

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2017 – 7:00p.m.**

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1. Personnel Matter

XIV. 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, Ciotto, Tompkins and Carrier, Town Manager Lee, Assistant to the Town Manager Colby, Town Attorney Mastrianni and Town Clerk Skultety.

Councilman Ciotto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PRESENTATIONS

II. PUBLIC HEARING

Councilwoman Pugliese asked for a consensus of the Town Council if they were inclined to cancel the November 6 Town Council Meeting. All Council members were in agreement.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilman Ciotto motioned to approve the minutes of October 2, 2017 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins. Vice Chairman Saunders asked for the correction that Councilwoman Tompkins led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilwoman Tompkins asked the approved tax refunds to read “revised”. The motion with corrections passed 7-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Councilman Carrier attended the Capital Projects Building Committee meeting and reported the Wheeler School Project is moving along.

Chairwoman Pugliese announced the Pumpkin Festival coming up with proceeds going to the Plainville Community Fund.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

1. Fire Department

A. Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to appoint Ashley O'Connell as a Regular Firefighter of the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

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

2. Committee on Aging

Councilwoman Morante motioned to reappoint the following members for the new term 8/1/17 – 8/1/20:

- A. Marilyn Petit (R), 150 Broad St**
- B. Rita Dewyea (R), 147 Red Stone Hill**
- C. Anna Smedick (D), 21 Welch St**

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

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

Chairwoman Saunders reported the School Administrators and the Board of Education have negotiated a contract for the period from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2021. The agreement includes:

- 1. Salary increases for 2018-19 of 2.16% (plus step increase), for 2019-20, 1.55% (plus step increases) and in 2020-21, 1.5% (no step increase);
- 2. The Board of Education will contribute 40% of the required deductible payment (\$2,500 Individuals/\$5,000 Family) in each of the three years of the agreement. The employees will be responsible for contributing 17%, 18% and 19% of the premium costs in each respective year of the contract.
- 3. The Board of Education will pay an allowance of \$50 per month to each administrator in consideration of each administrator's use of his/her personal cell phone for school districts business.

The contract was adopted by the Board of Education on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. The Town Council has the options of approving the contract, rejecting it sending it to arbitration or taking no action which would implement the contract in thirty days.

Chairwoman Saunders went on to report there was a Facilities Committee meeting to discuss the energy project which included a tour of the boiler at the Middle School. The boiler cannot be repaired and the back up one is being used temporarily.

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report

VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Middle School Boiler Replacement**

At the last Town Council meeting several questions were raised with respect to the boiler at the Middle School. Dan Veronne from Power Process spoke about the operating efficiency of a new boiler that would have significant energy savings as well.

Facilities Director Busel stated the #1 boiler has failed, has a leak, has crack on the inside and outside and water is in the combustion chamber. That is a catastrophic failure and cannot be fixed.

- **Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Update**

Wednesday, October 18th there will be a **Collaborative Workshop** to review and discuss the characteristics of the Preliminary Preferred Alignment in Plainville for the Gap Closure Trail Study.

The Workshop will be held at the High School Cafeteria beginning at 6:00 pm. The meeting will begin with an Open House where residents can provide feedback on specific sections of the proposed trail. There will also be a presentation that will provide overview of the process used to narrow the alternatives into the Preferred Alignment.

There will be a question and answer period followed by another opportunity to provide feedback in an open house setting.

Residents are encouraged to attend the **Collaborative Workshop** to speak directly to the experts who have been involved with trail alignments in communities across the U.S. and abroad.

- **WPC Phosphorus Project Mailer**

The project mailer will be included in the sewer user bills that will be mailed on November 1st. Additional information was added regarding the environmental benefits of reducing the discharge of phosphorus into the Pequabuck River.

- **Financial Dashboard**

The Financial Dashboard for the first quarter of the year through September 30th has been posted on the Town website. Discussion included the Governor's Compromised Budget and the impact to Plainville which is projected to be a decrease of approximately \$845,000.

- **Happenings**

Assistant to the Town Manager Colby reported on activities and events including Roadways, Senior Center and Fire Company. To view more activities please visit the Town's website at www.plainvillect.com.

It was the consensus of the Town Council that the WPC flyer looked fine for distribution.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Balkow, 22 Perron Rd spoke against the proposed trail going through the backyards of residents on Perron Rd.

Katherine LaBella, 50 Pierce St spoke in opposition to the proposed trail that would split Pierce Street as well as other neighborhoods in Town.

Lois Robitaille, 50 Pierce St spoke in opposition to the proposed trail alignment

Roberta Lauria, 18 Perron Rd spoke in opposition to any proposal that will have an impact on any neighborhood in Town specifically in the Perron Road north of Johnson Avenue, Johnson Avenue.

Joel Edman, 63 Hollyberry Ln spoke in opposition to the proposed trail alignment that goes through backyards in his neighborhood and is upset about the approved subdivision on Condale Ln.

Gary Oliveira, 18 Perron Rd is opposed to the proposed trail going through backyards.

Gayle Dennehy, 28 Perron Rd bought her property for quiet and enjoyment and does not want the proposed trail

Terry Mizura, 26 Perron Rd strongly opposes the trail going through Perron Rd

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St asked for clarification on items in the Financial Dashboard, attended the Board of Education meeting and commented on the lack of public attendance.

Dave Albert, 56 Hollyberry Ln commented on the subdivision approval and feels residents are not being listened to.

Marilyn Shorette, 18 Milford St does not believe there is a need in Town for a dog park or a bike trail. She voiced concerns for the Town's liability in the event of an injury on the trail.

Linda Ferguson, 8 Perron Rd is not in favor of any trail that disrupts anyone's property and is concerned with liability of homeowners and trail users

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave spoke against the proposed trail as it does not have any benefit to the Town and commented on the Tilcon Projects and the Town Manager's support of SB300.

Joanne Edman, 166 West Main St commented on the numerous issues the Town Council is facing and feels the proposed trail is intrusive and residents are not in favor of it.

David Spencer, 127 Milford St Ext stated Plainville is not the only gap along the trail and suggested having a referendum on it.

Gayle Black, 4 Cianci expressed her support for the trail. She feels it's a good idea and the fears for increased crime along the trail are unfounded.

Joseph Gohar, 14 Perron Rd is opposed to the trail going through the backyards in his neighborhood and has safety concerns.

Christopher Wazorko, 19 Usher Ave. on behalf of the Christopher and Wazorko families, thanked the Town for their help and care with the passing of Teddy Christopher, especially the Police Department and the Public Works Department for stepping up and assisting friends and family as they waited in line to pay respects without being asked. It was greatly appreciated

Chairwoman Pugliese read two letters the Council received in objection to the proposed trail alignment on Pierce Street.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Eversource Energy Opportunities Program Proposal

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to authorize Town Manager Lee to execute the Eversource Energy Opportunities Program Proposal with PTE Energy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carrier. Discussion followed. The motion 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.

***Councilman Wazorko motioned to add NEW BUSINESS item:**

3. BOE/School Administrators Contract

The motion was seconded by Councilman Ciotto and passed 7-0.

***3. BOE/School Administrators Contract**

Councilman Wazorko motioned to approve the Board of Education and the Plainville Association of School Administrators negotiated contract for the period from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders and passed 7-0.

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

Chairwoman Pugliese thanked all of the Council members for their time and hard work served and wished everyone well on Election Day.

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Personnel Matter

At 8:45 pm Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matter. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Saunders and passed 7-0.

Present during the Executive Session were Town Manager Lee, Chairwoman Pugliese, Vice Chairman Saunders, Council members Wazorko, Morante, Ciotto, Tompkins and Carrier. Discussion ensued.

Executive Session ended at 9:40pm.

****At 9:41pm Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to add to the agenda:**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

4. Consider compensation for the Town Manager

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

- **4. Consider compensation for the Town Manager**

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to increase the Town Manager's salary by 2 ½ % retroactive beginning July 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45pm there was a motion to adjourn and unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Refunds**10/16/2017**

	Current Year	Amount
1	Brantner, Lori, Charlotte, NC	\$22.55
2	Dinda, Gary or Joann, 15 Madison St	\$211.77
3	Enterprise FM Trust, St Louis, MO	\$138.11
4	Martin, Dennis, 100 Norton Park Rd Bldg 1 Apt H3	\$33.99
5	Ramotowska, Antoni, 56 Forestville Ave	\$60.78
6	Ramotowska, Teresa, 56 Forestville Ave	\$13.07
7	Trinks, Michael, 5 Harvest Ln	\$224.84
8	USB Leasing LT, Oshkosh, WI	\$388.72
9	Zhitnitsky-Oliver, Raisa	\$38.00
	Total	\$1,131.83
	Sewer User Fee	
1	Ramotowska, Antoni & Teresa & Mark Boeke, 56 Forestville Ave	\$46.96
	Total	\$46.96