

**MINUTES  
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 4, 2022 – 7:00p.m.**

**I. PRESENTATIONS:**

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1. Town Council's FY2023 Proposed Budget

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March 21, 2022, Special and Regular Meeting

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2. Honor Heights Sewer Discussion
3. ARPA Discussion and Proposed Projects – Library & Recreation
4. Union Tentative Agreements
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2. Establish public hearing regarding ARPA Proposed Projects
3. Establish public hearing for 2022 Neighborhood Assistance Act Proposals
4. Tentative Agreement Public Works Union
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**XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST**

### **XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **1. Town Manager Search**

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Councilmember Catanzaro led the Pledge of Allegiance

#### **I. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **II. PUBLIC HEARING**

Town Clerk Porrini read the following legal notice:

#### **LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Plainville Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 4, 2022, 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 2023 proposed budget.

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

Dated at Plainville, Connecticut this 31st day of March 2022.

Chairwoman Pugliese opened the public hearing for public comments.

Gayle Black, 4 Cianci Ave., addressed the Town Council and questioned the Library budget line item.

No further comments were made, and the hearing was closed.

**The public hearing adjourned at 7:25 pm.**

#### **III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the minutes of March 21, 2022, Special and Regular Meeting: The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.**

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS**

#### **V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION**

##### **Conservation Commission**

**Councilwoman Morante motioned to accept the resignation of James Lenois, Jr. from the Conservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko and passed 7-0.**

**Councilwoman Morante motioned to accept the resignation of Jason Arnold from the Conservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko 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**

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Tomlinson Avenue Bridge Project – Road Closure**

The Tomlinson Avenue Bridge Replacement Project has begun. The bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning next Monday, April 11, 2022. Detours have been set up to direct motorists. Motorists are encouraged to avoid the area and seek alternate routes. Pedestrian traffic across the bridge will be maintained during the project. The closure is expected to extend through the summer.

- **Honor Heights Sewer Discussion**

Town staff continues to develop the plans to install sanitary sewers to the 84 homes that are in the Honor Heights neighborhood. The project is proposed as follows:

- a. Project cost estimate \$1.2M to \$1.4M.
- b. Source of Funding: Beneficial assessments \$840K (\$10K each residential property) and LoCIP Funding -\$560K (already in place)
- c. It is proposed that the Town Council allow for the Beneficial Assessments be paid over a 10 or 20-year period at a simple interest rate of 2%.
- d. The Beneficial Assessment would be due, in full, when a property is transferred/sold.
- e. According to the Town Attorney, A town can pass an ordinance allowing elderly or disabled homeowners to pay their assessments in other ways. Such alternate payment methods are available only to people who are eligible for circuit breaker, tax freeze, or municipal option tax relief. The ordinance can allow owners to defer any or all payments, to pay only the annual interest charge, or to pay in some other way that the WPCA approves. The outstanding principal must be paid when the property is transferred, or the property owner dies. Optional payment arrangements are subject to annual approval by the WCPA (CGS section 7-253a). (There are currently six property owners in the Honor Heights sub-division that currently qualify for circuit breaker, tax freeze, or municipal option tax relief)
- f. Property owners would not be required to connect to the sewer system if their current septic system continues to properly function.
- g. The plan would be for the sanitary sewers to be installed in 2023.

The first step in the process would be an 8-24 referral to the Planning & Zoning Commission to confirm that the expansion is in concert with the Town Plan of Conservation and Development.

Second, it is recommended that an Appraiser be engaged to determine the potential benefit that would accrue to the residential properties if sewers became available. Third, the Plainville Southington Health District

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should review the plans and provide information regarding the possible “life expectancy” for the existing septic systems. Fourth, a Public Hearing should be held to allow residents to ask questions and provide feedback regarding the proposed project.

It is recommended that a Public Hearing on the proposed sewer installation be held in May. A recommendation on a specific date will be made at the April 18th Town Council meeting.

- **ARPA Discussion and Proposed Projects – Library & Recreation**

During the recent budget work sessions, the Town Council expressed an interest in utilizing Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act for the following proposed projects: Library – Estimated cost \$100,000 and Recreation Department – Estimated cost \$40,000 to make up for loss revenue that occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is an item under New Business that would schedule the Public Hearing during the April 18th Town Council meeting.

- **Union Tentative Agreements**

Tentative Agreements have been executed for both the Public Works Union and the Town Hall/Library/Dispatch Union for a three-year agreement beginning on July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2025. The agreements call for 3% salary increases for each of the three years with health insurance employee contributions increasing by 1% in FY23 and 0.5% in the subsequent 2 years.

There is an item under New Business that would have the Town Council ratify the Tentative Agreements between the two unions.

- **Tax Sale – April 5, 2022**

Attorney Adam Cohen from Pullman & Comley, LLC will be conducting a tax auction for delinquent taxes and sewer user charges owed on 15 property accounts. The auction will begin at 10:00 am tomorrow (April 5th) in the Town Council Chambers. These 15 accounts were previously authorized by the Town Council for Tax Auction last summer.

Under the tax auction process, the Town will receive the delinquent taxes or sewer user charges owed (or a portion thereof). The property owners will then have six months to make arrangements to pay the amounts owed, plus delinquent interest, to the successful bidders. If the taxes are not paid within the six- month period, the bidders will then take ownership of the properties.

Those on the list have delinquent taxes and/or sewer user charges ranging from \$9,000 to \$103,000 which the Town has not received any payments in several years.

- **Police Chief Reception**

This is a reminder that a reception to welcome new Police Chief Christopher Vanghele will be held on Wednesday evening (April 6th) from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the Plainville Public Library. Residents and business owners are welcome to attend and meet the Police Chief. Light refreshments will be served.

- **Plainville/Southington Health District Update**

The Health District has recently hired two new employees and are now fully staffed.

Tanielle Davis has been hired as the Chief Sanitarian for the District. She has a master’s degree in public health and previously worked for the Town of Manchester Health Department and the Farmington Valley Health District.

Julia Burdacki-Krugel is a registered sanitarian who previously worked for the Chesprocott Regional Health District and is a member of the CT Environmental Health Association.

Regional Health Director Susan Lonczak recently said that the Health District's focus – now that they are fully staffed – that over the next several months, staff will be catching up with restaurant inspections.

- **Farmington Avenue Trees Planting Update**

The Town Council recently authorized ten trees be replanted on Farmington Avenue. These trees were removed by the State Department of Transportation after being damaged by several recent storms.

The tree plantings are expected to begin this Wednesday, April 6th.

- **Happenings**

Town Clerk Porrini announced updates regarding Senior Center activities. Further information can be found on the Town's website: [www. www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com)

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one spoke

## **X. OLD BUSINESS**

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Possible Action on Town Council's FY2023 Proposed Budget**

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to recommend the following for the All-Day Budget Vote on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at the Plainville Firehouse from 6:00am to 8:00pm:

a. the General Government Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget, including Debt Service and Capital Projects, of \$24,376,423.

b. the Board of Education Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget of \$ 41,308,797.

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

### **2. Establish public hearing regarding ARPA Proposed Projects.**

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to establish a public hearing on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Municipal Center to hear public comment on the use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act for the following proposed projects:

a. Library – Estimated cost \$100,000

b. Recreation Department – Estimated cost \$40,000

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

### **3. Establish public hearing for 2022 Neighborhood Assistance Act Proposals.**

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to establish a public hearing on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 7:00pm in the Municipal Center to hear public comment on the 2022 Neighborhood Assistance Act Proposals. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

### **4. Tentative Agreement Public Works Union**

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to ratify the Public Works Union Tentative Agreement for the term July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

**5. Tentative Agreement Town Hall/Library/Dispatcher Union**

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to ratify the Town Hall/Library/Dispatch Union Tentative Agreement for the term July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

**6. Tax Refunds- See Addendum**

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

**XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST**

**XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Town Manager Search

At 7:29 pm Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to enter Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

All seven Council members were present for the executive session along with Town Manager Lee. Discussion was held regarding the Town Manager Search matter. No votes were taken.

A motion was made, seconded unanimously passed, to end the executive session at 7:50 p.m. No further action was taken.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:51 pm Councilwoman Tompkins 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

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**Refunds**

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	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1 Financial Ser Veh Trust, Hilliard, OH		628.99
2 Toyota Lease Trust, Woburn, MA		320.30
3 Lereta LLC, Pomona, CA		2,427.67
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,376.96</b>