

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting was called to order remotely at 7:01pm. 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 Porrini.

Also, in attendance via zoom were Scott Bushee, William Hogan, and Ahmed Kadhim, from the Department of Transportation. A Power Point Presentation provided updates for a suggested parking lot. Mr. Hogan covered topics including types of construction materials, a timetable for construction, and funding resources for this project.

I. PRESENTATIONS

II. PUBLIC HEARING

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the minutes of January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting and January 28, 2021 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Chairwoman Pugliese stated she been participating in the Board of Education budget meetings. The superintendent had made some adjustments to the originally proposed budget. In addition, an announcement had been made by the State of Connecticut regarding additional ESSER Grant funding.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

1. Fire Department

- a. Councilman Gnazzo motioned to accept with regret the resignation of William Costello from the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.
- b. Councilman Gnazzo motioned to accept with regret the retirement of Douglas Doughty from the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

- c. **Councilman Gnazzo motioned to appoint Douglas Doughty, 134 West Main Street, as Police Fire to the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood and passed 7-0.**

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

- **White Oak Redevelopment Discussion**

The Town Council received two proposals for the development of the White Oak property in downtown Plainville. One of the proposals was from D'Amato/Meyers who proposed continuing the current industrial use by relocating their construction businesses to the site. The second proposal was from Manafort et.al. who proposed a mixed-use development including apartments, commercial space, industrial space, public parking, and a park area adjacent to the Pequabuck River.

The next step in the process is to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with one of the two developers. Once the Memorandum of Understanding is negotiated, the Town Council would then review and determine any further changes before moving forward. There is an item under New Business regarding the negotiation of a Memorandum of Understanding for the development of the White Oak property.

- **2020 Grand List**

Town Assessor Ann Marie Heering has finalized the October 1, 2020 Grand List. The 2020 Grand List is the basis for determining the tax bills that will be mailed on July 1, 2021. According to the Town Assessor, the net Grand List increased by \$17M or 1.2%. This increase is higher than last year (1.12%) and more than double the increase in 2018 (0.56%) and 2017 (0.57%). There are three major categories to the grand list. They are real estate, motor vehicle and personal property. Real estate assessments increased by \$6.7M or 0.58%. Motor vehicle assessments increased by \$6.8M or 4.54% while personal property assessments increased by \$3.5M or 3.30% based upon the current mill rate of 34.62, the new grand list would generate \$587K in additional tax revenue.

- **Extension of Acceptable Recyclables Processing Agreement**

Plainville is a member of the regional organization for both solid waste and recycling disposal. The Bristol Policy Board includes 14 municipalities. The current recycling contract is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2021. The Bristol Policy Board has negotiated a two-year extension with Murphy Road Recycling, LLC of Enfield. Murphy Road operates a regional recycling center located in Berlin.

The proposed base rate for recycling is proposed to increase from \$80 per ton to \$83 per ton. (3.75%). However, the base rate can be adjusted based upon commodity revenue. For the current fiscal year, commodity revenue has averaged \$9.50 per ton lowering the rate to \$70.50.

There is an item under New Business regarding the two-year extension of the Recycling Agreement with Murphy Road Recycling LLC.

- **COVID-19 Update**

The COVID-19 positivity rate has decreased to 3.64% in Connecticut although medical experts have expressed concerns with regards to mutated strains of the virus which appear to be more contagious. There have been approximately 375K vaccinations administered in Connecticut. So far 35% of the state's population over the age of 75 has received the vaccine.

Connecticut is currently in Phase 1b of its COVID-19 vaccination program. Under the current plan, individuals over the age of 75 can receive the vaccine. Soon, the phase will expand to include individuals between the ages of 65 to 74, and individuals between the ages of 16 and 64 who have underlying health conditions.

Information on Connecticut's COVID-19 vaccination program is available at www.ct.gov/covidvaccine

- **Happenings**

Assistant Town Manager Daskal reported on activities in the 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. Memorandum of Understanding regarding Redevelopment of White Oak Properties

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to authorize the Town Manager and Town Attorney to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Manafort et. al. for a mixed-use development on the White Oak properties as detailed in their Request For Qualifications Proposal dated September 2020. Further, the MOU will be reviewed and approved by the Town Council after negotiations have been completed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood and passed 6-0. Councilman Wazorko abstained.

2. Extension of Acceptable Recyclables Processing Agreement

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to approve and authorize Town Manager Lee to execute necessary documents pertaining to the extension and amendment of the "Acceptable Recyclables Processing Agreement". The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.

3. Establish Public Hearing regarding Town Manager's Proposed FY2022 Budget

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to establish a public hearing for Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 7:00pm in the Municipal Center to hear public comment on the Town Manager's FY2022 Proposed Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.

4. Set Special Meetings regarding Town Council Proposed FY2022 Budget

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to establish the following special meetings of the Town Council for the purpose of considering and action upon the FY2022 Budget:

- March 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18, 2021 in the Municipal Center at 6:30pm.

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

5. Tax Refunds- See Addendum

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

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At 8:11 pm Councilman Gnazzo motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by,



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

Refunds

2/1/2021

	Current Year	Amount
1 VW Credit Leasing LTD Libertyville, IL		\$109.65
2 Windsor Federal Savings, Windsor, CT		\$1613.99
Total		\$1,723.64

	Prior Years	Amount
1 Ford Credit Personal Property Tax, Detroit MI		\$16.05
Total		\$16.05