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TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2022

Kevin Cunningham called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Members present were Kevin Cunningham, Art Gagne, and Scott Gardiner.

Minutes Approve meeting minutes from regular BOS meeting 3/14/22.

The Board reviewed the minutes and Art Gagne made corrections (see amended minutes).

Art Gagne motioned to approve minutes from the regular BOS meeting on 3/14/22 with corrections. Scott Gardiner seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

Public Comment

Matt Radant asked for an update regarding the cyber-attack. Kevin Cunningham stated that they are working on restoring backups and that they should be online again in a week or two. Matt Radant asked about upgrading the infrastructure and Kevin Cunningham stated he doesn't want to discuss the details at this time.

Naomi Smith asked the Board if they are considering on acting on a blight ordinance committee to review some properties in town, safety issues, infestations, etc. Kevin Cunningham has been in communication with CCM to see what other towns have for a blight ordinance and how specific items are being addressed. He doesn't yet have a timeline of when this will happen.

Kevin Cunningham asked that two agenda items be added. Item #5 to discuss and approve a resolution to dispense funds under ARPA. The second item #6 to approve adding members to the Open Space Advisory Committee.

Art Gagne motioned to add agenda item #5 to discuss and approve a resolution to dispense funds under ARPA. Scott Gardiner seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

Scott Gardiner motioned to add agenda item #6 to approve adding members to the Open Space Advisory Committee. Art Gagne seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor,

motion passed.

Old Business None

New Business

1. Consider and act on tax refunds as requested by the Tax Collector totaling \$15.81.

Katie E. Riley

15.81

Art Gagne motioned to approve the tax refunds totaling \$15.81. Scott Gardiner seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

2. Consider and act on removal of Inland Wetland and Watercourse Commission Members due to Town Charter Section 7-9. a.1

Kevin Cunningham stated that by Charter for agenda items #2 and #3 they must give notice of intent to take members off of the committee and they were contacted today. One member never attended, and the other member only came to three meetings. Letters were hand delivered to the member homes. We have to wait five days then they can have a special meeting on Monday or wait until the next regular meeting so the new Inland Wetland members can be sworn in and attend the next meeting.

Art Gagne motioned to table agenda items #2 and #3 until the next regular meeting. Scott Gardiner seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

3. Consider and act on adding member to Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission. Tabled

4. Discuss and act on appointing Jordan Lumpkin as Fair Housing Officer for the town of Plainfield via Resolution.

Kevin Cunningham stated that the Title VI Coordinator would like to be appointed as the Fair Housing Officer. The resolution was reviewed and corrections by Art Gagne were "complaint" should be "complainant" and change "Mayor" to "Selectman", also add "grant" with "writer".

Art Gagne motioned to appoint Jordan Lumpkin as Fair Housing Officer. Scott Gardiner seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

5. Discuss and approve a resolution to dispense funds under ARPA

Kevin Cunningham stated that he researched from other towns to verify they need to do a resolution to authorize the spending of funds. Reviewed were the items approved so far and what the offset revenue is currently; Plainfield received \$4,476,252. Art Gagne stated that one correction is needed at the top "authorizing" is spelled wrong.

Art Gagne motioned to approve the resolution to dispense funds under ARPA. Scott Gardiner seconded the motion. Discussion: They can discuss the remaining funds during budget season. All in favor, motion passed.

6. Approve adding members to the Open Space Advisory Committee

Kevin Cunningham stated that the following members need approval to be appointed to the Open Space Advisory Committee: Mark Simmons, Sue Hall, Jennie Kapszukiewicz, Sylvia Weilk, Sherry Harmon, Vernon Gray, Richard Martel, John Meyer, Larry Brisson and Lu-Ann Cunningham.

Art Gagne motioned to approve adding all the names to the Open Space Advisory Committee. Scott Gardiner seconded the motion. Art Gagne and Scott Gardiner, yes to all members. Kevin Cunningham yes to all members but recused himself to vote regarding Lu-Ann Cunningham. Motion passed.

Other

Kevin Cunningham reported that Trave Harmon wrote letters to the board, one was the concern over the Atlantic broadband price increase. The Selectmen agreed this wasn't a board issue to discuss. The other letter was regarding cyber security and suggesting a committee of residents. Kevin Cunningham stated that a plan is in place and being reviewed with an attorney and the insurance company. They have a lot of work to do between setting up security on the network and individual workstations, employee training, and hiring a full time IT person. He appreciated the offer for residents to help but working in an IT area there are confidentiality issues.

Kevin Cunningham reported that according to the Town Charter the Board of Selectmen are required to review ordinances annually. He is working on new ordinance #136 regarding issues with a company or individuals building tiny homes and not getting them inspected. Another ordinance is where the State of CT made changes with cannabis regulations. These will be reviewed and added to the agenda, and he will also involve the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Adjournment

Art Gagne motioned to adjourn at 7:19 pm, Scott Gardiner seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne Krodel, Recording Secretary

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENSE OF FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

WHEREAS, since the first case of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) was discovered in the United States in January 2020, the disease has infected over 81 million and killed nearly 1 million Americans ("Pandemic"). The disease has impacted every part of life: as social distancing became a necessity, businesses closed, schools transitioned to remote education, travel was sharply reduced, and millions of Americans lost their jobs;

WHEREAS, as a result of the Pandemic, local governments have been called on to respond to the needs of their communities through the prevention, treatment, and vaccination of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, municipal revenues, as well as businesses and nonprofits, have faced economic impacts due to the Pandemic.

WHEREAS, Congress adopted the American Rescue Plan Act in March 2021 ("ARPA") which included \$65 billion in recovery funds for local governments across the country.

WHEREAS, ARPA funds are intended to provide support to state, local and tribal governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 in their communities, residents, and businesses.

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has distributed \$4,476,252 to the Town of Plainfield ("Town") pursuant to the ARPA ("Allocation").

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury has adopted guidance regarding the use of ARPA funds.

WHEREAS, the Town, in response to the Pandemic, has had expenditures and anticipates future expenditures consistent with the Department of Treasury's ARPA guidance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF PLAINFIELD, CONNECTICUT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Town has received it's share of ARPA funds from the State of Connecticut and will expend these funds in a manner consistent with the Department of Treasury's guidance.

2. Town staff, together with the First Selectman are authorized to expend the Town's share of ARPA funds from the State of Connecticut for the following activities consistent with the Department of Treasury's guidance:

Expense	Amount
WPCA Sewage and Wastewater Facility Upgrades	\$3,400,000
Recreation Playground Upgrades	\$50,000
Economic Development Recovery Program	\$250,000
Housing Hardship Recovery Program	\$100,000
Non-Profit Assistance – United Services	\$50,000
Non-Profit Assistance – Project PIN	\$25,000
Offset Revenue Losses Experienced by the Town	\$601,252


3. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to amend this resolution so long as all amended expenses are consistent with the Department of Treasury's guidance.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen of Plainfield, Connecticut this 24 day of March, 2022.



Kevin M. Cunningham
First Selectman

Attested:



Dianne S. Talbot
Town Clerk

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On 3/29/2022 @ 8:35 AM

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