

**MINUTES
PLAINVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – MUNICIPAL CENTER
SPECIAL MEETING
January 17, 2023 – 6:30p.m.**

WORK SESSION:

**Balloon Festival Discussion -
Fire Company**

Chairwoman Pugliese called the Work Session to order at 6:30 pm. Present were Vice Chairman Underwood, Council members Morante, Tompkins, Rocco, Wazorko, Town Manager Paulhus, Assistant Town Manager Cirioli, and Town Clerk Porrini. Councilman Catanzaro was absent.

Also, in Attendance was 1st Lieutenant Myska, Lieutenant Davey, and Retiree Jim Lenois.

Jim Lenois explained in detail the financial component of the Balloon Festival. He discussed with the Town Council members the number of manhours needed to set-up, host, and clean-up the Balloon Festival. He reiterated volunteers will be needed as well. Discussion ensued.

The Work Session was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. No action was taken.

I. PRESENTATIONS:

Fire Poster Contest Winners

II. PUBLIC HEARING

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

January 3, 2023, Regular Meeting

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

1. National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
2. Charter Revision Commission

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

1. Fire Chief Appointments
2. Police Lieutenant Appointment
3. Aviation Commission Resignation
4. Capital Projects Building Committee Appointment
5. Recreation & Park Advisory Board Resignation
6. 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. Spring Bike Races – Matthew Stuart
2. ARPA Projects Update
3. Valley Water Systems Open Space and Watershed Land Purchase Update
4. Town Council/Board of Education Joint FY24 Budget Meeting – 1/25/23
5. Financial Dashboard

6. Happenings

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Tax Refunds - Addendum

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Present were Chairwoman Pugliese, Vice Chairman Underwood, Council members Tompkins, Morante, Rocco, Wazorko, Town Manager Paulhus, Assistant Town Manager Cirioli, and Town Clerk Porrini. Councilman Catanzaro was absent.

Councilwoman Tompkins led the Pledge of Allegiance

I. PRESENTATIONS

Fire Poster Contest Winners

At this time Fire Marshal Dievert presented awards to the Annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest winners from grades 4 & 5.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

III. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to approve the minutes of January 3, 2023, Regular Meeting: The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 6-0.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – REPORTS

1. National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
2. Charter Revision Commission

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION

Fire Department

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to:

- a. Appoint Thomas Moschini as Chief of the Fire Department for a 2-year term subject to the conditions of the Side Letter Agreement.
- b. Appoint Adrien Paradis as Deputy Chief of the Fire Department for a 2-year term
- c. Appoint Kurt Plourde as First Assistant Chief of the Fire Department for a 2-year term
- d. Appoint David Massey as Second Assistant Chief of the Fire Department for a 1-year term

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The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

Police Lieutenant Appointment

Councilwoman Tompkins motioned to appoint John Quilter as Police Lieutenant effective January 18, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rocco and passed 6-0.

Aviation Commission

Councilman Rocco motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Jonathon Onisto from the Aviation Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to appoint Dominick Moschini, 2 James Place, as a Regular Member of the Aviation Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

Capital Projects Building Committee

Councilman Rocco motioned to appoint Jonathon Onisto as a Regular Member to the Capital

Projects Building Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

Recreation & Park Advisory Board

Councilman Rocco motioned to accept with regret the resignation of Colin Cassidy from the Recreation and Park Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

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

VII. REPORT OF TOWN ATTORNEY

No report was given.

VIII. TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Paulhus presented and discussed the following topics:

• **Spring Bike Races – Matthew Stuart**

Matt Stuart is from the Greater Hartford Cycling Club and has requested an opportunity to discuss the return of the Spring Races to Plainville for 2023. Matt used to run a bike race in town a couple of years ago but had to move due to the building of Americold off Northwest Drive. For the last two years the race was run in Farmington, but with Trumpf doing some construction he would like to return to a modified course in Plainville.

The new course would be slightly different and will require coverage from the Plainville Police Department. The race series would be held on the 4 Sundays in March from 8 am-12 noon. Matt Stuart will be here in person to answer any questions.

• **ARPA Projects Update**

The original project list recommended by the committee and approved by the Town Council included a

combination of approximately 20 projects, programs, and/or upgrades for consideration. To date, the Town Council has moved forward with a public hearing and appropriation for 13 of the 20 items. All in all, the items were estimated to come in under the total allocation for the town of \$5,189,198.

The most recent item to be approved was the replacement of the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Fire Department. An update outlining the remaining seven (7) items is included in your agenda packet.

- **Valley Water Systems Open Space and Watershed Land Purchase Update**

It was brought to my attention that 48.8 acres of former watershed land adjacent to Southington's Crescent Lake Recreation Area was acquired in 2021. However, the grant seeking reimbursement for the acquisition was denied by DEEP, but the town prevailed in getting that decision reversed a year later. Mark DeVoe, the Town Planner has worked behind the scenes with CT DEEP to correct deficiencies in the initial grant application. Having done so, we are pleased to report that the grant request was recently preliminarily approved by DEEP.

Mark has provided a detailed memo and map outlining the location, and components of the property that was acquired by the Town. Some of the highlights of his memo include:

1. The new open space is entirely in Plainville and has a suite of wonderful hiking trails that are maintained by groups of volunteers who have historically kept the Metacomet Trail, and its many spurs clean and "above water."
2. The open space has been named the "Bradley Mountain Recreational Area" in deference to its location along the flanks of Bradley Mountain – some of the views from lookout points in Plainville include ridgelines as distant as Cheshire and Hamden.
3. The acquisition furthers goals set by Plainville's Open Space Land Acquisition subcommittee as well as meeting several recommendations found in the Plainville Plan of Conservation and Development.

- **Town Council/BOE Joint FY24 Budget Meeting -1/25/23**

The Town Council and the Board of Education will be conducting a Joint Meeting to hear a presentation from the Superintendent of Schools and the Town Manager for the Fiscal Year 24 Budget Outlook. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25th beginning at 6:00 pm in the Library Auditorium. Residents are encouraged to attend.

The Joint Meeting Agenda can be found on the Town website at www.plainvillect.com

- **Financial Dashboard**

The Financial Dashboard report has been provided to the Town Council through December 31, 2022 and has been posted to the Town website.

- **Happenings**

Assistant Town Manager Cirioli reported on programs and activities with Town Departments as well as Christmas tree disposal and Tax bill collection. More information can be found at www.plainville.com.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lou Frangos, 10 Fairbanks St., questioned the Financial Dashboard and the Middle School Plainville project.

X. OLD BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Tax Refunds- See Addendum

Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to approve the tax refunds as listed on the Addendum. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

XII. OTHER DISCUSSIONS OF INTEREST

1. Middle School of Plainville Discussion

XIII. MATTER APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:14 pm Vice Chairman Underwood motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tompkins and passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted by,



Cindy A. Porrini, Town Clerk
& Clerk of the Town Council

Refunds

1/17/2023

	Current Year	Amount
1	Corelogic, PO Box 9202, Coppell, TX	\$1,876.70
2	Corelogic, PO Box 9202, Coppell, TX	\$1,819.24
3	JPMorgan Chase Bank NA, PO Box 901098, Fort Worth, TX	\$348.32
4	Harper, Theresa 245 Farmington Ave.	\$80.43
	Total	\$4,124.69

Sewer User Refunds

1	Tabor, Robert, Jr., 177 W. Main St.	\$207.96
2	Ryan, David & Sherri, 36 Chester St	\$157.83
	Total	\$365.79