

## PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

July 22, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Mr. Brandgard: If we're all ready, it's 7:18 p.m. and the Plainfield Town Council meeting for July 22, 2019 is now in session.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Brandgard: I'd like to ask everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL TO DETERMINE QUORUM

Mr. Brandgard: Let the record show that all members are present, and we have a quorum to conduct business.

### EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mr. Brandgard: Tonight, we have two recognition awards. While I'm walking up to the podium, I'd like to ask Ed Rudolphi to come up please. Ed, you have reached a significant milestone in your career and we'd like to present a Certificate of Appreciation to you for your 30 years of service to the Town. It doesn't seem like it's been that long, and I hope it doesn't feel like it to you. We have appreciated your efforts over the years, thank you.

Mr. Rudolphi: I just wanted to thank the Council for the support you've given me over the years. I mean, you guys all know the open-door policies in our office, and you guys frequent (inaudible). I did have some good conversations with you guys along the way that I enjoy, it's not all business and I do appreciate that. The support you've given us as a department, keeps things moving, it's been a real fun part of the 30 years. It's not all work, we do have our share of fun. I want to mention Tim in particular, he's been a rock, he really has. I mean, we've seen a lot of growth in the Town and we will continue. I just appreciate what you've done for me, thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

### CITIZEN RECOGNITION

Mr. Brandgard: Would Bruce Felix come up please? And if anyone would like to come up, feel free to come as close as you like.

The Value of the Month for July is "Respect for Law and Rules". Respect for laws and rules is defined as taking responsibility to avoid violation of laws in a community.

For 21 years, Bruce Felix served as a Reserve Officer for the Plainfield Police Department. Earlier this year Felix retired. In 1998, Felix began committing his time to the Town of Plainfield and the Plainfield Community Schools. Over his tenure with the Police Department, Felix served in many capacities including bike patrol, Corporal, Sergeant and Lieutenant. He also served several years as a School Resource Officer for the Plainfield Community School System.

Over the course of his 21 years as a reserve, Felix worked 6,048 hours, and saved the taxpayers of Plainfield over \$372,556 dollars in salary hours and benefits. Bruce Felix made countless arrests, changed several lives, and served as a mentor for youth for several years. Thank you for your dedicated service to the Town of Plainfield and the Plainfield Police Department.

With that said, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, we recognize Bruce Felix with the Town of Plainfield Community of Values Award for July 2019.



who wishes to address us relative to this Additional Appropriation, now it the time to come forward. Again, this is a public hearing for the Additional Appropriation for the Employee Appreciation Fund. With nobody coming forward, the public hearing is closed.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Brandgard: Next up is business from the floor. We have Joanna Sproull here to talk about the Little Free Library at Real Food Shoppe.

Ms. Sproull: Hello, do I need to sign in? All right, I am here this evening to request the installation of a Little Free Library by the Real Food Shoppe. It is located at 211 West Main Street, if you're familiar with that area. Tabatha Starr is the owner and she is wanting to install one there. I have three Little Free Libraries available from Niagara Bottling and one is available to go there, if accepted. I have pictures here, with the little "x" ...

Mr. Brandgard: I was just about to ask where it was going to go.

Ms. Sproull: Yeah, there's a little island that you'll see. It is Town property and if it is accepted, we will do the call before we dig, and Niagara Bottling has a maintenance person that would install it.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay. Do we have consent?

Mr. McPhail: We just need to make sure... I think that island is irrigated like the rest of them, so they just need to be careful when they're installing it.

Mr. Brandgard: Other than that, ...

Mr. Angle: The tree is not in the way or anything like that?

Ms. Sproull: No, not for the area that we're looking for, but we will definitely make sure that we're not getting involved in any irrigation.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah, you have consent to go.

Ms. Sproull: Thank you very much.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. Is there any other business from the floor this evening? With none coming forward, we'll go to staff reports.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Brandgard: Tim, anything from Development Services? Chief Thacker, anything from the Fire Territory?

Mr. Thacker: Yes, I want to thank you, those of you that attended our Dedication Ceremony on Friday and braved the heat. Again, it was one of the hottest days of the year, but we do appreciate you being there. I also want to thank Plainfield Community School Corporation, Plainfield Parks, Walmart for food donations, Coachman for food and Kiwanis for service. And if there are any of you that did not receive one of our coins, let me know.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay, thank you. Chief McKee, anything from the Police Department?

Mr. McKee: Yes, as you know, we've been on a long journey to try to find a body camera that works and you received an email that we're at a stalemate at this point, and I need direction on how to move forward at this point.

Mr. Brandgard: I think we have a... police have been operational without cameras for some time and the car cameras are not highly reliable anymore either and the new system will serve both as a body cam and also the requirement for the police, the vehicle itself. I know we have an issue with the contract, but at the same time we need to get these on the street and I think I would recommend approval of that contract but continue working to see if we can get it fixed

for the next round. But I think, unfortunately, at this point, Motorola is the only game in town, and we've fought them before with the Communications Center. We won on that one, but this one, it's not going to happen. But I would recommend approval.

Mr. Kirchoff: So moved

Mr. Bridget: Second

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to approve the contract with the Town and Motorola to supply body cams for the Plainfield Police Department.

Mr. Daniel: Do you want to authorize someone to sign that Robin, so we don't have to wait for the next meeting?

Mr. Kirchoff: Authorize the Council President.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay, with the Council President authorized to sign the agreement, if there's no further discussion, all those in favor signify by aye.

(All ayes)

Mr. Brandgard: Opposed? Motion carried, thank you.

Mr. McKee: Thank you, appreciate it.

Mr. Brandgard: Steve, anything from the financial side? Eric, anything on Planning and Zoning? Bill, anything from IT? Anything from Facilities? Anything from the Development side, Todd?

Mr. Cook: Yes, thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: See, I found you back there this time.

Mr. Cook: I wasn't hiding, Planning threw me off...

Mr. Brandgard: Well, Planning/Development

Mr. Cook: That's right. I just wanted to touch base again on the idea that it's rental income tax credit application season for the housing developers and we've got a number of projects looking at us. I think maybe as many as three will submit. The IHEDA has a very competitive scoring for those applications. There's an opportunity for the Town to contribute. They get an extra point on their scorecard if the Town has contributed 1% of the total development cost of the project, and that can be satisfied in a number of ways. Probably the most common way would be to create a Tax Abatement for the Real Property investment. So, if it's, you know, a \$15 million project, then you know, we'd be providing a Tax Abatement that would be valued at \$150,000, basically. But that could also be satisfied, for instance, if we had some excess right-of-way that we wanted to contribute to the project, it could be done that way too. We don't really have, in our Tax Abatement policy, something that addresses this type of situation, so we want to be able to help these developers; provide competitive scoring for their submittal, enhance our chances to land one of these projects. We would like to treat them all equally, not picking winners and losers that way. So, we were hoping that you would consent to offer that 1% incentive for the proposals for the tax credit applications to IHEDA.

Mr. Brandgard: I think we can do this on consent because if anything develops, they would have to come back in here for approval of a specific project. Do we have consent to move forward?

(Consent is given)

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you, Sir.

Mr. Cook: Thank you

Mr. Brandgard: Bent, anything from Parks and Rec.? Scott, Transportation?

Mr. Singleton: Yes, thank you. I did want to update the Council on a couple of key roadway changes that are coming up this coming couple of weeks. Mark, are you able to pull up the screen? So, this (inaudible), but the Raceway Road project has gotten to a point where the contractor is ready to move into what we would call a "Phase 2". As part of Phase 2 they have to close down Raceway Road between Bradford Road and U.S. 40. That is because they have to take the old intersection out, all of the signal equipment, and then also install the new signal equipment and complete the widening for U.S. 40 before they can get that all finished up. And then also, tie in the road at Bradford Road. During that time the detour will be going to Bradford Road, to Ronald Reagan, to Main Street. And then obviously reverse, depending on your direction. All of that will get signed and that is expected to go into effect on Monday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, so a week from today. Probably morning rush hour, it will be available and then during the day they'll close that down. Which happens to also be the first day of school for Avon, which is unfortunate timing maybe, but there's not a lot of students in there and they do know about it, so they're prepared to have that change in effect. As part of that, the Council approved in investing in this new approach, I should say, for relaying some information for the public, which is called Map GIS, or Story Mapping. So, this is something that Banning Engineering has put together on our behalf. And what it is, it's an interactive website that goes through and kind of tells the history of the area. As you all know, we're investing in streetscaping, some monumentation at this point, and it's really tied to the old history of the Old National Road that runs through the area. This is intended to kind of highlight this for the public so that they better understand some of the improvements that are coming and why the Town has invested in it. Let's scroll through this a little bit. So, you go to the website and the plan is for Stephanie to, through the release of information about closing the road, also send links to let people follow it and come to this website if they want to learn a little more about what we're doing. At this point, it just shows a picture of the downtown. What it will be replaced with is a time lapse video of the construction when we're complete. We're not there yet, obviously. Over here you can come and scroll, and the pictures will change as you go through and you've got the history of the Old National Road; several links that you can follow, and you can pull up different pictures. As you go through, it will show you the original road section and shows you how it was built. It talks about that, it talks about, you now, the improvement of the car. Banning found this nice video, I'm going to try and run it. Hopefully we can hear it. This is about the VanBuren story that we all are probably fairly familiar with. Do we have any volume?

(Video plays)

Mr. Singleton: We thought that was a great find by them. And we even put on there the story, we don't know that it's historically accurate, but at a minimum, it got an elementary school named after him here in Plainfield.

Mr. Brandgard: Whether it's historically accurate or not, that's the story I've heard all my life.

Mr. Singleton: It's part of our history now.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah

Mr. Singleton: So anyway, some good stuff to kind of dig into and some additional links and then obviously as we get down it talks about why we're reconstructing; it talks about the Economic Development, the entry way and just the profound vision for that area. And then it also gives information about what the project is going to look like, it starts to show those outlets. It even starts to show, and you can come into the map at this point and zoom in, but it starts to show the future plan that we're also going to be talking about in the coming weeks, which is to start the process to get this south. I think it's a neat tool; it's the first time we've ever used it. Again, it kind of shows the schematic of what we're going to end up with and also talks about the design decisions and what some of these things mean about the streetscape and the viewscape of the Old National alignment. We'll see if we get some positive feedback, but I want you all to know that we're kind of pushing this out for the public consumption as part of this effort. Any questions about that?

Mr. Brandgard: All I'd say is, thank you. That's...

Mr. Singleton: And then one thing that I didn't have in my report, I should have, and I should have followed up before today, but I didn't get an answer... I know the County's closure of Stanley Road is coming up. It was scheduled for the first part of August, that's all I had been informed about. Stanley Road, they're replacing the Bridge on Stanley Road, just west of SR 267. They were supposed to start the first of August...

Mr. Brandgard: Oh, really?

Mr. Singleton: ...but I don't exactly have a firm date of when that was going to occur.

Mr. Singleton: Sorry, second, yeah.

Mr. Brandgard: Second Bridge?

Mr. Singleton: It's the one with the pedestrian bridge right next to it.

Mr. Brandgard: Oh, okay.

Mr. Singleton: So, they're not touching our pedestrian bridge, they're just replacing the road bridge. They say it's going to be opened this year. That's a pretty quick duration if you ask me, we'll see, but that's their plan.

Mr. Kirchoff: Have we sent any notification out?

Mr. Singleton: Not public, no. No, we've had it in reports before but that's why we're getting ready to get better detailed information so that we can start pushing that out and the detour signs will be going up soon. I don't know if they've put a sign up, usually they have two-week signs.

Mr. Kirchoff: I was there yesterday, and I didn't see any signs.

Mr. Singleton: Yeah, well, the school knows about it. I can't recall if I reviewed that one with emergency services earlier on in the seasons when we talked, but that's all... it's a County closure, but we're going to help get the word out the best we can once we know a firm date on when they plan to do it. But it is coming up and I need to get the plans from them and better publicize.

Mr. Bridget: Yeah, that's a well-traveled road.

Mr. Singleton: Absolutely

Mr. Bridget: We need to get the information out as soon as we can.

Mr. Singleton: For sure, and of course, all of these dates, even for the Raceway closure and everything, is (inaudible). We'll stay in touch with your social media to help get the word out. All right, that's all I have, thank you.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. I think... Scott, the way you show what you're doing on the East Gateway, that's kind of an innovative piece, I think. To show the public and the history of what we're doing out there. That may be something that we ought to look at... there ought to be some recognition somewhere we can get for doing that.

Mr. Singleton: Okay, we can certainly look into that. Doing some applications and things?

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah, yes.

Mr. Kirchoff: My thought process was, you've raised the bar.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah

Ms. Singh: It wasn't me

Mr. Singleton: Not me

Mr. Brandgard: It wasn't you, but he just threw it to you.

Mr. Singleton: You guys approved it.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah

Mr. Singleton: Everything takes a little money.

Mr. Brandgard: Yeah

Mr. Singleton: But hopefully we'll find this is a good investment and we get a lot of positive feedback so that we can decide whether we want to continue to generate this kind of public information pieces.

Mr. Bridget: Thank you, Scott.

Mr. Singleton: Thank you

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. Doug, anything from the Communications Center? Okay, and while I've got you, I need to talk to you before you get out of here, later. Jason, anything from Public Works?

Mr. Castetter: Scott's presentation, he showed a "Welcome to Plainfield" sign there and it was nice bright and red, so it must have been an older sign. To go along with that, I was asked late last year to take a look at getting the welcome signs and the wayfinding signs painted. So, in my report, you probably saw a quote that I received from Sign Solutions. Lee Faulkner is the owner of the company and he put the sign package together several years ago and I received a quote. So, what I'm asking tonight from the Council, is to approve his quote in the amount of \$20,790 to go out on these signs and get them painted in their spot. They won't be taking them down, they're going to paint them as they stand. It's about \$545 per sign, so I think it's priced fair.

Mr. Brandgard: Based on what we've seen before, that's pretty reasonable.

Mr. Castetter: I've talked to Nate and Andrew, it's unbudgeted, but we're going to look and see if we can find the funds either in MVH or maybe another funding.

Mr. Brandgard: We probably need a motion because we're going to have to put it as subject to funding.

Mr. Kirchoff: I would so move

Mr. Angle: I'll second

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to enter in an agreement with Sign Solutions to rehabilitate our wayfinding signs in an amount not to exceed \$20,790, subject to finding the money to do it with.

Mr. Castetter: And I'll have that in my report for you.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay

Mr. Angle: Did he say how long it would take?

Mr. Castetter: I didn't get into the details with him yet. He provided a quote... Everybody is busy. I'm hoping he gets out here rather quickly and has it done before winter sets in or we'll be right back where we were when you asked the question late last fall.

Mr. Klinger: Obviously it's weather dependent, right? I mean they're painting outside.

Mr. Castetter: Yeah, and I don't think anybody wanted to be out there last week painting those signs. But yeah, we definitely need it painted before the winter.

Mr. Brandgard: If there's no further discussion, all those in favor signify by aye.

(All ayes)

Mr. Brandgard: Opposed? Motion carried.

Mr. Castetter: Thank you

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you. Nate, anything from Administrative Services? Stephanie, anything from Communications? Is there any staff member I may have missed? Is there anybody else that wants another chance?

Mr. Dyson: Sorry, last Friday I had a call with Doug from Baker-Tilly about the Utility Rate Studies and I know he's been here and given a presentation once. I think we finally have the revised and final recommendations from those studies, I received those last Friday night. I wanted to let you know that, but also, to let you know, or to ask really, what you want to do from this point forward. Do you want Baker-Tilly to come back and present the new numbers? Do you just want me to give those, have them come to answer questions?

Mr. Brandgard: I'd say you just present it to us; we've seen the presentation and they're just refining the numbers.

Mr. Kirchoff: Put it in the box and we can look at it ahead of time.

Mr. Dyson: Okay. Do we need to have the Utility meetings prior to...?

(inaudible)

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, it's got to go in front of the Water Boards.

Mr. Dyson: Okay, well, I'll let you guys figure that out.

Mr. Klinger: We'll have to notice that separately

Mr. Dyson: Okay, all right, thank you.

Mr. Kirchoff: Steve, as you're heading back, too, before you leave, I have a couple of financial questions for you afterward.

Mr. Dyson: Okay

Mr. Brandgard: Brad, anything from the Chamber?

#### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Brandgard: Town Manager?

Mr. Klinger: I think based on the feedback we got from work session, I think we're okay to proceed with what we're working on with the Rebar project, as well as with the Town Hall. Are you comfortable, Dave, with the directions? Though, I don't think there's any additional action that we need this evening, so I think that's all I have.

Mr. Brandgard: Good, thank you.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Brandgard: Kent, any old business?

Mr. McPhail: No, Sir.



Mr. Brandgard: Lance?

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Brandgard: New business? New business?

Mr. Kirchoff: No, I'll just get with staff on a couple of issues afterward, nothing.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay

**RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Brandgard: We have one Resolution and one Ordinance this evening. The Resolution is Resolution No. 2019-32 – A Resolution Preliminarily Designating Economic Revitalization Area and Qualifying Certain Personal Property and Improvements for Tax Abatement – Ingram Micro Services, LLC. I'd entertain a motion to approve said Resolution.

Mr. Angle: I'll move to approve

Mr. Kirchoff: Second

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to approve Resolution No. 2019-32. If there's no further discussion, roll call vote please.

- Mr. Todisco: Mr. Bridget- yes
- Mr. Angle- yes
- Mr. Kirchoff- yes
- Mr. McPhail- yes
- Mr. Brandgard- yes

Plainfield Town Council Resolution No. 2019-32 is adopted.

**ORDINANCES**

Mr. Brandgard: We have one Ordinance that requires a Single Reading, it's Ordinance No. 16-2019 – An Ordinance Approving Additional Appropriations – Employee Appreciation Fund.

Mr. Bridget: So moved

Mr. McPhail: Second

Mr. Brandgard: We have a motion and a second to approve the Single Reading of Ordinance No. 16-2019. If there's no further discussion, roll call vote please.

- Mr. Todisco: Mr. Bridget- yes
- Mr. Angle- yes
- Mr. Kirchoff- yes
- Mr. McPhail- yes
- Mr. Brandgard- yes

Single Reading of Plainfield Ordinance No. 16-2019 is approved.

Mr. Brandgard: Thank you

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Brandgard: Is there anything else that needs to come before the Council?

Mr. Kirchoff: I assume we'll be getting details about the work session on the 3<sup>rd</sup>? The I-70 work session?

Mr. Klinger: Yes, yes, the tour.

Mr. Brandgard: The tour?

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, and I don't think we've got a Parks work session set yet, do we? We're still working on that, so we'll get you more information on that as well.

Mr. Brandgard: Okay, good.

Mr. Angle: Mr. President, one other quick item I'd like to bring up; I know in our last Council meeting we addressed a flooding issue on Saratoga Parkway, and we are doing a study to make sure that we address that. So, we had some pretty heavy rain on Sunday evening, right around 6:00-6:30 and it happened again. I don't know if anybody was notified, but... more of an FYI, I think, than anything else, that it continues to be a challenge.

Mr. Brandgard: I think any time you have a rain like that it's going to be a challenge. The sewer systems in various parts of town can't... we didn't design for that much rain.

Mr. Angle: Well, I don't disagree, but I don't want to dismiss what's happening.

Mr. Brandgard: Oh no, oh no.

Mr. Klinger: Yeah, there's definitely an issue there.

Mr. Bridget: Jason, would you like to share?

Mr. Castetter: Did you say Saratoga Parkway got flooded?

Mr. Angle: Yes

Mr. Castetter: I had guys out last night that went through Saratoga Parkway and they said actually that that area in the past that has flooded, didn't flood.

Mr. Angle: Well, I took video, so I'd be happy to share.

Mr. Castetter: I wasn't denying your claim, I'm questioning you.

Mr. Angle: It flooded but it moved through a lot faster this time than the last time. Because we had some blockages I think and... but I think it dissipated quicker this time around, but it definitely flooded. And the trail in particular, off to the side, stays flooded for an extended period of time.

Mr. Castetter: We had three inches, as well as some people reported five inches, in an hour and a half.

Mr. Angle: Yeah

Mr. Castetter: So, it was a significant rain event and yeah, you just can't build storm pipes to handle that kind of rain event, but we are aware of the problematic areas and we're looking into them. I was actually running cameras down at a couple of places to see if there's blockages and things like that. You may remember a few year ago, we had a beach ball in a manhole that laid there; when the water came up, it came up and blocked the pipe. When the water went down, it went back down. We have things that we find in storm sewers so we're looking into those to see if we can try to resolve it.

Mr. Angle: And I appreciate that, there's no doubt about it. I will add that I saw a few residents trying to do cleaning of the inlets and stuff on the street and that made me a little concerned because the water was up over the sidewalk. So, I don't know if maybe a public message might be necessary, about the safety that people need to observe when it comes to that kind of stuff. Anyway, thank you again, I appreciate it.

Mr. Castetter: We can definitely get something out pertaining to that. When you see it on the news and stuff, you don't pay attention to it. You hear the horror stories of cleaning out and getting sucked into the pipe or something like that... but the good thing about these, they're street protected, they have an inlet, they're covered on the street. But that's not to say that you can't get pinned down under water at one of those, so we'll get with Stephanie and see if (inaudible)

Mr. Angle: Thank you, I really appreciate it.

Mr. Brandgard: Jason, just as a... my gauge had three inches. My son's gauge, he lives out there, he had four inches, out along Saratoga.

Mr. Todisco: We had five

Mr. Castetter: Just west of here they got like (inaudible)

Mr. Brandgard: Thanks for bringing that up. I was thinking about that during the rain.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

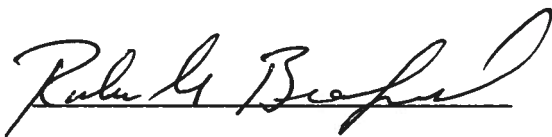
Mr. Brandgard: If there's nothing else, I'd entertain a motion to sign the documents requiring signature and adjourn.

Mr. Angle: I move to approve.

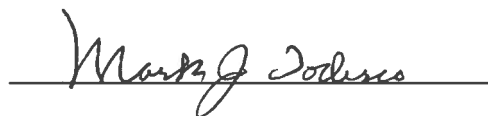
Mr. Brandgard: all those in favor signify by aye

(All ayes)

Mr. Brandgard: Mr. Brandgard: Opposed? Motion carried, thank you.



Robin G. Brandgard, President



Mark J. Todisco, Clerk-Treasurer

