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The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Chairman Wazorko, Council members Vice Chairwoman Morante, Council Members Christopher, Gediman, Hurley, Tompkins, Underwood; Town Manager Paulhus, Assistant Town Manager Cirioli, Town Attorney Borea and Town Clerk Arena.

Councilman Hurley led the Pledge of Allegiance

I. PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation – PHS Cheerleading

Councilman Gediman congratulated and read a proclamation recognizing the Plainville High School Cheerleading Team on a successful cheer season.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

Use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act for the Purchase of Roadways Dump Truck with plow.

**Town Clerk Arena read the following legal notice:

**LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF PLAINVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 15, 2024**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plainville Town Council will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday April 15, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, One Central Square in Plainville to hear public comments regarding the use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act for the purchase of a Roadways Dump Truck with plow estimated cost \$175,000.

Dated at Plainville, Connecticut this 11th day of April 2024.

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

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to approve the minutes of April 1, 2024, Regular Meeting and April 8, 2024 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 7-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

Vice Chairwoman Morante attended the Conservation Commission, Library Board of Trustees, and

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V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

Fire Department

Councilman Underwood motioned to appoint Brian Roper, 22 Roseleah Avenue, as a Probationary Firefighter to the Plainville Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

Capital Projects Building Committee

Councilman Gediman motioned to appoint to the Capital Projects Building Committee:

- a) Mark Belanger, 31B Johnson Avenue, as a Regular Member for an unexpired term ending August 1, 2027.**
- b) Stephen Martino, 23 Bradley Street, as a Temporary Member for the Middle School Renovate as New Project.**
- c) Raymond Carroll, 24 Crown Street, as a Temporary Member for the Middle School Renovate as New Project.**

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

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:

- **Potential Cell Tower and Lease Agreement**

A cell tower company called Vertical Bridge is looking to negotiate the location of a new cell tower on municipally owned land. Vertical Bridge is looking at both Toffolon School and MSP. The company will be responsible for building the tower and is looking for a long-term lease from the town.

The Board of Education is also reviewing and evaluating the proposal at their meeting and will likely provide a recommendation to the Town Council to act on at a future meeting.

- **Fair Housing**

It is the policy of the Town of Plainville to promote fair housing opportunities and to encourage racial and economic integration in all its programs and housing development activities. Programs funded and administered by the Town of Plainville must comply with the provisions of Section 46A-64C of the Connecticut General Statutes and with related state and federal laws and regulations that prohibit discriminatory housing practices.

There are three items under new business to approve and include the following: Fair Housing Resolution, Fair Housing Policy Statement, and Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement.

- **2024 Neighborhood Assistance Act**

The Connecticut neighborhood assistance act tax credit program is designed to provide funding for municipalities by providing a corporation business tax credit for businesses which make cash

contributions to these entities. Applications must be completed in full and approved locally and submitted to the CT Department of Revenue Services by July 1, 2024. Prior to submission to DRS, the town must hold a public hearing on all programs and the Town Council must approve these programs.

There is an item under New Business to set a public hearing date for the Neighborhood Assistance Act.

- **Pine Meadow Request for Rebate**

The Pine Meadow Condominium Association, Inc. located at 15 West Pine Way is requesting a tax rebate from the town based on their claim that they provide a public benefit to the community.

According to Judy Dutcher, President of the Association there was an understanding with the town that there would be a requirement for the association to keep access to the “Canal” open to the public because of its historical significance. Public access was also required for the “bird sanctuary” and trail behind the complex. In the interest of trying to resolve the issue, I outlined a proposal that would narrowly define the value of the public benefit to a ten-year time frame. I calculated an annual benefit of \$100 per unit (36 units) or \$3600/year for 10 years, equaling a total value of \$36,000.

The association was in general agreement with the proposal but countered by requesting \$16,000 in the first year.

- **Parking Ban Discussion**

The Parking Ban Ordinance is found under section 374 Article I of the Town of Plainville Code. The all-night parking ban is in effect annually from December 1st to April 1st during the hours of 12 midnight and 6:00 AM. The law was adopted in 1959 and amended in 1978. Its purpose is to keep the roadways clear of vehicles during the winter months when snow plowing, and removal operations are expected.

The Assistant Town Manager and I have reviewed similar ordinances from six other Connecticut towns. Copies are included for your review.

- **All Day Budget Vote**

The All Day Budget vote will take place on Tuesday April 30 from 6 AM to 8 PM at the firehouse.

- **Financial Dashboard**

The Financial Dashboard report has been provided to the Town Council through March 31, 2024, and has been posted to the Town website.

- **Happenings**

Assistant Town Manager Cirioli announced activities and events within and including the Library and Senior Center. Further information can be found on the Town’s website.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lou Frangos 10 Fairbanks Street, commented on various topics.

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Middle School Renovate as New Project

Councilman Gediman motioned to remove from the table “Middle School Renovate as New Project”. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

Councilman Gediman motioned to assign the Middle School of Plainville Renovate as New Project to the established Capital Projects Building Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

Councilman Gediman motioned to authorize the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the renovation of the existing Middle School of Plainville. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

Councilman Gediman motioned to authorize the Town of Plainville’s Board of Education, through the Superintendent of Schools, to apply to the Commissioner of the Department of

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Administrative Services to accept or reject a grant for the Middle School of Plainville Renovate as New Project. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to authorize the use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act for the purchase of a Roadways Dump Truck with Plow. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

2. Bid RE: Roadways Dump Truck

Councilman Hurley motioned to award Bid #2024-18, Roadways Dump Truck, under State Contract #19 PSX 0161 to Tasca Ford, Berlin, CT, in the amount of \$170,903.50. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 7-0.

3. Fair Housing Resolution

Councilman Underwood motioned to adopt a resolution entitled “Fair Housing Resolution” . The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

4. Fair Housing Policy Statement

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to re-appoint Town Manager Michael T. Paulhus as the Fair Housing Officer and authorize him to sign and implement the “Fair Housing Statement”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gediman and passed 7-0.

5. Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement

Councilman Hurley motioned to authorize the Town Manager to sign and implement the Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

6. Establish public hearing for 2024 Neighborhood Assistance Act

Vice Chairwoman Morante motioned to establish a public hearing on Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Municipal Center to hear public comment regarding 2024 Neighborhood Assistance Act Proposals. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

7. Disband MSP Steering Committee

Vice Chairwoman Morante motioned to disband the Middle School of Plainville Building Project Communication Steering Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

8. 4-Day Work Week

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to table this item to the May 6, 2024, Town Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hurley and passed 7-0.

9. Tax Refunds- See Addendum

Councilwoman Christopher motioned to approve the tax refunds as listed on the

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

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At 8:15 pm Councilman Gediman motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Christopher and passed 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by,

Cindy Arena,
Town Clerk & Clerk of the Town Council

Tax Refunds 4/15/2024
Current Year

1. LDM MANUFACTURING INC 20 HULTENIUS ST STE S	\$491.28
2 BASINGER KATHERINE 27 CHURCH ST	\$573.77
3. NISSAN INFINITI LT LLC P O BOX 254648SACRAMENTO, CA 95865	\$482.36
4. NISSAN INFINITI LT LLC P O BOX 254648SACRAMENTO, CA 95865	\$154.02
Total	\$1701.43

Prior Year

1. LDM MANUFACTURING INC 20 HULTENIUS ST STE S	\$120.96
2. LDM MANUFACTURING INC 20 HULTENIUS ST STE S	\$107.24
Total	\$228.20

Sewer Use

1. BELARDE EDIBETH S 10 VIEW ST PLAINVILLE, CT 06062	\$212.12
Total	\$212.12