

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 16, 2018 – 7:00pm**

- I. PRESENTATIONS: Danny Carrier**

- II. PUBLIC HEARING**
 - 1. Additional Appropriation to Health Insurance Fund

- III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of April 2, 2018 Special and Regular Meetings; April 4, 2018 Special Meeting

- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS**

- V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS**
 - 1. Firefighter Resignation
 - 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**
 - 1. 2018 Neighborhood Assistance Act
 - 2. Fire Truck Acquisition Ordinance
 - 3. Northwest Drive Rehabilitation Project
 - 4. Memorandum of Understanding – Plainville Funeral Home
 - 5. All Day Budget Vote – Tuesday, April 24
 - 6. Financial Dashboard
 - 7. Happenings

- IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- X. OLD BUSINESS**

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider additional appropriation to the Health Insurance Fund
2. Establish public hearing for 2018 Neighborhood Assistance Act
3. Establish public hearing for proposed Fire Truck Acquisitions Ordinance
4. Award Bid #2018-01E, Northwest Drive Rehabilitation Project
5. Memorandum of Understanding – Plainville Funeral Home
6. Tax Refunds – See Addendum

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

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, Gnazzo, Tompkins and Cox, Town Manager Lee, Assistant to the Town Manager Colby and Town Clerk Skultety.

Vice Chairman Saunders led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to ratify establishing a public hearing for Monday, April 16, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Center to hear public comment regarding an additional appropriation of \$550,000 to the Health Insurance Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko and passed 7-0.**

I. PRESENTATIONS

Danny Carrier

Chairwoman Pugliese presented a chair to Danny Carrier and thanked him for his 4 years as a member of the Town Council.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

1. *Additional Appropriation to Health Insurance Fund

Town Clerk Skultety read the following legal notice:

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF PLAINVILLE
PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 16, 2018**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plainville Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7:00pm on Monday, April 16, 2018 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One

Central Square, to hear public comment regarding the consideration of an additional appropriation of \$550,000 to the Health Insurance Fund.

Dated at Plainville, Connecticut this 12th day of April, 2018.

Town Manager Lee briefly explained the reasons for the transfer. Several months ago a report was given regarding the Health Insurance Fund. Since March of last year the Fund has been running in a deficit that is currently about 2M. The Town Council determined additional appropriations would be made to replenish the Fund. This is the 2nd of 4 necessary additional appropriations to cover the increased number of claims.

It was also mentioned that the Town will be moving to the State Partnership Plan beginning July 1, 2018. This is guaranteed plan and is comparable to the current plan.

Chairwoman Pugliese opened the hearing for comments.

Candace Hall, 113 Shuttlemeadow Rd expressed her surprise that the Town became self-insured and supports the efforts of the Town to go with the State.

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave questioned the remaining in the Undesignated Fund Balance. The response was approximately 6M.

David Spencer, 127 Milford St Ext expressed his concern for the lack of notification for the Budget Vote. He would like to see it promoted better.

Roberta Lauria, 18 Perron Rd asked for clarification of the amount of an appropriation before going to referendum. The response was it is a percentage of the budget.

Dave Albert, 56 Hollyberry Ln questioned the reason for the transfers. The response was the budgeted claims have exceeded the actual claims.

Joanne Edman, 166 West Main St feels the deficit should have been figured out before it got to this point of making transfers.

No more comments were made and the hearing was closed.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the minutes of Minutes of April 2, 2018 Special & Regular Meetings; April 4, 2018 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Councilwoman Morante's liaison highlights included the Library is in the final steps of hiring a Library Director, the Conservation Commission is working on the Pequabuck River Clean-up

project and the Committee on Aging is hosting Grandparents raising Grandchildren State Conference and a June program by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

Fire Department

Vice Chairman Saunders motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Jeffrey Romano from the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.

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

Vice Chairman Saunders reported for the BOE, the Superintendent's Showcase will be held this Wednesday and that they are working with the Plainville Police with the missing students

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report was made.

VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

- **2018 Neighborhood Assistance Act**

The **Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act** (NAA) Tax Credit Program is designed to provide funding for municipal and tax exempt organizations by providing a corporation business tax credit for businesses who make cash contributions to these entities.

Businesses can receive a credit of 60% of their approved contribution to certain programs approved by the State Department of Revenue Services.

The first step in the process is for the Town Council to conduct a Public Hearing for those local entities that wish to participate in the program.

- **Fire Truck Acquisitions Ordinance**

Bond Counsel has drafted the ***"Ordinance Appropriating \$2.1M For The Acquisition Of Two Fire Trucks, And Authorizing The Issue Of Bonds And Notes In The Same Amount To Finance The Appropriation"***.

Before considering this Ordinance, the Town Council must first conduct a Public Hearing.

- **Northwest Drive Rehabilitation Project**

On March 13, 2018, the Town received seven bid proposals for the Northwest Drive Rehabilitation Project. The low bid was submitted by B & W Paving and Landscaping of Waterford in the amount of \$773,371. The engineer's estimate for this work was \$836,360.

The project would re-pave Northwest Drive from the Pequabuck River Bridge to Perron Road. This project is being funded through a State grant that would cover the entire cost of the project.

- **Memorandum of Understanding – Plainville Funeral Home**

The Economic Development Agency is recommending a 50% tax abatement for five years for the new Plainville Funeral Home that is being constructed on Broad Street.

The estimated cost of the 5,000 square foot facility is at least \$765,000. The applicant will provide to the Town verified documentation confirming the costs of the improvements upon the completion of the work.

- **All Day Budget Vote – Tuesday, April 24th**

This is a reminder that the All Day Budget vote will occur next Tuesday, April 24th. Electors and property owners can vote from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Fire House located on West Main Street.

- **Financial Dashboard**

The Financial Dashboard through March 31, 2018 was included in the meeting information package and reviewed by Assistant to the Town Manager Colby. It has also been posted on the Town website.

- **Happenings**

Assistant to the Town Manager Colby reported on activities and programs within the Historic Center, Senior Center, Library, Public Works and the United Way award to the Town of Plainville. Please visit the Town's website www.plainvillect.com for more details.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Katherine LaBelle, 50 Pierce St spoke in opposition to Alignment C of the proposed trail and commented on remarks by users of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail regarding the presence of dog waste and litter.

Candace Hall, 113 Shuttlemeadow Rd spoke in opposition to the Rails to Trails route, to the potential for accumulation of trash and debris along the route and the impact to property owners and neighborhoods. She also commented on the budget and funding the fire trucks.

Roberta Lauria, 18 Perron Rd repeated her report of speakers and responses to the trail. More information can be found on the Gap Closure Study website under attachment.

Joel Edman, 63 Hollyberry Ln read an editorial "Functionally Bankrupt" from the Hartford Courant.

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St commented on the remaining balance for Old Linden Street School. The response was funds are for an outdoor classroom. He went on to question the decision to renovate like new Wheeler School as opposed to building a new school.

John Kisluk, 65 Forestville Ave mentioned the rail road tracks in front of the diner need attention. He went on to suggest the Town Council appoint the Dog Park Committee instead of the Recreation Board and would like the Council to consider a Charter Revision Commission to include absentee ballots for the budget Town Meeting.

Joanne Edman, 166 West Main St spoke in opposition to the trail. She feels it will become a line item and taxpayers are already being squeezed.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider additional appropriation to the Health Insurance Fund

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to authorize an additional appropriation of \$550,000 from Account # # 0100-000-32110-0000, Unassigned Fund Balance, to Account # # 0100-840-55575-0000, Transfer Out - Health Insurance Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

2. Establish public hearing for 2018 Neighborhood Assistance Act

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to establish a public hearing for Monday, May 7, 2018, at 7:00pm in the Municipal Center to hear public comment regarding 2018 Neighborhood Assistance Act Proposals. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

3. Establish public hearing for proposed Fire Truck Acquisitions Ordinance – See Addendum

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to establish a public hearing for Monday, May 7, 2018, at 7:00pm in the Municipal Center to hear public comment regarding an ordinance entitled “Ordinance Appropriating \$2,100,000 for the Acquisition of Two Fire Trucks, and Authorizing the Issue of Bonds and Notes in the Same Amount to Finance the Appropriation”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

4. Award Bid #2018-01E, Northwest Drive Rehabilitation Project

Councilman Wazorko motioned to award Bid #2018-01E, Northwest Drive Rehabilitation Project, to B&W Paving & Landscaping, Waterford, CT in the amount of \$773,371. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.

5. Memorandum of Understanding – Plainville Funeral Home

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve and authorize Town Manager Lee to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for the Plainville Funeral Home, as recommended by the Economic Development Agency. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

6. Tax Refunds - Addendum

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

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

Town Manager Lee stated the DOT has been contacted and they have been asked to contact the Rail Road to address the condition of the tracks and to make the repairs.

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted by,

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

ORDINANCE NO. 3-18

**Town of
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT**

<p>ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,100,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF TWO FIRE TRUCKS, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION</p>
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BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Plainville in meeting duly assembled:

SECTION 1. That the Town of Plainville appropriate TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,100,000) for costs related to acquisitions of a pumper fire engine to replace Engine 1, an aerial tower apparatus to replace Tower 1, and related equipment. The appropriation may be spent for acquisition and commissioning costs, equipment, consultant fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project.

SECTION 2. That the Town issue bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,100,000) to finance the appropriation for the project. The bonds or notes shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town.

SECTION 3. That the Town issue and renew temporary notes from time to time in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds or notes for the project. The amount of the notes or obligations outstanding at any time shall not exceed TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,100,000). The notes or obligations shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended. The notes or obligations shall be general obligations of the Town and shall be secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town shall comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a of the General Statutes with respect to any notes or obligations that do not mature within the time permitted by said Section 7-378.

SECTION 4. That the Town Manager and the Treasurer of the Town shall sign any bonds, notes, obligations, temporary notes (the "project borrowings") by their manual or facsimile signatures. The Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the amounts, dates, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the project borrowings; to designate one or more banks or trust companies to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the project borrowings; to provide for the keeping of a record of the project borrowings; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the project borrowings; to designate a bond counsel to approve the legality of the project borrowings; to sell the project borrowings at public or private sale; to deliver the project borrowings; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the project borrowings.

SECTION 5. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that project costs may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys, if any) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the project. The Town Manager and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the project borrowings authorized by this ordinance, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

SECTION 10. That the Town Manager, the Treasurer, the Town Council, and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the project, and to issue project borrowings to finance the aforesaid appropriation.

Refunds **4/16/2018**

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