyer.

CRCOG pointed out that the Manafort proposal “is in conformity with, and supportive of, the region’s plans and policies”. Since the last meeting seven letters/emails have been received from residents and business owners supportive of the Manafort proposal which are included in tonight’s packet.

Information about each of the proposals is posted on the Town website. Residents and business owners can provide feedback on the proposals as well. While the purchase price submitted by D’Amato was \$550,00 higher than the Manafort’s, the Loureiro report estimated that the Manafort proposal would result in \$357K more in building permit fees, \$100K more annually in sewer user fees and \$387,000 more annually in tax revenues when completed as proposed.

Town staff is preparing a pre-application to the Department of Economic & Community Development in mid-February for a remediation grant to clean-up the property. A full application for the grant is due by April 7, 2021.

Town staff is seeking Town Council thoughts on how they would like to proceed with this project.

- **Temporary Committees to Consider Disbanding**

Over the years the Town Council has created several “temporary” committees to address specific short duration projects. Town staff is recommending that the Town Council consider disbanding the following “temporary committees” as their work has been completed. They are: Clean Energy Task Force, Old Linden Street School Committee, 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee and the Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census. There is an item under New Business regarding this recommendation.

- **Covid-19 Update**

Individuals age 75 and older are currently able to schedule a COVID vaccine. The next eligible age group to schedule appointment most likely early February will be age 65 and older. Scheduling information will be available early March for frontline essential workers and individuals with underlying medical conditions.

- **Financial Dashboard**

The Financial Dashboard for the first half of the fiscal year was included in the meeting package information and was posted on the Town website.

- **Happenings**

Assistant Town Manager Daskal reported on activities in the Tax Office and Senior Center details can be found on the Town’s website: www.plainvillect.com

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS
No comments were heard.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution regarding Health Insurance Trust Fund – See Addendum

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to adopt a resolution entitled “Health Insurance Trust Fund”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.

2. Disband Inactive Temporary Committees

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to disband the following temporary committees due to inactivity. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.

- Clean Energy Task Force
- Old Linden Street School Committee
- 150th Town Anniversary Celebrate Committee
- Complete Count Committee

3. Tax Refunds- See Addendum

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

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At 8:26 pm Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Resolution Regarding the Health Insurance Trust Fund

Whereas: The Health Insurance Trust Fund Ordinance was adopted by the Town Council on May 5, 1992 and amended on December 17, 2012; and

Whereas: The purpose of the Trust Fund was to stabilize premiums for medical insurance coverage for employees of the Town and its Board of Education; and

Whereas: The Trust Fund successfully achieved its purpose for many years, however, it began to have a deficit balance in FY 2016 which continued for several years because of claims exceeding premium contributions for succeeding years; and

Whereas: The Trust Fund currently has a deficit of \$2,365,616; and

Whereas: The Town joined the State Partnership Plan on July 1, 2018 to assist in stabilizing health insurance premiums for the Town and Board of Education employees.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that we, the Plainville Town Council, take the following actions.

1. The Town Council adopts the following policy to address the \$2.37M deficit in the Trust Fund:

- The Town Council continues to budget the Debt Service Line Item in the Town Budget at a minimum of the current level (\$4,430,350) until FY24.
- The Town Council utilizes the anticipated surpluses in the Debt Service Line Item to eliminate the deficit in the Health Insurance Trust Fund.

Refunds

1/19/2021

	Current Year	Amount
1	Corelogic, Coppell, TX	\$3,978.01
2	Bernard, Lionel & Brenda Plainville, CT	\$58.57
	Total	\$4,036.58

	Prior Years	Amount
1	Ford Credit Personal Property Tax, Detroit MI	\$565.28
	Total	\$565.28

	Sewer User Fee	Amount
1	Lindley, Daniel & Carly, 211 Trumbull Ave	\$60.43
	Total	\$60.43