

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
January 3, 2022 – 7:00p.m.**

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December 20, 2021, Special and Regular Meeting

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3. Town Manager Search Firm Discussion
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1. Bid #2022-13, Non-Treated Salt
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3. Town Manager Search Firm
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5. Tax Refunds - Addendum

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Chairwoman Pugliese, Vice Chairman Underwood, Council members Tompkins, Morante, Rocco, Wazorko, Catanzaro, Town Manager Lee, Assistant Town Manager Daskal and Town Attorney Mastrianni.

Councilwoman Morante led the Pledge of Allegiance

I. PRESENTATIONS

II. PUBLIC HEARING

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to approve the minutes of December 20, 2021, Special Meeting: The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Chairwoman Pugliese attended the Committee on Aging meeting and reported upcoming holiday activities.

She also commended the Police and Fire Departments for their assistance with the COVID “At home test kit” town-wide distribution event.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

Police Department

1. Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to appoint Christopher Vanghele as Police Chief effective January 31, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko and passed 7-0.
2. Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to appoint Paige Erdman to the position as Police Officer effective January 6, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko and passed 7-0.

Fire Department

1. Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to appoint Eryk Piotrowski, 19 Robidoux Road, as a probationary firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department.
2. Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to appoint David Licki, 42 Franklin Avenue, as a probationary firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department.
3. Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to appoint David Massey as 2nd Assistant Fire Chief to the Plainville Fire Department.

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

At this time a recess was taken.

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

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Road Salt – Treated and Non-Treated**

The Roadways Department utilizes both treated and non-treated salt during winter operations. Treated salt is generally used during colder conditions below 17 degrees. The Roadways Department is recommending the purchase of treated road salt utilizing a CRCOG Bid. The low bidder for CRCOG was Morton Salt, Inc. in the amount of \$68.85 per ton. They are currently proposing to purchase 500 tons for an estimated cost of \$34,425.

The Roadways Department is also recommending the purchase of non-treated road salt utilizing a State of CT Contract. The low bid was also Morton Salt, Inc. in the amount of \$60.66 per ton. They are currently proposing to purchase 500 tons for the estimated cost of \$30,330. Monies to purchase these winter materials will come from the Town Aid Road Account. There are items under New Business regarding these recommendations.

- **ARPA Planning Committee Update**

The ARPA Committee consisting of three Town Council members and town staff have met several times to discuss the possible use of the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding received from the Federal Government. Plainville's ARPA authorization is \$5.2M. One-half of that amount has already been received with the second half due in June. The Committee reviewed the Treasury Advisory information provided to date regarding the possible use of the funds. The Committee is unanimous that, because the funds are "one-time" monies, they should be used for "one-time purchases". After some review, the ARPA Committee is suggesting that some large capital items should be purchased with these funds to alleviate the need to utilize local taxpayer dollars. These large purchases have been deferred because of the potential impact to the Town budget.

Several projects discussed included the purchase of a Vac-Con Catch Basin Cleaner (\$450,000), Sidewalk Repair & Replacement (\$600,000), replace Aging Boilers at the High School (\$600,000), replace Class A Apparatus Fire Truck (\$780,000), extend sewers into the Honor Heights area (\$360,000), Replace Chiller at Toffolon Elementary (\$300,000), and replace the Radio System (\$400,000) and several other large ticket items. The Committee will plan for a Public Hearing on their recommendations during the month of February.

- **Christmas Tree Disposal**

Plainville residents who have trees may bring them to the transfer station at no charge on Granger Lane anytime beginning Monday, January 3, until Friday, January 14. Trees ONLY should be placed in the designated collection area. If you use a bag to transport your tree, you must remove the tree from the bag and dispose of the bag in your regular household trash container. If you are unable to transport your tree, the Roadways Department will once again be collecting them. Residents are asked to leave their Christmas trees at the curb by Sunday, January 9th. The Roadways Department will collect them during the week of January 9th. Please be sure they are free of ice and snow, are not in the road and do not block any sidewalks or walkways. Questions can be referred to Public Works Administration at 860-793-0221 x7176.

- **Police Chief Update**

Police Chief Eric Peterson is here this evening to give an update on the latest happenings in the Police

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Department.

- **COVID-19 Update**

Plainville positivity rate is at an all-time high of 77.8 per 100,000 population. 115 cases last week. A Pfizer booster clinic for 60 and over is scheduled for January 12th from 1:30 – 4:30 at the senior center. Eligible individuals can call the center directly to schedule an appointment.

New school guidance has been put forth starting this week. Isolation and quarantine times have been shortened and contact tracing and the screen and stay program have been eliminated. Because community transmission rates are so high, it's ineffective. More time can be spend identifying and handling sick children and staff.

- **Happenings**

Assistant Town Manager Daskal announced activities and updated regarding the Covid booster clinics, and Senior Center activities. Further information can be found on the Town's website:

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks Street, spoke regarding the line items for an upcoming public hearing.

William Petit, State Representative, 132 Redstone Hill, read a citation to the Town Manager.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bid#2022-13, Non-Treated Salt

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to award Bid #2022-13, Non-Treated Road Salt, under Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) Bid #718 to Morton Salt, Inc.in the amount of \$68.85 per ton. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

2. Bid#2022-14, Treated Salt

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to award Bid #2022-14, Treated Road Salt, under State Contract # 20 PSX 0085 to Morton Salt Inc. in the amount of \$60.66 per ton. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

3. Town Manager Search Firm

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to appoint Randi Frank Consulting LLC to perform a Town Manager Search. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

4. Establish public hearing regarding additional appropriations for Capital Projects

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to establish a public hearing on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Municipal Center to hear public comment regarding an additional appropriation to the Capital Projects Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

5. Tax Refunds- See Addendum

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

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:48 pm Councilman Rocco motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by,



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

Refunds		1/3/2022	
		Current Year	Amount
1	Martino, Andrea & James, Heather Ct, Woodbury, CT		198.57
2	Financial Serv Veh Trust, Hilliard OH		480.63
3	Raspardo, Jennifer, 578 Camp Street		1,121.50
4	Corelogic, PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX		1,499.91
Total			\$3,300.61