

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 21, 2016 – 7:00p.m.**

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Minutes of March 7, 2016 Special meeting and Regular Meeting; March 10, 2016 Public Hearing; March 14, 15 and 16, 2016 Town Council Budget Special Meetings

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XV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Pugliese called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square. Also present were Vice Chairman Saunders, Council members Wazorko, Morante, Christopher, Tompkins and Carrier, Town Manager Lee, Assistant Town Manager Osle and Town Clerk Skultety.

Councilwoman Tompkins led the Pledge of Allegiance

I. PRESENTATIONS:

II. PUBLIC HEARING

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to approve the minutes of March 7, 2016 Special meeting and Regular Meeting; March 10, 2016 Public Hearing; March 14, 15 and 16, 2016 Town Council Budget Special Meetings. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman

Saunders. Councilwoman Tompkins pointed out some spelling and grammatical errors. The motion and passed 7-0 with corrections.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Councilwoman Morante attended the Conservation Commission meeting that included residents from Paderewski Park. The speaker was Chuck Lee from DEEP. Recommendations were made regarding steps for improvements to the pond.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

1. Police Officer

- a. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to appoint Sean Heald as a Police Officer effective March 31, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.**
- b. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to appoint Jessica Martins to the position of Police Officer effective March 31, 2016 and as a condition of continued employment, she must successfully complete all aspects of the Basic Police Officer Training Program at the Connecticut Police Academy and the Plainville Police Department Field Training Program. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.**

2. Insurance Commission

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to re-appoint Susan McCabe to the Insurance Commission for the new term 3/1/16 – 3/1/19. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

3. Veterans Council

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to re-appoint:

**Dave Dudek, (D), 20 Overlook Dr
Daniel Kulas, (D), 34 Robert Holcomb Way
William Brayne, (R), 5 Hemingway Street**

to the Veterans Council for the new term 3/1/16 – 3/1/18. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carrier and passed 7-0.

4. Fire Department

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to accept with regret the resignation of William Donovan from the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

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

Chairwoman Saunders report included Superintendent Kitching last day is April 15 and there will be a reception for him at the High School on April 4. The Board of Education appoint Assistant Superintendent Dr. Brummett as the Superintendent beginning on April 16. Meetings to discuss Strategic Planning will be coming up as well as the Superintendent's Showcase on April 20.

Chairwoman thanked the Town Council for taking into consideration the \$50,000 for the Turf Field that was reduced from the BOE FY17 Budget and added as a line item to the Capital Improvements Fund. She feels this is a good way to plan for future improvements as it was discussed by the Turf Field Committee.

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report

VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Proposed FY17 Budget**

The Town Council held three work sessions to review the proposed FY17 Budget. As a result of the work sessions, the Town Council reduced the Town Budget by \$71,868 and the Capital Improvement Budget by \$152,680. The Town Budget now stands at \$57,642,463 and the Capital Improvement Budget totals \$1,839,570.

State revenue estimates are based upon the Governor's proposed budget which could change as the Legislature finalizes the State Budget. Based upon the Governor's recommendation, the proposed Town Council Budget could result in a 0.16 mill increase or a one-half percent tax increase.

For the average tax payer owning a home with a market value of \$200,000 and an assessed value of \$140,000 (70%), the tax increase would be \$22.40. Under the Town Charter, the Town and Board of Education budgets are voted on separately.

Discussion followed regarding methods for appropriating the Turf Field Funds. It was the consensus of the Town Council to create an Ordinance specific to the Turf Field funding and use of funds.

- **HMGP Phase 2 Demolition Bid**

On March 2nd, the Town received 9 bids to demolish nine homes in the Roberts Street Extension area under the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program. The low bid was submitted by Martin Laviero Contractors in the amount of \$192,800. This is the same contractor who performed the demolition of the homes under Phase 1 of the project.

It should be noted that the grant will pay for 75% of the demolition costs of the project with the Town responsible for the remaining 25% or \$48,200.

If approved, the participating homeowners could begin to make arrangements to sell their property to the Town and permanently move away from the flood prone area.

- **Alumni Fields Archway**

The Turf Field Committee is proposing that two iron archways be constructed at the entrance of the fields at the high school to acknowledge the name of the complex as “Alumni Fields”. This is the name that was approved by the Town Council when the complex was constructed back in the late 1990’s.

Three firms were contacted to perform this specialty work, but only one submitted a proposal. The proposal was submitted by Architectural Iron Works of Plainville in the amount of \$17,925. The monies would come from the Turf Field Budget which is funded by a state grant and the Tinty Foundation.

- **Nitrogen Credit History – WPC**

Each summer, the bottom waters in the western half of Long Island Sound experience [hypoxia](#), or very low levels of dissolved oxygen. Extensive monitoring and modeling of Long Island Sound have identified the excessive discharge of nitrogen from human activities as the primary pollutant causing hypoxia. Nitrogen fuels the growth of algae in the Sound, which eventually decays, consuming oxygen in the process. There is enough nitrogen added by human activity to cause a hypoxia problem each summer.

In 2001, Connecticut DEEP and New York Department of Environmental Conservation, in concert with US EPA, completed plans for nitrogen control that identifies the maximum amount, or the [Total Maximum Daily Load](#) (TMDL), of nitrogen that can be discharged to Long Island Sound without significantly impairing the health of the Sound. One of DEEP’s management strategies to reduce nitrogen loading was to develop an innovative nitrogen-trading program among 79 sewage treatment plants located throughout the state.

The Water Pollution Control Plant operates under a permit issued by the State. That permit governs how the plant will operate and what can be released into the Pequabuck River. Under the permit, Plainville has a limit of 101 lbs. per day of nitrogen that can be put into the river.

If the plant exceeds that limit, then the Town must pay into the “Nitrogen Credit Exchange”. If the plant comes in under the limit, the Town receives money from the Exchange.

Town Manager Lee announced that in 2016, the Plainville Water Pollution Control Plant came in under the limit with an average daily release of 82 lbs. per day. As a result, the Town will be receiving a check in the amount of \$8,913. This is the largest amount that will be received by the Town since the Exchange program was implemented in 2002.

In 2008, before the plant improvements were completed, the Town paid into the fund \$56,765. After the improvements, the nitrogen was greatly reduced to the point where Plainville is now receiving money. Town Manager Lee thanked Plant Superintendent Joe Alosso and his staff for

their dedication and hard work in making the wastewater treatment plant run efficiently as possible.

- **Park Improvements**

The Town has received the proposed grant agreement for the improvements to both Norton and Paderewski Parks. The grant agreement is for \$592,500. The agreement includes a resolution that must be approved by the Town Council.

- **Request for Use of Town Land**

In October 2014, the Town Council met with representatives from General Electric in which they described a remediation plan for their old lagoon located adjacent to the Quinnipiac River. This old lagoon is located just north of the high school property. The proposed remediation plan has been approved by the Inlands Wetlands Commission, the Planning & Zoning Commission and the State and is now ready to move forward.

G.E. is requesting that they be allowed to use a portion of town-owned land for accessing the sight and to park some of their vehicles during the remediation process. This would include temporarily re-locating the pedestrian walk-way north of the site. A copy of the proposal was included in the Town Council's meeting information package.

- **Road Paving Project**

Town staff continues to move forward with the Road Bond project. Town staff is recommending that Tilcon be used to provide an estimated \$405,000 of paving under the State Bid Program.

Additionally, Town staff solicited prices from ten contractors for work relating to the construction, repair and adjustments to catch-basins as part of the paving project. Seven full proposals were received. While some of the catch basin work will be performed by the road crew, due to the anticipated amount of work to be performed, a contractor will be used as well.

After reviewing the proposals, Town staff is recommending that Tobacco & Son of Bristol be engaged to perform the work. Tobacco submitted the lowest quote for the work to be performed. The estimated value of this work is expected to be around \$20,000.

It is expected that work will begin in April on the Road Bond and the Cooke Street projects.

- **S. B. No. 300**

This bill was part of the Public Health Committee and relates to the Tilcon expansion. The Public Health Committee voted on it with an amendment to include an Environmental Impact Study before moving forward. The next steps are approvals from the House and Senate.

- **Happenings**

Assistant Town Manager Osle reported on activities and events at and within the Tax Office, EDA, Senior Center, Chamber of Commerce, Exchange Club and United Way. For more information on programs and activities residents are encouraged to visit the Town's website www.plainvillect.com.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sal Palazzolo, 11 Rosemont Dr spoke against the Town Council Rules amendment and commented on the Property Maintenance Ordinance violations and actions.

Joanne Edman, 166 West Main St offered a prayer and commented on the proposed budget and Old Linden Street School.

John Pastore, 87 S Washington St questioned the budget and clarification on funds put aside for Paderewski Park.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St spoke against the amendment of the Town Council Rules.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider recommendation for Town Council Proposed FY17 Budget

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to recommend:

- a. the General Government Fiscal Year 2017 Budget including Capital Projects for \$22,818,096, and
 - b. the Board of Education Fiscal Year 2017 Budget for \$34,824,367
- for a total expenditure budget of \$57,642,463.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Carrier. Discussion followed. The motion passed 7-0.

2. Establish public hearing regarding Town Council's Proposed FY 2017 Budget

Councilman Carrier motioned to establish a public hearing on Monday, April 4, 2016, at 7:00pm in the Municipal Center to hear public comment on the Town Council's Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

3. Set time and location of Day Budget Town Meeting All Day Vote

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to set the location of the Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of voting on the Town Council's Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Budget at the Plainville Firehouse, Tuesday, April 26, 2016 for the hours of 6:00am to 8:00pm. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders. Discussion followed. The motion passed 7-0.

4. Bid #2016-14E, HMGP Phase 2 Demolition

Councilman Carrier motioned to award Bid #2016-14E, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Phase 2 Demolition, to Martin Laviero Contractors, Bristol, CT, in the amount of \$192,800. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

5. Bid #2016-27, Alumni Fields Archway

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to waive the bid process for Bid #2016-27, Alumni Fields, and award to Architectural Iron Works, Inc., Plainville, CT, in the amount of \$17,925. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carrier and passed 7-0.

6. Resolution regarding Park Improvements – See Addendum

Councilwoman Morante motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing Town Manager Lee to execute a Personal Services Agreement for improvements to Norton Park and Paderewski Park. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

7. Request for Use of Town Land

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to grant Environmental Resources Management permission to use Town Land as requested for the GE cleanup project of the Former Lagoon Site located at the corner of Milford and Woodland Streets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carrier and passed 7-0.

8. Bid #2016-20B, Construction and Adjustments to Catch Basins

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to waive the bid process for Bid #2016-20B, Construction and Adjustments to Catch Basins, and award to Tabacco & Son Builders for an amount not to exceed \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

9. Bid #2016-28B, Paving

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to award Bid #2016-28B Paving, under State Bid #15PSX0228 to Tilcon, Plainville, CT, for an amount not to exceed \$405,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

10. Tax Refunds – See Addendum

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

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Carrier motioned to adjourn at 8:10 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol A. Skultety, Town Clerk
& Clerk of the Town Council

5-2016

RESOLUTION OF THE PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLVED, that Robert E. Lee, Town Manager of the Town of Plainville be and hereby is authorized to execute on behalf of this municipal corporation a Personal Services Agreement with the State of Connecticut for financial assistance to complete improvements to Norton Park and Paderewski Park CPAP 2016-11.

IN ADDITION, that Robert E. Lee, Town Manager of the Town of Plainville is hereby authorized to enter into such agreements, contracts and execute all documents necessary to said grant with the State of Connecticut.

Refunds

3/21/2016

	Current Year	Amount
1 CitiMortgage, Inc, Rochester, NY		\$1,794.74
2 Korby, Krystna, Mount Pleasant, SC		\$36.32
3 USB Leasing LT, Oshkosh, WI		\$334.22
Total		\$2,165.28

**Prior
Years**

1 Ratliff, Thomas, 25 Broad St		\$48.17
Total		\$48.17