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Barbi J. Gardiner, Town Clerk

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes –August 9, 2021

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

Members present were Kevin Cunningham, Art Gagne, and Cathy Tendrich.

Minutes *Art motioned to approve the 7/26/2021 meeting minutes, Cathy seconded.
All in favor, motion passed.*

Public Comment none

Old Business

1. Discuss and act on setting a date for a public hearing for Affordable Housing.

Kevin stated the last public hearing was cancelled so they need to set a new date. He recommended Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 7pm for a public information meeting.

Cathy motioned to set the public information meeting date for Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 7pm, Art seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

New Business

1. Consider and act on tax refunds as request by the Tax Collector totaling \$278.82:

Jeremy L. Cassell	\$14.48
Betty A. Dailey	\$188.34
Paul B. Gadue	\$11.59
Robert A. Hansen	\$27.73
Albert J. Langlois	\$16.71
Gary R. Luppert	\$19.97

Art motioned to approve the tax refunds totaling \$278.82, Cathy seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

2. Discuss and act on dispersion of America Cares/America Recovery Act money.

Kevin reviewed all the proposed ideas for WPCA, Recreation, Economic Development, Housing Hardship, and Non-profits. (attached).

He stated the Town is expected to receive approximately \$4,476,000. He reviewed what was needed with Kelly Vachon, Finance Director.

Kevin discussed with Stephanie Baldino, Sewer Supervisor, the WPCA upgrades and needs and WPCA will receive approximately \$3,250,000.

Kevin stated approximately \$50,000 could be used to upgrade playground equipment at Lions Park.

Kevin stated Jordan Lumpkins, Grant Writer, is working on the Economic Development process and how it will all be administered. \$250,000

The Housing Hardship would be approximately 100,000.

Non-profits would be approximately \$75,000.

Jordan Lumpkins put together a draft format of how the money can be used.

Cathy Tendrich, recommended also giving money to the Land Bank and the Veterans.

Art Gagne went over the WPCA costs and his total is \$3,725,000 and he got some of the costs from the approved capital improvement plan. Kevin stated he will get the details of each upgrade and the cost.

Mary Ann Chinatti, Town Planner, stated the GIS data collection would help the Town with the MS4 requirements.

Mike Clark of Putnam Rd asked if the money could be used to repair the high school track as it is deteriorating. Kevin stated it can't be used for that and went over what the money can be used for.

Cathy stated that by using this money for these projects which a lot of them are on the capital improvement plan, it will free up money in the Town.

Tom Sinkewicz, Board of Finance Chairman, stated that the track was discussed at budget meetings.

Cathy asked about the programs and if it is first come first serve until the money is depleted. Jordan Lumpkins stated yes.

Cathy expressed her concern about having an experienced program manager. She asked who would go into homes to do the inspections to verify if the work really needs to be done and would be a committee to make sure there are licensed and insured contractors. Jordan stated he just started working on this within the last week and will speak with Mary Ann regarding this.

Cathy asked who would make the decisions regarding the business program. Jordan stated Economic Development. She asked who would approve the housing. Jordan stated possibly BOS or Economic Development. Kevin stated they were looking to put a committee together and the building inspector could be involved too. Kevin stated this is still a work in progress.

Cathy asked when the funding would be available. Kevin stated now, the Town has received 2.2 million already and the other portion could be in soon.

Kevin stated they will wait to vote on the WPCA items as he will get numbers, Economic Development and Housing Hardship. He asked to approve using funds for Recreation of \$50,000 and the Non-Profits of \$75,000.

Art motioned to approve to use \$125,000 of the America Cares and Recovery Money for Recreation of \$50,000 and the Non-Profits of \$75,000, Cathy seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Kevin asked to have Item #3 motioned on to the agenda, add a member to the Conservation Commission.

Art motioned to add Item #3 onto the agenda, Cathy seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

3. Consider and act on adding member to the Conservation Commission.

Kevin stated Sue Hall submitted a letter of interest and she previously served on the commission for 11 years and she is a Republican.

Cathy asked what her term would be. Kevin believed it is a 2-year term.

Cathy motioned to appoint Sue Hall to the Conservation Commission, Art seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Other

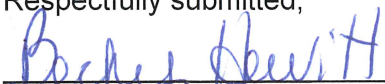
Kevin stated the Town had the Fireworks, Celebrate Plainfield, and the VJ Day Parade this past weekend.
9/11 Annual Moosup yard sale
10/9 & 10/10, finalizing food truck event

Adjournment

Art motioned to adjourn at 7:26 pm, Cathy seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

This is a summary of the meeting and the recording is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Hewitt, Recording Secretary

America Cares and America Recovery monies

The town of Plainfield will receive approximately \$4,476,000 from these programs.

While we will be reviewing the acceptable uses of these funds below is a list of proposed ideas for usage:

WPCA – Approx. \$3,250,000.00 for the following items of upgrade needs, to prioritize our wastewater facilities and improvements, and pay for analysis from Fuss & O’Neill (

- New 335 KW generator at the North Plant
- New secondary tank at the North Plant
- Refurbish (2) two existing secondary tanks at the North Plant
- New generator at Cemetery Road Pump station
- New roof for the sludge handling building at the North Plant
- New generator at the DOT Pump Station
- Add a generator and replace rusty dry well at the Dog Track Pump station
- Install a “Missions monitoring SCADA” at all pump stations
- New boiler at the North Plant/Sludge handling building
- Exhaust fan at the North Plant
- GIS data collection updates

Recreation – Approx. \$50,000.00 due to loss of revenue and jobs

- Upgrade to playground equipment at Lions park

Economic Development – Approx. \$250,000.00

- The creation of a small business revolving loan fund to be administered by Jordan Lumpkins and Kelly Vachon for eligibility – to be reviewed by the Economic Development Committee for approval

Housing Hardship – Approx. \$100,000.00

- The creation of a low interest lien loan to be administered by Jordan Lumpkins and Kelly Vachon for eligibility (Similar to housing rehab program previously offered by HUD)

Non-Profit – Approx. total - \$75,000.00

- United Services - \$50,000.00 – the support services that they provide for Plainfield families who have suffered throughout the pandemic is imports, as is the services provided to the Plainfield Police during crisis events is invaluable.
- Project PIN – \$25,000.00 - with financial hardships increasing during the pandemic it’s important to remember the food pantries and how they are able to support residents in need.