

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
December 5, 2016 – 7:00p.m.**

- I. PRESENTATIONS: -Paderewski Pond Report**

- II. PUBLIC HEARING**

- III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
Minutes of November 21, 2016 Special Meeting and November 21, 2016 Regular Meeting

- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS**

- V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**
 - 1. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment
 - 2. Planning & Zoning Commission Appointment
 - 3. Fire Department Appointments/Resignation
 - 4. Appointments and Re-appointments to Boards and Commissions

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

- VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY**

- VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER**
 - 1. Library Website Demonstration
 - 2. Property Maintenance Update
 - 3. Pan Am Train Issue
 - 4. Happenings

- IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- X. OLD BUSINESS**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Appoint Chair and Vice Chairman Saunders-Chair
2. Tax Refunds - Addendum

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Pugliese called the regular 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 to the Town Manager Colby, Attorney Mastrianni and Town Clerk Skultety.

Councilwoman Tompkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairwoman Pugliese asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of lifelong resident and State Representative Betty Boukus. Council members shared their thoughts and stories about Betty and expressed their deepest sympathy to the Boukus family.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

- Paderewski Pond Report

George Andrews from Loureiro Engineering Associates, Inc. reviewed a Paderewski Pond Assessment and Alternatives Analysis.

The SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Paderewski Pond is a shallow pond with extensive plant growth and nutrients which make it susceptible to algae blooms and anoxic conditions. In September 2015 over 1,000 fish were killed due to low Dissolved Oxygen levels caused by an algae bloom triggered by significant lack of rainfall and high temperatures.

To reduce or eliminate future algae blooms and anoxic conditions three alternatives were assessed based on the physical and chemical conditions within the pond. Pond dredging was recommended as the most effective management option to remove accumulated nutrients within the sediment of the pond, pond weeds and organic matter. The second option suggested was aeration or pond mixing. The pond aerator adds and circulates oxygen into the water to prevent anoxia and would consist of surface sprayers, horizontal aspirators or air diffusion systems. The last alternative evaluated for Paderewski Pond was vegetation and algae management. This option includes herbicide treatment or weed harvesting which would kill aquatic weeds and remove the plants and associated nutrients from the pond.

In summary, the proposed management options will reduce or eliminate seasonal algae blooms and anoxic conditions within Paderewski Pond. By decreasing the potential for algae blooms and anoxia, DO levels will improve and the likelihood of a fish kill will be significantly lowered.

The Town Council will wait for the results from further testing and consider the options and potential costs.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the minutes of November 19, 2016 Special Meeting and the November 19, 2016 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders and passed 7-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Vice Chairman Saunders attended the Fire Company's annual meeting where they voted in new officers.

Chairwoman Pugliese attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

1. Zoning Board of Appeals

- a. **Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to re-appoint Gail Pugliese (R), 50 Pierce Street U-7 as a Regular Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term 10/1/16 – 10/1/21 and;**
- b. **Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to appoint Jamie Ricci (U), 208 West Main Street, as an Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the term ending 10/5/18.**

The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders and passed 7-0.

2. Planning and Zoning Commission

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to appoint William Ricci (U), 208 West Main Street, as an Alternate Member to the Planning & Zoning Commission for the term ending 12/1/19. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carrier and passed 7-0.

3. Fire Department

- a. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to appoint McNeil Redwood, 72 Whiting Street-Apt.5, as a probationary firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.
- b. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to appoint Matthew Reynolds, 22 Ashford Road, as a probationary firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

4. Economic Development Agency

- a. Councilman Carrier motioned to reappoint Ken Hedman (R), 64 Welch Street as a Regular Member to the Economic Development Agency and Joseph Klepacki, Jr. (D), 7 Usher Avenue, for the 2-yr. term 11/9/16 – 11/9/18. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders and passed 7-0.
- b. Councilman Carrier motioned to reappoint Nancy Autunno (U), 33 Maria Road as a Regular Member to the Economic Development Agency for the 4-yr. term of 11/9/16 – 11/9/20. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders and passed 7-0.

5. Strong Fund Committee

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to reappoint Bruce Morris (R), 19 Farmstead Land to the Strong Fund Committee for the term 7/1/16 – 7/1/17. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders 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 offered

VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Library Website Demonstration**

Library Director Doug Lords gave a brief demonstration Plainville's Digital Library. He encourages the public to utilize the website and invited the public to check the calendar and participate in the programs and activities. www.plainvillect.com/library

- **Property Maintenance Update**

Scott Colby Assistant to the Town Manager, gave a summary of the actions that have been taken since April with respect to the enforcement of the Property Maintenance Ordinance.

A total of 241 inspections have been conducted since April. 126 violations have been mailed out to property owners, the residents of that property if they are not the owners, and the property maintenance group if the property is in foreclosure. Of the 126 violations; 54 were for grass and vegetation, 53 were for bulky waste, 12 were for unregistered motor vehicle violations and 7 were for unsightly materials.

- **Pan Am Train Issue**

Over the last couple of weeks some residents have complained about the late night train operations. The issues were the train whistle which could be heard on a regular basis anywhere from 12 midnight to five in the morning.

Town Manager Lee spoke to the Executive Vice-President Cynthia Scarano of Pan Am Rail on several occasions and she indicated that their business has increased over the last month or so requiring the railroad to add a second shift to the Plainville operation.

Ms. Scarano also stated that a good amount of the increase was due to the increased demand for propane with the upcoming winter season. The railroad is required by federal regulations to sound their whistle at all grade crossings. Plainville has three grade crossings heading south from the railyard to the propane facility.

It is anticipated that the increased train volume will last for a good portion of the winter months.

Municipalities in Connecticut have no authority to restrict rail operations.

- **Happenings**

Assistant Colby reported on activities and events at the Historical Center, Library, Police Department, Tax Office, Roadways Department and Senior Center. For more information residents are encouraged to visit www.plainvillect.com

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joanne Edman, 166 West Broad St offered a prayer and commented on the condition of the high school track and the Historic Center's outer facing.

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave commented on the proposed school projects. He does not want the, renovate like new plans to include plans to redesign Wheeler School.

Candace Hall, 113 Shuttlemeadow Rd commented on the location of her home and expressed her concerns for the safety of neighborhood children as motorists frequently roll through the stop sign in front of her house.

Tammy Duprey, 205 Cooke St expressed her appreciation for the Paderewski Pond report and voiced her concerns for possible bacteria levels and e coli in the pond.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St questioned the condition of the high school track and the responsibility for the repairs.

Arthur Screen, 62 Robert St. Ext. questioned any testing for pathogens at Paderewski Pond.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Appoint Chair and Vice Chair

a. Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to appoint Katherine Pugliese as Town Council Chair for the term ending 11/13/17. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carrier and passed 7-0.

b. Councilman Carrier motioned to appoint Scott Saunders as Town Council Vice-Chair for the term ending 11/13/17. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

2. 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.

XI. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

XII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:05pm Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carrier and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Refunds

12/5/2016

Current Year

Amount

12/5/16

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1	Belanger, Heather, 10 Peach Orchard Hill	\$7.30
2	Kemmeur, David, 38 Johnson Ave	\$15.16
3	Lackey, Christine, 367 East St Apt 1F	\$29.32
4	Nissan Infinity Lt, Dallas, TX	\$287.65
5	Nissan Infinity Lt, Dallas, TX	\$128.70
6	Nissan Infinity Lt, Dallas, TX	\$64.01
7	USB Leasing Lt, Oshkosh, WI	\$489.45

Total	\$1,021.59
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Prior Year

1	Grochot, Wojciech, 21 View St	\$25.37
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Total	\$25.37
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**Sewer
User**

1	Plainville Camp Grounds Assoc, 320 Camp St	\$87.92
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Total	\$87.92
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