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3/4/24

Councilwoman Christopher led the Pledge of Allegiance

I. PRESENTATIONS

Town Manager's Proposed FY2025 Budget –
Town Manager Paulhus & superintendent Reas

Town Manager Michael Paulhus and Superintendent of Schools Brian Reas presented a summary of the proposed budget for FY2025. Also, in attendance Director of Finance Buden. The Town Manager and Superintendent gave PowerPoint presentations to review their proposed budgets for FY2025.

Discussion was held.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Ordinance entitled "Ordinance Providing for the Deferment of Honor Heights Sanitary Sewer Assessment"

**Town Clerk Arena read the following legal notice:

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF PLAINVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plainville Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday March 4, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square to hear public comments regarding the proposed ordinance entitled "Ordinance Providing for the Deferment of Honor Heights Sanitary Sewer Assessment".

A copy of the proposed ordinance is on file and available for public inspection during normal business hours in the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Plainville, Connecticut this 28th day of February 2024.

Chairman Wazorko opened the public hearing for comments. Hearing no comments the public hearing was closed.

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilman Gediman motioned to approve the minutes of February 13, 2024 Special Virtual Meeting and February 20, 2024 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Chairman Wazorko mentioned the MSP Referendum on March 19th.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

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

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

VIII. TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Paulhus presented and discussed the following topics:

- **Robertson Airport Update**

There is great progress being made with capital improvements that will enhance the airport's functions.

Most notably: PAPI, AWOS, Segmented Circle, and Wind Cone Project and Fencing Project.

The Precision Approach Path Indicator (PAPI) system is designed to ensure accurate and reliable guidance for pilots during nighttime approach and landing. This system is new to the airport. These lights are installed at both ends of the runway and require a FAA flight check prior to approved utilization. The Town will reschedule a FAA flight check within the next couple of months. The Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) provides pilots with continuous, real-time information and reports on airport weather conditions. This system is new to the airport and is fully operational.

The installation of a new, illuminated Wind Cone and Segmented Circle enhances visibility of wind direction and intensity, assisting pilots in making informed decisions during takeoff and landing. This system is an upgrade from the former wind cone, and the system is fully operational. The Perimeter Fencing project includes the replacement and repair of the entire security gates and fencing surrounding the airport. Phase I of the project will be completed this Spring by Eagle Fencing, the awarded contractor. This phase includes fencing and gates on the west-side (or terminal side) of the airport property, spanning from just past Hangar 3 to just past Hangar 6.

The Town is soliciting qualifications for on-call engineering, architectural, and planning services for airport-related projects. RFQs are due to the Town Manager's Office by noon on Thursday, March 7, 2024. After that date, the selection panel will review and evaluate responses. The Town Council should expect to award this project during one of their April meetings.

- **Social Media Update**

The Town's social media efforts are underway. This new initiative is now 90 days along and I will provide a PowerPoint presentation on the progress.

- **Request for Naming a Municipal Facility**

Don Sisson approached the Recreation Advisory Board last year about dedicating a space in Norton Park for his late wife Mary Sisson (formerly Manning). Mary Sisson and her family have been Plainville residents for 34 years prior to her passing in 2021. According to the Advisory Board, Mary always had a passion for aquatics and was a lifeguard, swim instructor, swim coach, and overall advocate for the swimming community. She was even a swimming and diving official for competitions in Plainville. Mary truly had an impact on the aquatic community in Plainville.

In the last few years, Don and Mary's sister, Clare Wight, have created a memorial fund in part to honor Mary and her parents from where her deep love of the water stems from. The Sisson family is still working hard to make sure that Mary's love of swimming is being passed on. The Recreation Advisory Board is in full support of dedicating the pavilion near the Elizabeth A. Berner pool in remembrance of Mary Sisson.

- **Happenings**

Assistant Town Manager Cirioli announced activities and events within and including the Tax/Assessor Office and Senior Center. Further information can be found on the Town's website.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gayle Black 4 Cianci Ave., commented on various topics.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Proposed Ordinance entitled “Ordinance Providing for the Deferment of Honor Heights Sanitary Sewer Assessment”**

Councilman Gediman motioned to adopt an ordinance entitled “Ordinance Providing for the Deferment of Honor Heights Sanitary Sewer Assessment”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood and passed 6-0.

2. **Tax Refunds- See Addendum**

Councilman Hurley motioned to approve the tax refunds as listed on the Addendum. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 6-0.

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25 pm Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hurley and passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted by,



Cindy Arena, Town Clerk & Clerk of the Town Council

	Refunds	3/4/2024		
				Amount
	Previous Year			
1	Taco Fasteners Inc.	PO Box 338 Plainville, CT	\$	865.50
2	Taco Fasteners Inc.	PO Box 338 Plainville, CT	\$	864.00
3	Corelogic	PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019	\$	3,343.75
4	Taco Fasteners Inc.	PO Box 338 Plainville, CT	\$	766.00
5	Fongemie, Jennifer T.	25 Cianci Ave Plainville CT	\$	404.45
	Total		\$	6,243.70
	Sewer User Refunds			
1	58 East Street LLC.	240 So. Washington St, Plainville CT	\$	1,320.29
	Total		\$	1,320.29

7-2024

**ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE DEFERMENT OF HONOR HEIGHTS SANITARY
SEWER ASSESSMENT**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Plainville in meeting duly assembled that, pursuant to the Charter of the Town of Plainville and Section 7-253a of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended the following Ordinance is adopted:

Chapter 332. Sewers

Article IV. Deferment of Honor Heights Sanitary Sewer Assessment

§ 332-15. Purpose.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to assist eligible elderly or disabled homeowners with payment of their sewer assessment per a Notice of Assessment dated February 5, 2024 (the “Assessment”) pertaining to the installation of new sanitary sewer infrastructure in the Honor Heights neighborhood, which includes: Provencher Drive, Hull Drive, D’Amico Drive, Hittleman Court, Washburn Drive, Shepard Lane, Casciello Drive, and Robidoux Road. Pursuant to Section 7-253a of the Connecticut General Statutes the Town grants a deferred payment plan for eligible residents of the Town on the terms and conditions hereinafter provided.

§ 332-16. Effective Date of Deferment.

The deferred payments shall commence with the payment due on May 1, 2024, and thereafter for a period of 10 years, at two percent (2%) interest.

§ 332-17. Eligibility.

The following criteria shall be met to be eligible for a deferred payment plan:

- a) Applicants are either (a) sixty-five (65) years of age or over at the close of the preceding calendar year, or whose spouses living with them are sixty-five (65) years of age or over at the close of the preceding calendar year or sixty (60) years of age or over and the surviving spouse of a taxpayer qualified under this Ordinance at the time of his or her death, with respect to real property on which such applicants or their spouses are liable for said Assessment, or (b) under age sixty-five (65) and eligible in accordance with applicable federal regulations to receive permanent total disability benefits under Social Security, or have not been engaged in employment covered by Social Security and accordingly have not qualified for benefits thereunder, but have become qualified for permanent total disability benefits under any federal, state or local government retirement or disability plan, including the Railroad retirement Act and any government-related teacher's retirement plan, in which requirements with respect to qualifications for such permanent total disability benefits are comparable to such requirements under Social Security;
- b) Applicants have been taxpayers of the Town for one (1) year immediately preceding their receipt of a deferment under this Ordinance.
- c) The levels of qualifying income for the deferment under this Ordinance shall be those set out in Sec. 811 and Sec. 12-170aa of the Connecticut General Statutes adjusted annually as provided for in said General Statutes.
- d) Applicants use the real property as their principal residence which is defined as having used the residence for not less than 184 days during each calendar year.

§ 332-18. Applications.

- a) Applicants shall provide to the Designee of the Town such information required to determine eligibility including but not limited to most recent federal tax returns or other proof of income, and complete such applications as provided by the said Designee.
- b) Initial applications, together with such information required to determine eligibility for tax relief, shall be presented to said Designee by May 15, 2024. Thereafter, applicants shall file biennially for continued deferment under this Ordinance.

§ 332-19. Determination of Eligibility for Deferment and Termination.

- a) The Designee shall review applications and information provided by applicants seeking deferment under this Ordinance. The Designee shall determine the eligibility of applicants no later than June 1 of each year and notify the Applicant.
- b) Applicants who are determined eligible for deferment under this Ordinance shall be allowed to pay the Assessment pursuant to the terms of the deferment provided they continue to meet eligibility requirements.
- c) In the event the real property of a qualified applicant is sold, assigned, granted, or conveyed during the fiscal year when deferred payments are applicable, regardless of whether such transfer, assignment, grant, or conveyance was voluntary or involuntary, the deferred payments shall cease. The grantee shall be required within a period not exceeding ten (10) days immediately following the date of such conveyance to notify the Designee, or in the absence of such notice, upon determination by the Designee that such conveyance has occurred, the Designee shall within ten (10) days thereafter, mail or otherwise deliver a notice to the grantee stating the amount needed to pay the amount of any outstanding Assessment.

§ 332-20. Lien Rights.

The Town shall establish a lien on such property pursuant to C.G.S. § 7-253a, by recording a Certificate of Notice of Deferred Payment of Assessment of Benefits as provided by said Statute.

§ 332-21. No Conflict with State Statutes.

This Ordinance shall not be construed to conflict with any state statute, rule or regulation.

§ 332-22. Severability.

The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and the invalidity of any portion thereof shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

§ 332-23. Effective Date.

This Amendment shall take effect after passage and publication.