

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
May 2, 2022 – 7:00p.m.**

I. PRESENTATIONS:

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1. Additional appropriation of \$269,150 to the Capital Improvement Plan
2. Use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act for the replacement of the Toffolon Elementary School chiller estimated at \$300,000

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3. Award Bid #2022-16E, Sidewalk Construction
4. Establish public hearing regarding ARPA Proposed Project
5. Tax Refunds – Addendum

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

Vice Chairman Underwood 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
MAY 2, 2022**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plainville Town Council will hold public hearings at 7:00 p.m. on Monday May 2, 2022, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square in Plainville to hear public comments regarding:

1. An additional appropriation of \$269,150 to the Capital Improvement Plan
2. Use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act for the replacement of the Toffolon Elementary School chiller estimated at \$300,000.

Dated at Plainville, Connecticut this 28th day of April 2022.

Chairwoman Pugliese opened the public hearings for comments.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St. commented on various topics for both public hearings.

No further comments were made, and the hearings were closed.

The public hearings adjourned at 7:10 pm.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to approve the minutes of April 18, 2022, Regular Meeting: The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

1. Aviation Commission

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to reappoint to the Aviation Commission:

Mark DePucchio, (D), 130 Hollyberry Lane
Francis Cawley, (U), 25 Usher Lane

for the new term ending 10/31/2024. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

2. Capital Region Council of Governments Regional Planning Commission (CRCOG)

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to reappoint Jennifer Bartiss-Earley, 74 South Washington Street, to the Capital Region Council of Governments Regional Planning Commission through December 31, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

3. Inland Wetlands Commission

Councilman Catanzaro motioned to reappoint to the Inland Wetlands Commission:

Patrick Kilby, (R), 12 Pershing Drive
Rejean Carrier, (R), 28 Perron Road
Paul Martin, (U), 93 Trumbull Avenue

for the new term ending 1/7/2024. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

4. Planning & Zoning Commission

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to reappoint to the Planning & Zoning Commission:

William Davison, (R), 28 Northampton Lane
Matthew Weimer, (U), 16 Peace Court

for the new term ending 1/2/2026. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

5. Recycling & Solid Waste Commission

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to reappoint to the Recycling & Solid Waste Commission:

George Fensick, (R), 2 Pinecrest Drive
Rebecca Ireland, (D), 21 East Maple Street
Kathleen Cole, (D), 2 Condale Lane

for the new term ending 2/1/2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 7-0.

6. Veterans Council

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to reappoint to the Veterans Council:

David Dudek, (D), 20 Overlook Drive
Daniel Kulas, (D), 34 Holcomb Way
William Brayne, (R), 5 Hemingway Street

for the new term ending 3/1/2024. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco 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:

- **Budget Vote Results**

Last Tuesday, voters overwhelmingly approved both the General Government and Board of Education Budgets.
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The General Government Budget passed with 378 voting “yes” and 121 voting “no”. 76% of those who voted, voted “yes”.

The Board of Education Budget passed with 362 voting “yes” and 139 voting “no”. 72% of those who voted, voted “yes”.

The turnout for the All-Day voted was 4% of the registered voters. The next step in the process is for the Town Council to set the mill rate. The legislative session is expected to have a state budget in place shortly. Their legislative session concludes at midnight this Wednesday, May 4th. State revenues to support the local town budget will then be finalized for consideration by the Town Council. Town staff will summarize the impact of the State Budget for presentation to the Town Council for the May 16th meeting.

Additionally, the Town was recently notified that the State Partnership Plan for health insurance increase will be 10 ½% rather than the 8% that was previously projected and budgeted. The total impact of this increase is \$196,069 with \$145,360 to the Education Budget and \$50,709 to the General Government Budget. Town staff will recommend that the increase be paid from the Debt Management line item for FY23 since the Town Budget has already been approved.

- **Sidewalk Construction Bid**

On April 14, the Town received five bid proposals for the replacement of sidewalks along sections of Maxine Rd., Bernice Ct., Tomlinson Ave., and Laurel Ct. The bids ranged from \$332,350 to \$598,035.

The low bid was submitted by D&P Morais Construction of Ludlow, MA. The Engineering staff has contacted several references and did not uncover any reason why D&P Morais should not be awarded the work.

Town staff has determined that they are the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$332,350 and is recommending that they be awarded the sidewalk replacement work. There is an item under New Business that would authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract with D&P Morais Construction of Ludlow, MA for sidewalk replacement in the amount of \$332,350. If approved, the work is expected to begin in early next month.

- **American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Proposed Projects**

Town staff is recommending that the Town Council move forward with three more projects under the Coronavirus State & Local Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan (ARPA).

The three projects are the Fiber Project (\$500,000), the Mountain View Pump Station upgrade (87,000), and the West Cemetery Expansion (\$22,500). The Fiber Project connecting the Town Buildings, several sewer pump stations, and police/fire communication to high-speed internet is expected to be in operation by the end of May. The Mountain View Pump Station was upgraded last year. The West Cemetery work would clear land on the property and allow for additional gravesites being available for the foreseeable future.

There is an item under New Business that would schedule a Public Hearing on these three recommendations for May 16, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Center.

- **Flashing Beacon Update**

The D.O.T. is anticipated to give their final approval for the installation of a flashing beacon warning signal on Route 10 (East Street) at the intersection of Robert Holcomb Way by the end of May. Town staff has ordered the beacon and it is expected to be installed by Town staff during the summer months.

Additionally, the D.O.T. has recently notified Plainville that they are planning to install flashing beacon warning signals on Northwest Drive in the vicinity of Toffolon Elementary School and in front of the Post Office as part of a safety initiative. Last year, Town staff was made aware that the State was considering installing flashing beacons using federal funds for pedestrian safety. Town staff suggested that these two locations be considered. The plan would be for the state to design and install the beacons with the Town being responsible for their maintenance.

This project is in its early stages and is not expected to be completed for 1-2 years. Town staff will keep the Town Council informed regarding the progress of the design as it moves forward.

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- **Happenings**

Town Clerk Porrini announced updates regarding Senior Center activities, Tax Office payments, and Parks & Recreation summer events. Further information can be found on the Town's website: [www. www.plainvillect.com](http://www.plainvillect.com)

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St., commented on the Board of Education budget.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Additional Appropriation of \$269,150 to Capital Improvement Plan

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to appropriate \$269,150 from General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance, Account #0100-000-32110-0000, to Interfund Transfers Out, Account #0100-840-55511-000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

2. Consider Use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to authorize the use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds association with the American Rescue Plan Act for the replacement of the Toffolon Elementary School chiller estimated at \$300,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

3. Award Bid #2022-16E, Sidewalk Construction

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to award Bid #2022-16E, Sidewalk Construction, to D & P Morais Construction, Ludlow, MA, in the amount of \$332,350. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

4. Establish public hearing regarding ARPA Proposed Project

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to establish a public hearing in the Municipal Center on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 7:00pm to hear public comment on the use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

5. Tax Refunds – 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.

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

Town Manager Lee distributed to the Town Council members the mailing that will be sent to Honor Heights property owners informing them of a scheduled public hearing on May 17, 2022 regarding sewers.

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:35 pm Vice Chairman Underwood 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	5/2/2022	
		Current Year	Amount
1	C.U. Leasing Corp., San Diego, CA 92123		734.92
	Total		\$734.92