# MINUTES PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER SPECIAL MEETING April 6, 2020 – 6:30p.m.

**6:30pm WORK SESSION**: Street, Sidewalks & Driveway Ordinance

- Street Openings

The Special Meeting via Zoom Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Present remotely, were Chairwoman Pugliese, Vice Chairwoman Tompkins, Council members Wazorko, Morante, Gnazzo, Cox, Underwood, Town Manager Lee, Town Attorney Mastrianni, Town Clerk Skultety. Coordinating the live feed was Director of IT Ross.

Technical Services Director Bossi signed in and addressed the Town Council. He stated the purpose of the amendments is to improve the street opening permit process. He went on to explain the current steps and the proposed changes.

In summary, permits would include a Registration Fee of \$50 and a Cash Surety of \$2,500. The Contractor prepays New Restoration Fee. Once the work has been completed the Contractor installs and maintains a Transitional Pavement Restoration Patch for a period up to one year.

The Town will retain a contractor to perform all permanent patches on a yearly basis. The new Restoration Fee will offset those related costs to the Town.

Amendments would require review by the Town Attorney and a public hearing.

It was the consensus to have a public hearing on April 20.

# MINUTES PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER REGULAR MEETING April 6, 2020 – 7:00p.m.

- I. PRESENTATIONS:
- II. PUBLIC HEARING

#### III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

March 12, 2020 Special Meeting; March 16, 2020 Special and Regular Meeting and March 31, 2020 Special Meeting

# IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS - REPORTS

#### V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointments and Re-appointments to Boards and Commissions

# VI. BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Meetings Only)

#### VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

1. Governor Lamont's Executive Order 71

# VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

- 1. LEA White Oak Report Discussion
- 2. Road Bond-Pavement Milling
- 3. Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7S
- 4. Happenings

# IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

# X. OLD BUSINESS

#### XI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Establish public hearing for 2020 Neighborhood Assistance Act
- 2. Resolution regarding Fair Housing
- 3. Fair Housing Policy Statement
- 4. Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement
- 5. Bid #2020-11B, Pavement Milling
- 6. Possible action FY2021 Budget (or parts thereof)
- 7. Motion regarding Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7I
- 8. Tax Refunds

#### XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

# XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

# XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting was virtually called to order at 7:00pm. Present remotely, were Chairwoman Pugliese, Vice Chairwoman Tompkins, Council members Wazorko, Morante, Gnazzo, Cox, Underwood, Town Manager Lee, Town Attorney Mastrianni and Town Clerk Skultety. Coordinating the live feed was Director of IT Ross.

#### I. PRESENTATIONS

# II. PUBLIC HEARING

#### III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to approve the minutes of March 12, 2020 Special Meeting; March 16, 2020 Special and Regular Meeting and March 31, 2020 Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Cox and passed 7-0.

### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS - REPORTS

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#### VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney Mastrianni spoke to the Governor's Executive Order 7I. Section 13. In summary, the order suspends the "in person" requirement for the adoption of municipal budgets as well as mill rates and authorizes the legislative body to set those rates.

This order would eliminate the All-Day vote previously set for May 28.

Attorney Mastrianni went on to mention the sale of the Aiudi Tax Liens has been delayed due to virus and limited court schedules. Late May or early June is now the projection.

#### VIII. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Lee presented and discussed the following topics:

# • LEA White Oak Report Discussion

Sara Burkhalter-Sweeney and Sam Butcher from Loureiro signed into the meeting and gave an update to the report entitled "Former White Oak Development Plan". Loureiro has completed their Environmental Study of the White Oak Property.

Scenarios included open-space, recreational areas, commercial/retail and residential. Environmental conditions and remediation costs were briefly discussed.

Town Manager Lee commented that the agreement with Mr. Toffolon was to acquire the property for back taxes owed. The Town is in the process of engaging an environmental attorney with grant funds.

Plans are for the Town Council to consider approving the transfer. A collaboration with DEEP and Legal Counsel would determine the best use for liability relief going forward.

The Environmental Attorney would address the Town Council at a May meeting.

# • Road Bond – Pavement Milling

Town staff is recommending that the Town Council award a bid to Garrity Construction of Bloomfield for pavement milling services. Garrity has done this work in Town for several years and have agreed to hold their price to the same rates they have charged for the last two years.

The monies for this work will come from the Road Bond Program.

#### • Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7S

Last week Governor Ned Lamont issued Executive Order 7S entitled "*Property Tax Deferral*". This order requires municipalities to participate in one or both programs regarding tax deferrals.

The first program authorizes Towns to "provide property tax deferment to eligible residents, businesses, non-profits and other eligible taxpayers a 90-day deferment of any taxes on real property, personal property or motor vehicles". This includes sewer user charges as well.

To be eligible, taxpayers must attest to or document significant economic impact by COVID-19. The second program authorizes Towns to charge an interest rate of 3% per annum for any delinquent portion of the principal of any taxes on real property, personal property, or motor vehicles (including sewer use charges) for ninety days from the time when it became due and payable until the same is paid.

Following the ninety days, the portion that remains delinquent shall be subject to interest and penalties as previously established (18%) on the principal portion of the taxes owed. There is no eligibility requirement for the Low Interest Rate Program.

Financial institutions and mortgage services that hold property tax payments in escrow on behalf of the borrower shall continue to remit property taxes to the municipality.

Towns must notify the Secretary of the Office of Policy & Management which program(s) they are electing to participate in by April 25, 2020.

#### • Happenings

Town Manager Lee reviewed programs and activities which included the 2020 Census, WPC, Tax & Assessing, Library, Bulky Waste and Senior Center. More information can be found on the Town's website at <a href="https://www.plainvillect.com">www.plainvillect.com</a>.

#### IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairwoman Pugliese mentioned at this time the Town Council will not be taking any public comments over the phone. She stated the Council has received an email from John Kisluk and a voice/email message from Roberta Lauria.

# X. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

Councilman Wazorko motioned to add agenda NEW BUSINESS item:

\*8. Street Opening Ordinance Amendment

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

#### 1. Establish public hearing for 2020 Neighborhood Assistance Act

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to establish a public hearing on Monday, May 18, 2020, at 7:00pm to hear public comment on applications regarding the 2020 Neighborhood Assistance Act. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko and passed 7-0.

### 2. Resolution regarding Fair Housing-See Addendum

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to adopt a resolution entitled "Fair Housing Resolution". The motion was seconded by Councilman Gnazzo and passed 7-0.

#### 3. Fair Housing Policy Statement

Councilman Wazorko motioned to re-appoint Town Manager Robert E. Lee as the Fair Housing Officer and authorize him to sign and implement the "Fair Housing Statement". The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

#### 4. Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to authorize Town Manager Lee to sign and implement the Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood and passed 7-0.

#### 5. Bid #2020-11B, Pavement Milling

Councilwoman Morante motioned to waive the bid process and award Bid #2020-11B, Paving Milling, to Garrity Construction, Bloomfield, CT, for an amount not to exceed \$125,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wazorko and passed 7-0.

# 6. FY2021 Budget Action Regarding

Town Manager Lee reviewed updated budget changes and projections for the FY2021 Budget. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

# 7. Motion regarding Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7I

Vice Chairwoman Tompkins motioned to cancel the All-Day-Vote (Town Meeting) of May 28, 2020 per Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7I issued March 21, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilman Underwood and passed 7-0.

#### 8. \*Street Opening Ordinance Amendment

Councilman Wazorko motioned to establish a public hearing on Monday, April 20, 2020, at 7:00pm to hear public comment regarding amendments to "Chapter 347- Streets, Sidewalks and Driveways" Article I, Street Openings. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairwoman Tompkins and passed 7-0.

# 9. Tax Refunds-See Addendum

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

# XI. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

### XII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

# XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

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# FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION TOWN OF PLAINVILLE

Whereas, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in

the neighborhood of their choice; and

Whereas, Federal fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race,

color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices

regarding housing location; and

Whereas, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of

race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices

regarding housing location; and

Whereas, The Town of Plainville is committed to upholding these laws, and

realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal

housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED**, That the Town of Plainville hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the chief executive officer of the Town of Plainville or his designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Plainville and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

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Refunds 4/6/2020
Current Year Amount

Inman, Eileen, 129 Milford St A-2 \$848.19

Total \$848.19