

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
SPECIAL MEETING
August 21, 2017 – 6:30p.m.**

6:30pm WORK SESSION: - Temporary Healthcare Structures

Councilwoman Pugliese called the Work Session to order at 6:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square. Also present were Vice Chairman Saunders, Council members Wazorko, Morante, Ciotto, Tompkins and Carrier, Town Manager Lee, Assistant to the Town Manager Colby and Town Clerk Skultety.

Mark DeVoe, Director of Planning and Economic Development reviewed the recent “Act Concerning Temporary Healthcare Structure Legislation”, signed by Governor Malloy on July 6, 2017. The proposed Temporary Health Care Structure is a portable residential structure for occupation by an impaired person requiring caregiver assistant. It offers an alternative for impaired residents who might otherwise have to enter a nursing home to obtain handicapped-accessible housing on their caregiver’s property. The “act” approves temporary health care structures as allowable accessory unity in single-family zones, unless a municipality opts-out of the statute.

Director DeVoe further described the legislation as proposed by the “act” and reviewed discussion with the Planning & Zoning Commission and the potential impact this could have on the Town. While the Commission agrees the need for this type of accessory structure presents itself, they would like to consider revisions to their existing Accessory Apartment regulations to relax some standards creating an easier path to create locally authorized Healthcare Accessory Apartments zoning regulations with less potential for negative impacts to neighborhoods.

Discussion continued. It was the consensus of the Town Council to proceed with the opt-out provision of the proposed state legislation to allow local zoning regulations that would address this subject.

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PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
August 21, 2017 – 7:00p.m.**

**I. PRESENTATIONS: - Nico Fasold – Nico’s Lemonade Stand
 - Raymond Swanson**

II. PUBLIC HEARING

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of July 17, 2017 Special & Regular Meetings

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Fire Department
2. Economic Development Agency Resignation
3. 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. Dog Park Discussion
2. MOU – Six Mile Holdings, LLC
3. Norton Park Memorial Bench Donation
4. Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Update
5. CT Mirror Article – State of Cities and Towns
6. Senior Center Mini-Bus
7. Norton Park Timber Guide Rail Fence Bid
8. WPC Phosphorus Removal Project Update
9. Financial Dashboard
10. Happenings

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. MOU – Six Mile Holdings, LLC
2. Consider location of Dog Park at Norton Place Extension
3. Sale of Senior Center Mini-Bus
4. Bid #2018-02E, Norton Park Timber Guide Rail Fence
5. Tax Refunds - Addendum

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square. Attorney Mastrianni was present for the meeting.

Councilman Wazorko led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

- Nico Fasold – Nico’s Lemonade Stand
- Raymond Swanson

Chairwoman Pugliese presented 12 year old Nico Fasold with a proclamation and on behalf of the Town Council congratulated him on his fundraising achievements and generous donations.

Fire Chief Toner thanked Ray Swanson for his 34 years of service and dedication to the Town of Plainville as a Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, 2nd Assistant Chief, 1st Assistant Chief and past Chief of the Plainville Fire Department.

Vice Chairman Saunders, on behalf of the Town Council offered his congratulations to Ray Swanson for his 34 years of service to the Plainville Fire Department and Company and presented him with a commemorative chair.

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to move the following actions to this portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko and passed 7-0.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

1. Fire Department

A. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to accept the retirement of Raymond Swanson from the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

B. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to accept the retirement of Edgar Wynkoop as a regular firefighter from the Plainville Fire Department and appoint him to the Fire Police as recommended by Fire Chief Toner. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilman Ciotto motioned to approve the minutes of July 18, 2017 Special and Regular Meetings. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders and passed 7-0.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Councilwoman Morante attended the Conservation Commission meeting and reported on the recent activities including the conclusion of the PEEPS project, bike trail alignment proposals and the upcoming Pequabuck River Clean-up.

Vice Chairman Saunders mentioned the upcoming annual Balloon Festival and encouraged residents to enjoy the weekend of activities.

Chairwoman Pugliese, along with Councilwoman Morante attended the sun dial dedication ceremony in memory of Mary Rose Faith DiMinno and re-dedication tree planting ceremony in memory of Helen Coughlin both were located at Linden Street School.

IV. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

1. Fire Department

Action taken at the beginning of the meeting.

2. Economic Development Agency

Councilman Carrier motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Kenneth Hedman from the Economic Development Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

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

BOE Vice Chairwoman Hardy commented on various late summer activities that were happening including the certified hires have been completed, the track repair should be completed September 1 and the first day of school is August 31.

VI. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report

VII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Dog Park Discussion**

At the August 8th meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission, it was voted to make a finding that the proposed dog park, as referred to them by the Town Council, is in conformance with Plainville's Plan of Conservation & Development.

With that determination, the next step is for the Town Council to decide the location of the dog park. The Dog Park Committee is recommending that it be built at the end of the cul-de-sac on Norton Place Extension. They would like to begin fund raising efforts as soon as a location has been approved by the Town Council.

- **MOU – Six Mile Holdings, LLC**

Six Mile Holdings, LLC is proposing to construct two buildings on Robert Jackson Way. The first building totaling 12,000 square feet would be used to expand their current business operation. The second building totaling 8,000 square feet would be leased and used as a trade education facility to train construction tradespeople.

The EDA met with Six Mile Holdings LLC and has recommended a 40% abatement on only the new construction for 5 years. After the fifth year, the buildings would be taxed at full value.

- **Norton Park Memorial Bench Donation**

In early June Town Manager Lee was contacted by Mrs. Irina Collins who expressed interest in donating a bench at Norton Park in honor of her husband, Conrad Douglas Collins. Mr. Collins was a physician who had an office in Plainville for 40 years.

Town staff identified a location for the bench that will be alongside the walking trail across the street from the gazebo on Norton Park Road. The plaque will read: *In Loving Memory of Conrad Douglas Collins "Doc Collins" 3/11/19 – 12-18-16 From Family and Friends, In Our Hearts Forever.*

The bench and plaque have been ordered and the installation is expected in approximately 30 days. On behalf of the Town, Town Manager Lee thanked Mrs. Collins for her generous donation that will enhance Norton Park and serve as a fitting memorial to her husband who served the Plainville community for many years.

- **Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Update**

During the last Town Council meeting it was stated that the Steering Committee and the consultants were in the process of refining the preferred alignment and were exploring potential alternatives in a few difficult or sensitive sections of the proposed route. The area around the Tomasso Nature Park was one of those sections.

Town Manager Lee announced that an alternate route has been developed that would avoid having the trail enter the Tomasso Nature Park. The trail would also avoid going down Perron Road south of Johnson Avenue. Alignment C has been changed and will no longer include these two areas going forward.

In addition, the Public Information Session to discuss Alignment C scheduled for mid-September has been pushed back to mid-October. This will give Town staff some additional time to meet with residents that will be directly impacted by the proposed route. The date and location for the Public Information session is yet to be determined.

Since the last meeting, D.O.T. officials have indicated that they are setting aside existing trail monies going forward to pay for the design and construction of the trail through Plainville once the preferred Alignment has been determined and approved by the Town Council.

- **CT Mirror Article – State of Cities and Towns**

The CT Mirror published an article on August 15, 2017 entitled “The State of CT’s Cities & Towns”. The article included several charts, one of which compared municipal spending increases among the 169 municipalities in CT.

The research done by the CT Mirror show that from 2011 to 2015, Plainville had the 35th lowest spending percentage increase in the state. 134 cities and towns had higher spending percentage increases over the five-year period including Farmington, Berlin, Southington and Bristol. Berlin had over twice the percentage increase with Southington having three times the percentage increase and Bristol four times the percentage increase than Plainville over that time period.

Almost one-half the Towns that had lower percentage increases were towns with budgets less than a third of Plainville’s budget. These were mainly small rural towns that did not offer the services that are provided in Plainville.

In addition, the article also indicated that from 2002 to 2015, Plainville had the 53rd lowest spending percentage increase of the 169 municipalities. There were 116 municipalities that had a higher percentage increase, many of which were significantly higher than Plainville.

The article confirms that since 2002, Plainville budget increase have been very modest compared to the great majority of the 169 cities and towns in CT. This information has been posted on the Town web-page.

- **Senior Center Mini-Bus**

The Town recently acquired a new bus to transport seniors in Plainville. This bus replaces a 2007 model that is now ready for disposal. Senior Center Director Shawn Cohen is recommending that the Town sell this vehicle to the Human Resource Center of New Britain for \$2,000. This is the approximate amount that has been received in past auctions for Plainville’s surplus busses.

HRA provides a coordinated transportation system with our senior center. This coordinated transportation system helps to reduce costs for both the Town and HRA and is heralded by the State Department of Transportation as an example of multi-agency cooperation to control expenses. The D.O.T. has encouraged other communities to establish similar agreements to what Plainville has set up with HRA.

- **Norton Park Timber Guide Rail Fence Bid**

On August 15th, two bids were received to replace a major portion of the timber fences at Norton Park. The low bid of \$72,000 was submitted by Priority Landscaping of Brookfield, CT.

The specific locations of the replacement fencing will be determined by the Buildings & Grounds Superintendent working with the Town Manager's Office.

The monies for the fencing will come from a state grant that was secured several years ago to make improvements to both Norton and Paderewski Parks. The next improvement to be made as part of the grant will be the construction of a concession stand and bathrooms at Norton Park.

- **WPC Phosphorus Removal Project Update**

Town staff has been in contact with the State Department of Energy & Environmental Protection regarding the grant reimbursement for the phosphorus upgrade project for the wastewater treatment plant. The State of CT has mandated that the Plainville treatment plant be upgraded to reduce the discharge of phosphorus into the Pequabuck River.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$15,264,000. After consultation with DEEP, it is estimated that Plainville will receive grant funds totaling \$6,715,000 for the project leaving a local cost of \$9,264,000. This is an overall reimbursement rate of 44% for the project. The remaining local share will be financed by a state loan that carries an interest rate of 2%.

There is limited time to have this project included on the November 7th election ballot. Town staff is recommending that the Town Council plan the referendum for early 2018.

- **Financial Dashboard**

Town Manager Lee reviewed the Financial Dashboard through July 31. It also has been posted on the Town web-site.

- **Happenings**

Assistant to the Town Manager Colby reported on activities and events including Bulk Pick Up, Plainville Library, Senior Center, Recreation, Farmer's Market and Pumpkin Festival. To view more activities please visit the Town's website at www.plainvillect.com.

Discussion continued regarding the State budget, ECS funds, Norton Park fencing, funding for the phosphorus project and the proposed dog park.

It was the consensus of the Town Council that more discussion needs to happen before any action is taken regarding the location of the dog park.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave expressed pleasure that Alignment C as originally proposed has been realigned and disappointment when he was told he could not collect signatures for a primary petition on Town property. He asked the Town Council for assistance as he could not find any law or ordinance that prohibited such activity.

Roberta Lauria, 18 Perron Rd spoke in opposition to any trail alignment that would impact any neighborhood and feels any route should follow the intended “rails to trails”.

Marilyn Shorette, 18 Milford St expressed pleasure Alignment C is being reconsidered.

Linda Ferguson, 8 Perron Rd suggested the Town Council visit any resident who may be impacted by construction of a trail before taking action on a location.

Katherine LaBella, 50 Pierce St expressed her concerns with Alignment C as it impacts the quality of life of the residents on Pierce St. She is opposed to the proposal.

Linda Bonaldi, 50 Pierce St expressed her concerns and objects to the trail going on Pierce St.

Tami Chapman, 50 Pierce St voiced her concerns with the proposal and potential speeding issues. She asked that residents be notified of any future meetings.

Dan Ciesielski, 33 Overlook Dr has been a member of the Dog Park Committee for over a year and stated the Committee feels Norton Place Extension is the best site. The Committee is eager to begin fund raising and asked the Town Council to reconsider and take action.

Joanne Edman, 166 West St feels a bike trail is not necessary and has concerns areas may become a gathering place.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St questioned the impact to the Town with the proposed reduction of ECS funds from the State and to-date expenditures for the Wheeler School project.

Gail Pugliese 50 Pierce St expressed safety concerns with the trail on Pierce St

Art Marino, Curator of Tomasso Nature Park, expressed his pleasure that Alignment C has been changed and will not disturb the nature park. He is willing to give anyone interested a tour of the area.

Danielle Roux, 76 Robert St Ext spoke in total opposition of the proposed dog park at the end of her street.

Karen Milardo, 3 Usher Ave is opposed to the dog park location as proposed.

Cindy Rogers, 63 Farmington Ave spoke against a dog park at Norton Place Extension.

Brad Weiland, 63 Farmington Ave opposes a dog park at Norton Place Extension.

Steve Nesbitt, 78 Pierce St spoke against the bike trail route on Pierce St.

David Spencer, 127 Milford St Ext reiterated his concerns with people holding signs at Linden Street School in support of the recent referendum.

Arthur Screen, 5 Cornell St spoke in opposition to a dog park at Norton Place Extension and questioned the maintenance responsibility of a dog park going forward.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. MOU – Six Mile Holdings, LLC

Councilman Carrier motioned to approve and authorize Town Manager Lee to execute the Memorandum of Understanding for Six Mile Holdings, LLC as recommended by the Economic Development Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

2. Consider location of Dog Park at Norton Place Extension

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the location for a dog park at Norton Place Extension as recommended by the Dog Park Committee. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders.

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to postpone the motion indefinitely pending a public hearing. The motion to postpone was seconded by Councilwoman Morante and passed 7-0.

3. Sale of Senior Center Mini-Bus

Councilwoman Morante motioned to approve the sale of the Senior Center mini-bus to HRA of New Britain, Inc. in the amount of \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carrier and passed 7-0.

4. Bid #2018-02E, Norton Park Timber Guide Rail Fence

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to award Bid #3018-02E, Norton Park Timber Guide Rail Fence, to Priority Landscaping, Brookfield, CT, in the amount of \$72,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

5. 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.

X. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

Town Manager Lee commented that the decision for the location of a dog park is that of the Dog Park Committee.

Discussion continued regarding petitioning or political activity on Town property.

XI. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15pm Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

| | Refunds | 8/21/2017 | |
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| | | Current Year | Amount |
| 1 | Autunno, Jody, 33 Maria Rd | | \$55.62 |
| 2 | Bear, Shanna, 160 East St | | \$40.92 |
| 3 | Bengtson, Leonard, 19 Church St | | \$8.24 |
| 4 | Bergenty, Sandra, 169 Whiting St | | \$168.43 |
| 5 | Bill Kapura Building Contractors Inc., 339 Cooke St | | \$40.07 |
| 6 | Bill Kapura Building Contractors Inc., 339 Cooke St | | \$52.62 |
| 7 | Bouchard, Benoit, 60 Red Stone Hill | | \$41.76 |
| 8 | Brown, Richard, Jr, 40 View St | | \$19.45 |
| 9 | Buden, Patrick, 111 Northwest Dr | | \$152.97 |
| 10 | Bunnell, Carol, 8 Washington St | | \$88.20 |
| 11 | Capital Cable Construction LLC, 138 East St | | \$36.34 |
| 12 | Carlson, Linda or Donald, Melbourne, FL | | \$111.34 |
| 13 | Carlson, Linda, Melbourne, FL | | \$32.35 |
| 14 | Caron, Bernadette, 20 Wilson St | | \$44.73 |
| 15 | Casale, Robert 3rd, 200 Westwood Ave | | \$27.84 |
| 16 | Castonguay, Fabian or Bernice, 41 Reliance Rd | | \$228.17 |
| 17 | Chamberlin, Sandra, 247 Camp St | | \$11.86 |
| 18 | Chaput, Michelle or Clinton, 3 Sunrise Ter | | \$29.57 |
| 19 | Daimler Trust, Fort Worth, TX | | \$275.49 |
| 20 | Dattilio, Mark, 190 Tomlinson Ave 6A | | \$64.21 |
| 21 | Filipowicz, Damian, 48 Dallas Ave | | \$206.31 |
| 22 | Galliford, Kevin, 32 Great Plain Dr | | \$69.54 |
| 23 | Goldsmith, Alden or Shirley, 40 Washburn Dr | | \$7.09 |
| 24 | Hall, William, 39 Cottage St | | \$35.03 |
| 25 | Healy, Timothy, 49 Parkside Dr | | \$32.65 |
| 26 | Honda Lease Trust, Holyoke, MA | | \$140.91 |

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| 27 | Honda Lease Trust, Holyoke, MA | \$89.22 |
| 28 | Kawecki, Wanda, 103 Pinnacle Rd | \$20.00 |
| 29 | Keegan, Florence, 40 Pequot Rd | \$69.18 |
| 30 | Klos, Donna, 20 Stillwell Dr #40 | \$17.19 |
| 31 | Kuziak, Edward or Evelyn, 59 Dogwood Rd | \$26.67 |
| 32 | Lostocco, Patricia, 14 Betsy Rd | \$63.43 |
| 33 | Mancini, Mark, 12 Pequot Rd | \$45.72 |
| 34 | Marotta, Nicola, Farmington, CT | \$98.04 |
| 35 | McCarthy, MaryAnn or Brian, 116 Trumbull St | \$49.55 |
| 36 | Nissan Infiniti LT, Dallas, TX | \$117.84 |
| 37 | Niziolek, Antoni or Helena, 43 Peach Orchard Hill | \$198.53 |
| 38 | Ortner, Ginger, 124 Shuttlemeadow Rd | \$25.36 |
| 39 | Patel, Bharatkumar, Mystic, CT | \$194.45 |
| 40 | Pilla, John or Spitzel, 15 W Pine Way U21 | \$66.67 |
| 41 | Plourde, Roger or Pierrette, 81 Metacomet Rd | \$24.74 |
| 42 | Scott, Lynne, Coronado, CA | \$50.00 |
| 43 | Sharp, Dale or Cheryl Iris, 7 Park Ave | \$73.66 |
| 44 | Spinelli, Sharon or Michael, 44 View St | \$37.35 |
| 45 | Szupryczynski, Wiktor, 9 Loomis Ave | \$93.34 |
| 46 | Tarczynski, Krzysztof, 56 Maxine Rd | \$62.42 |
| 47 | Total Mechanical Systems, LLC, 140 New Britain Ave | \$154.42 |
| 48 | Toyota Lease Trust, Duluth, GA | \$92.62 |
| 49 | Tracanna, John, 4 Raffi Dr | \$42.72 |
| 50 | Unwin, Brian or Lisa, 54 Reliance Rd | \$283.07 |
| 51 | Unwin, Brian or Lisa, 54 Reliance Rd | \$135.36 |
| 52 | Zamudio, Brian, 29 Skyline Dr | \$36.67 |
| 53 | Zurek, Stanley or Kathleen, 128 Pickney Ave | \$112.78 |

Total **\$4,302.71**

Prior Year

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| 1 | Ally Financial, Louisville, KY | \$282.47 |
| 2 | Ally Financial, Louisville, KY | \$352.49 |
| 3 | Ally Financial, Louisville, KY | \$291.59 |
| 4 | Chasse, Jason or Iwona Hillburn, 66 Bohemia St | 13.25 |
| 5 | Enterprise F M Trust, Saint Louis, MO | \$198.82 |
| 6 | Ford Credit Personal Property Tax, Detroit, MI | \$182.47 |
| 7 | Ford Credit Personal Property Tax, Detroit, MI | \$482.57 |
| 8 | Ford Credit Personal Property Tax, Detroit, MI | \$168.49 |
| 9 | Gelt, Deanna or Jeffrey, 14 Mancini Way | \$107.49 |
| 10 | Harvey, Christine, 165 Stillwell Dr | \$216.80 |
| 11 | Honda Lease Trust, Holyoke, MA | 36.75 |
| 12 | Jardine, Brian, 56 Willaims St | \$87.81 |
| 13 | Kijanka, Gertrude, 9 Tomlinson Ave | 95.97 |
| 14 | Kijanka, Gertrude, 9 Tomlinson Ave | 95.49 |
| 15 | Kijanka, Gertrude, 9 Tomlinson Ave | \$94.14 |

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| 16 | Kijanka, Gertrude, 9 Tomlinson Ave | \$94.14 |
| 17 | Kijanka, Gertrude, 9 Tomlinson Ave | \$92.67 |
| 18 | Marotta, Nicola, Farmington, CT | \$95.97 |
| 19 | Mike Albert LTD, Cincinnati, OH | \$293.35 |
| 20 | Miranda, Eleanor, 434 East St A45 | \$86.94 |
| 21 | Miranda, Eleanor, 434 East St A45 | \$92.67 |
| 22 | Miranda, Eleanor, 434 East St A45 | \$94.14 |
| 23 | Miranda, Eleanor, 434 East St A45 | \$94.14 |
| 24 | Miranda, Eleanor, 434 East St A45 | \$94.85 |
| 25 | Miranda, Eleanor, 434 East St A45 | \$81.25 |
| 26 | Niman, Rachel, 155A Whiting St | \$10.68 |

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| Total | \$3,837.40 |
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Sewer User Fee

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| 1 | Gilbert, Ray & Nancy, 29 Maria Rd | \$195.40 |
| 2 | JSM Financial LLC, Kensington, CT | \$184.27 |
| 3 | Lech, Andrezej, 81 Ivy Rd | 460.99 |
| 4 | Morales, Eva & Hector Frangui Merle, 69 Trumbull Ave | \$192.56 |

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| Total | \$1,033.22 |
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