

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 – 6:00p.m.**

6:00pm WORK SESSION: - Proposed Dog Park

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.

Members of the Dog Park Committee were in attendance and reviewed their proposal with the Town Council.

Chairman Ciesielski spoke to the power point presentation and the reasons the Committee has recommended Norton Place Extension for the proposed Dog Park. Issues discussed included start-up cost, continuing costs, Committee responsibilities, Town responsibilities, Town's liability, designs and proposed park rules. Chairman Ciesielski also spoke about having a Memorandum of Understanding with the Dog Park Committee and the Town.

No action was taken.

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PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
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REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 – 7:00p.m.**

- I. PRESENTATIONS:**
- II. PUBLIC HEARING**
- III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
Minutes of August 21, 2017 Special & Regular Meetings
- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS**

- V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**
1. Fire Department
 2. 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**
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 3. WPCA Phosphorus Project Update
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1. Bid #2018-03, Loader/Backhoe
 2. Consider Eversource Energy Opportunities Program Proposal
 3. 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.

Chairwoman Pugliese asked for a moment of silence to acknowledge the 16th anniversary of 9/11

Councilman Carrier led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

I. PUBLIC HEARING

II. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilman Ciotto motioned to approve the minutes of August 21, 2017 Special and Regular Meetings. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders and passed 7-0.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Vice Chairman Saunders commented on the success of the recent Balloon Festival and thanked the Plainville Fire Company, Town Manager Lee and staff for their efforts.

Chairwoman Pugliese read a letter from Rejean and Gayle Carrier, 28 Perron, expressing their safety concerns with the proposed bike/walking trail through Perron Road and Johnson Avenue. They are against the alignment stating there is a bus stop in that area and adding more bike and walking traffic to the area is too dangerous especially at the intersection.

IV. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

1. Fire Department

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to ratify the appointment of Chad Chamberland as a regular firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department as of April 4, 2014. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

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

The BOE announced the track at the High School is ready for action. There are still a few items on the punch list and those will be addressed. Fund raisers and solicitations will begin for advertising with a portion of the funds going to support the turf fund.

The Pre-K program is filled to capacity in all three schools with 144 Pre-K students. The overall district enrollment is up by 40 students over last year.

VI. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report

VII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **State Budget**

The Governor's Compromise Budget was released and the impact to Plainville was reviewed. If adopted, the compromised budget would reduce Plainville's state aid for the current fiscal year by (\$852,544) than what was expected in January. Of that amount, \$434,386 would be Plainville's share of the Teacher's Retirement payable to the State.

The current (un-audited) June 30, 2017 Unassigned Fund Balance is \$10,013,789.

The Town Budget for FY18 is \$58,525,194. Unassigned Fund Balance is 17.11% of the FY18 Budget.

The Governor's Compromised Impact is \$852,544.

Option 4 for the Middle School Boiler is \$580,000.

Unassigned Fund Balance (after considering State Budget Impact and Middle School Boiler stands at \$8,581,245 or 14.66% of total budget.

Town Manager Lee feels the Governor's Compromise Budget may not be the final approved budget but may be the worst case scenario at this point.

- **Loader/Backhoe Bid**

The CIP for FY18 has earmarked \$115,000 to replace the loader/backhoe in the Roadways Department. The Town advertised for bid and one proposal was received. The bid was submitted by Northland JCB in the amount of \$115,000.

- **Opioid Litigation**

Last week the City of Waterbury commenced litigation against six pharmaceutical companies and four physicians who were key opinion leaders for opioids. The lawsuit alleges that these companies and individuals harmed Waterbury through their aggressive marketing campaign that sought to, and did, change long-standing medical prescribing practices that dictated that opioids should only be used short-term or for terminal illnesses because of their highly addictive nature.

The City's complaint alleges that the defendants orchestrated a campaign that falsely presented opioids as safe and effective for long-term use for chronic pain, even though the defendants knew the promotion of opioids for these purposes was not warranted and would lead directly to increased costs for patients, healthcare insurers and payers, such as the City of Waterbury.

The defendants have profited significantly as a result of their self-serving marketing, with opioid prescription rates increasing fourfold since 1999. At the same time, however, opioid-related deaths, opioid addiction rates and the costs associated with improper use of opioids and opioid addiction have skyrocketed.

All cities and towns in Connecticut, including Plainville, have been impacted, to a degree, like the City of Waterbury.

There are two law firms that are leading the litigation efforts to hold the defendants accountable for their role in the opioid epidemic. These law firms are performing their entire services on a

“full contingency fee basis” meaning that they will only get paid if the pharmaceutical companies are found at fault.

It is suggested that the Town Council consider joining in this lawsuit as well.

Chief Catania addressed the Town Council and presented them with Plainville’s opioid overdose statistics from 2012 to present. He stated the problem is a huge one across the nation. In 2016 in Plainville, there were 19 reported opioid overdoses and Narcan was administered 7 times, all individuals survived. In 2017 there have been 24 overdoses reported so far. Narcan was administered 19 times and 18 individuals survived.

Chief Catania supported the Town moving forward and hopefully making the pharmaceutical companies accountable.

Town Manager Lee stated if the lawsuit is won the Town would only recoup the costs it expended relating to opioid overdose cases.

- **WPCA Phosphorus Project Update**

The plans and specifications for the phosphorus upgrade to the Water Pollution Control Plant will be submitted to the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection a week from today on September 18th.

It is proposed that the referendum for the project occur on Tuesday, January 30th.

If that date is acceptable to the Town Council, the following schedule would be recommended leading up to the referendum:

Develop a mailer to be sent to all property owners detailing the need and benefits of the project as well as the cost impact. This mailer would be reviewed by the Town Council at the October 2nd meeting.

The mailers would be sent on or about November 1st.

A Public Information Session would be held on Thursday, November 16th where residents could learn more about the project and have the opportunity to ask questions.

A Public Hearing on the Bond Ordinance would be held on December 4th and the Approval of the Bond Ordinance and setting the referendum date would occur at the December 18th Town Council meeting.

If the Town Council concurs with this proposed schedule, Town staff will proceed accordingly.

- **Eversource Energy Opportunities Program Proposal**

The School Facilities Department has been working with PTE Energy of Plainville on possible incentive monies to replace the boiler at the Middle School and to install LED lighting at the High School, Linden Street School, Fire House, Library, Municipal Center, Police Station and Senior Center.

The boiler at the Middle School has exceeded its useful life. While it is still operating, there are currently some leaks that have developed in the boiler that need to be repaired. It is uncertain how long the boiler can last after these repairs have been made. The replacement of the boiler has been included in the BOE CIP Plan for several years.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,078,152 and incentives totaling \$389,011 or 36.1% of the project are available if the boiler is replaced by December 31st. The incentives will not be available in 2018.

If these improvements are made, the annual energy savings would be \$83,578. This would be a payback of 8.2 years and a “*return on investment*” of over 12%.

There are four options regarding this proposal:

1. Do nothing – Would lose the opportunity to receive the incentive of \$390K and reduce Plainville’s energy expenditures. In addition, the boiler could break down in future years requiring emergency appropriation.
2. Take advantage of Eversource “loan program” to pay for improvements. Because their program has a cap on what could be borrowed, the remaining balance would increase operating costs by \$88,700 for the next four years. (Split – BOE \$75.4K/Town \$13.3K)
3. Authorize and Additional Appropriation of \$354,829 from unassigned fund balance. Would not impact the operations budget and savings would start after four years.
4. Authorize and Additional Appropriation of \$580,000 from unassigned fund balance. This would lower the operating cost for next year by \$56.3K for the next four years which would then increase to \$83,578 after that.

Town Manager Lee recommended Option 4 because it would replace the boiler at the Middle School before this winter, take advantage of the incentive of \$390K, and LOWER expenses in the FY19 operating budget by \$56.3K. There is also sufficient monies in the unassigned fund balance to handle this additional appropriation.

Director of Facilities Busel continued discussion describing the proposed projects and would ideally like to have the 25 year old boiler replaced before the next heating season. Energy saving lighting incentives are also being considered. The boiler is being considered as a high priority.

A public hearing would be necessary before any appropriation can be made.

The Town Council is considering the potential impact of the State’s proposed budget and would like to have a clearer picture of where the Town’s budget stands.

- **Happenings**

Assistant to the Town Manager Colby reported on activities and events including Bulk Pick Up, Plainville Library, Senior Center and Plainville Coalition for Positive Youth. To view more activities please visit the Town’s website at www.plainvillect.com.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roberta Lauria, 18 Perron Rd spoke in opposition to any trail alignment that would impact any neighborhood and feels any route being considered should follow the intended “rails to trails”. The newest proposal runs through a current bus stop on the corners of Perron Road and Johnson Avenue and would be unsafe.

Matthew Zakrzewski, 36 Linden St is a dog owner and supports a dog park where he can exercise his dog. It would be a social activity for the dogs as well as their owners.

David Kemmeur, 38 Johnson Ave supports a dog park and then talked about the dangers of the traffic on the corners of Johnson Avenue and Perron Road. He spoke in opposition to the trail coming through that area and suggested a privacy screen on the paths if necessary.

Linda Ferguson, 8 Perron Rd spoke in opposition of the bike/walking path going through Johnson Ave and Perron Rd. There is a considerable amount of traffic in that intersection and not everyone obeys the stop sign.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St asked if the amount of reimbursement been confirmed for the Wheeler School Project and questioned the \$160,000 which has already been approved to spend before that confirmation.

Typically funds for projects have to be expended before a shovel goes in the ground. The Town Council will be watching the project and reimbursement projections, was the response.

Joanne Edman, 166 West St voiced her concerns with having a dog park. She doesn't want anyone to get hurt and feels it would become a gathering place and not appropriately monitored.

Carmin Lalama, 37 Bohemia St commented the rails to trail began in 1990 on abandoned railroads. He suggested waiting for the rails in Town to be abandoned and then consider a trail.

Arthur Screen, 5 Cornell St urged the Town Council to continue discussions with the Dog Park Committee and create a detailed Memorandum of Understanding before a location is approved. There are still many questions and unknowns at this point,

Gayle Black, 4 Cianci Ave has been a trail user for years and feels bikers and walkers are concentrating on where they're going rather than looking to cause problems. She also feels dog owners know how to handle their dogs when they visit dog parks.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bid #2018-03, Loader/Backhoe

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to award Bid #2018-03, 2018 Loader/Backhoe, to Northern JBC, Wallingford, CT in the amount of \$115,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins. Discussion followed. There was a consensus to wait until the State's budget has been decided before considering Capital Improvements.

Vice Chairman Saunders moved to withdraw the motion. No action was taken

2. Consider Eversource Energy Opportunities Program Proposal

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve and authorize Town Manager Lee to enter into a Letter of Agreement for the Eversource Energy Opportunities Program with PTE Energy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carrier.

Discussion followed

Councilwoman Tompkins amended the motion to approve and authorize Town Manager Lee to enter into a Letter of Agreement for the Eversource Energy Opportunities Program with PTE Energy subject to the approval of an additional appropriation. The amended motion was seconded by Councilman Carrier and passed 7-0.

3. Tax Refunds – See Addendum

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

X. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

XI. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XII. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:40pm Councilman Carrier 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

9/11/2017

	Current Year	Amount
1	Benson, Kurt, 108 Ledge Rd	\$2,312.77
2	Chrzanowski, Anna or Piotr, 69 Northwest Dr #16	\$259.12
3	Cwalinski, Heronim, 33 Roosevelt St	\$54.48

4	Desrochers, Susan, 68 Cooke St #36	\$200.00
5	Fernandez, Elbert or Joanne, 116 Laurel Ct	\$607.10
6	Fiumara, Joseph, Old Lyme, CT	\$92.91
7	Frac, Joyce, 9 Prior Ave	\$32.58
8	Gil, Anna, 129 Milford St Ext B3	\$200.00
9	Hinman, Paul, 61 Pierce St	\$11.47
10	Holton, Emily or James, Anderson, SC	\$58.33
11	Holton, Emily, Anderson, SC	\$118.83
12	Jutras, Alex, New Britain, CT	\$25.16
13	Kafka, Sean or Doreen, 11 Beckwith Dr	\$9.90
14	Letendre, Donald, Jr, or Kathy, Simpsonville, SC	\$30.26
15	Letendre, Donald, Jr, Simpsonville, SC	\$120.03
16	Letendre, Donald, Jr, Simpsonville, SC	\$116.99
17	Logee, Kristin, Pleasant Valley, NY	\$10.22
18	MMCA Lease LTD, Cypress, CA	\$121.83
19	MMCA Lease LTD, Cypress, CA	\$97.22
20	Nissan Infiniti LT, Dallas, TX	\$264.71
21	Nissan Infiniti LT, Dallas, TX	\$272.45
22	Nissan Infiniti LT, Dallas, TX	\$266.76
23	Nissan Infiniti LT, Dallas, TX	\$113.63
24	Nissan Infiniti LT, Dallas, TX	\$117.84
25	Oleskiewicz, Andrzej, 25 Tomlinson Ave	\$12.19
26	Oltman, Kevin, 46 Kristin Ln	\$151.08
27	Primeau, Paula, 15 Bel Aire Dr	\$200.00
28	Ruot, Brian, 20 Forestville Ave	\$5.36
29	Simone, Susan, 25 Canal St	\$13.17
30	Simone, Susan, or Robert Carrillo, Jr, 25 Canal St	\$59.02
31	Turcotte, Cynthia, 27 Maxine Rd	\$11.89
32	Tyrrell, David or Rebecca, 174 West Main St Apt 2	\$132.03
33	Voisine, AnnMarie, 41 Burnside Ave	\$17.77
34	Walas, Regina, 163 S Washington St	\$200.00
35	Wyzga, Elaine, 234 East St #65	\$343.79

Total	\$6,660.89
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Prior Year

1	Enterprise F M Trust, Saint Louis, MO	\$238.64
2	Nissan Infiniti LT, Dallas, TX	\$246.87

Total	\$485.51
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