

PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

October 9, 2023

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kirchoff: Plainfield Town Council for Monday, October 9, 2023, is now in session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Kirchoff: Would you stand with me and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

ROLL CALL TO DETERMINE QUORUM

Mr. Kirchoff: Mr. Brandgard is on a well-deserved vacation in Florida, but we do have four of our members here tonight and we have a quorum for conducting business.

CHECK PRESENTATION

Mr. Kirchoff: We have a couple of presentations to make. Right, Stephanie? Tonight, we have the honor of celebrating the positive ripple effect created by the success of the Back Your Badge Marathon. Which was what, a week ago Saturday? Does that sound right? The marathon not only brought our community together but also aimed to make a lasting impact through its proceeds. Right now, I'd like to invite representatives from our two notable organizations, Hendricks College Network and Plainfield Youth Assistance Program to come and join me here at the podium. The Hendricks College Network, also known as HCN and Plainfield Assistance Program, were chosen as beneficiaries for the Back Your Badge Marathon. Tonight, we're proud to present them with checks that represent the positive change this event has made on our community. Hendricks College Network will receive proceeds from the marathon to support a paramedics scholarship program. This program is designed to alleviate the financial burden on aspiring paramedic students that costs roughly \$8,000 to attend the paramedic school. Typically, government student loans are not accepted for that cost, so it can make it challenging for students to pursue that essential career path. With this \$4,000 check, Hendricks College Network will be able to actively reduce the financial burden and empower students to embark on this critical educational journey. So, here we are – this is the largest check I've ever signed.

(applause)

(pictures are taken)

Ms. Perrill: (inaudible) they were in the hallway working on (inaudible).

Mr. Kirchoff: Well, cool. Very timely, very timely. The Plainfield Youth Assistance Program will receive a check for \$1,000 to further their mission of addressing the developmental needs of our youth. Their invaluable work engages family support, mitigates complex situations, and maximizes the potential for healthy development and stability in our community's young minds.

(applause)

(pictures are taken)

Mr. Kirchoff: Would you young ladies like to make any other comments?

Ms. Hovermale: (no microphone) (inaudible) just honored and blessed to be able to be part of (inaudible).

Mr. Kirchoff: Well, we appreciate what you do. Anything else you want to say?

Ms. Perrill: Yeah, I just wanted to share that I'm really proud of the town and really proud of our friends at MADE – especially you, Greg, and your hard work in this. Honoring our public safety personnel and doing it in a way that everyone can join in is so important. We hope that Hendricks College Network takes some of the dollars that we have in our coffers to help match some of this and help those students who continue to be successful in all the things that they're doing, connect them with mentors in our community – which are many of you – and make sure we have the public safety personnel taking care of us in the ways that we will hopefully never need. Thank you.

Mr. Kirchoff: Thank you. Congratulations.

COMMUNITY OF VALUES STAFF AWARD

Mr. Kirchoff: Jared, I believe, has a presentation to...

Mr. McKee: Continuing with Back Your Badge, if I could have Greg Williams come forward, please. Tonight, we'd like to celebrate one of our own who has truly exemplified the Town of Plainfield's community values. Our community's strength lies in the dedication and hard work of individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty to make Plainfield an exceptional place to live, work, and play. Tonight, we are here to recognize and honor Greg Williams, Deputy Chief Administration for the Plainfield Fire Territory. It is with great pleasure and immense pride that we present the town of Plainfield Community Values Staff Award to Deputy Chief Williams. This award acknowledges and celebrates his outstanding dedication, vision, and tireless efforts that have had a profound impact on our community. Greg typically is responsible for administrative duties with the Fire Territory but had an extraordinary vision for the Town of Plainfield to bring a full marathon here to our community. But it wasn't just a vision. He turned it into reality. In its very first year, the Back Your Badge Marathon saw over 840 participants. This event not only showcased our town but also united all of our town departments and fostered support for our fire territory, our police department, and our Hendricks County Communications Center 9-1-1 operators. Greg's dedication to this endeavor went far beyond the call of duty. He devoted countless hours, meticulously planning and flawless execution, ensuring that the Back Your Badge Marathon was a premier racing event in the Town of Plainfield. His efforts were instrumental in bringing together all town departments, making this truly outstanding. It is said that a community is only as strong as the bonds that hold it together, and Greg Williams has exemplified what it is and means to strengthen our community. Your vision, dedication, and commitment have left an indelible mark on the Town of Plainfield, and for that, we are immensely grateful. On behalf of the Town Council and the entire community, I proudly present you with the Town of Plainfield Community of Values Staff Award. May it serve as a symbol of our appreciation for your exceptional contribution to our town.

(applause)

(pictures are taken)

Mr. Kirchoff: Would you like to share a few words, Greg?

Mr. Williams: I just - a couple of highlights I wrote down to share with everybody, of what actually occurred on that day. So, we had, like – Jared said we had 848 participants that day – or 848 participants between all the distances, so we had 140 kids run, almost 400 5k-ers, 228 half marathoners, and 81 marathoners ran across the town that day. Overwhelmingly we've heard

tremendous things about the town, the trails, all the things that they had showcased across that. One of the biggest things that a marathon brings is it brings community; it brings outsiders to our community. We had 12 different states represented that day in the Town of Plainfield. It certainly couldn't have been done without all of our tremendous sponsors to help us get off the ground. Hendricks Behavioral Health and Walmart were our presenting sponsors that helped make sure that this event went off. And I certainly couldn't have done any of this without the support of Plainfield Parks and DPW. They were a tremendous help to make sure that all this happened. And I'd just like to thank you guys for helping make this happen for this year.

Mr. Kirchoff: It was awesome.

Mr. Williams: Thank you.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Kirchoff: Our consent agenda tonight:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Town Council meeting of September 25, 2023.
2. Approval of the Accounts Payable Docket of Expenditures and the Affidavit(s) of Payroll, per the Clerk-Treasurer's Report.
3. Approval of the Human Resources Report dated October 6, 2023.
4. Approval to opt-in to proposed settlement agreements with 3M and DuPont relating to PFAS litigation, per the Town Manager's Report
5. Approval of the Supplemental Amendment to the Agreement for Professional Services with Levin & Papantonio, et al. relating to Opioid litigation settlements, per the Town Manager's Report.
6. Approval to appoint Susan Rozzi to the Economic Development Commission, per the Town Manager's Report.
7. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with The National Fallen Firefighters Association, pending legal review, per the Public Safety Report.
8. Acceptance of the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement of Jared McKee, Town of Plainfield, in accordance with Indiana Code 35-44.1-1.4, per the Public Safety Report.
9. Approval to purchase a Push Camera from Jack Doheny Supply in the amount of \$8,756.32, per the Community Services Report. (Funded from Stormwater Operating Fund)
10. Approval of a contract with D & S Tree Service, in an amount not to exceed \$39,750, for tree removal, per the Community Services Report. (Funded from Stormwater Operating Fund).
11. Approval of Change Order No. 1 with Bowen Engineering, reducing the contract amount by \$200,000, for the CSO Mitigation Project, per the Development Services Report.
12. Approval of Work Order 23-05 with Banning Engineering, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000, to provide engineering site review for the Town and adjoining land along Shady Lane, per the Development Services Report. (Funded from EDIT)

developer to the town manager, a letter from a parent watching the trail, a photo of the sign noted below, and pictures of some of the damage that's been done. We have, over the last several years, been inundated with young boys (maybe 8-13) who have repeatedly cleared out the underbrush and foliage to create bike trails in the Tree Conservation Easement area. They have cut down small trees and moved naturally fallen large trees to accommodate and enhance bike ramps or jumps they then pack with deep dirt. Deep holes have been dug to accommodate this to increase the thrill of the jump. This area is indicated in blue. Last year we measured and found it to be 917 feet long and 2-3 feet wide on the east end of the sub-division. That does not include the green area that has also been just decimated. Brent Bangel of the Parks Department has been helpful in cleaning up the trail from last year, but we are again in the same situation. The bike trail has once again been re-opened, and all the jumps have been re-installed in the Tree Conservation Easement, while Augusta Woods residents continue to suffer the consequences. We are being denied peaceful enjoyment of our property. Brent Bangel visited the damaged areas designated by the green and blue areas on your map this summer and appeared to be shocked as we were at the level of destruction, including the chainsaw removal of multiple trees of 10-inch width. He has promised signs to be posted along the trail. To date, we see one sign, very small that states, "Habitat Restoration/Tree Preserve Area DO NOT MOW, SPRAY OR CUT TREES." This sign is placed at the bridge area of Saratoga Blvd. This is one of the main entrances of the bike trails but only one of them. There are a total of nine areas that have been cleaned out, and the brush taken down so as to have easy access for the bikes. This sign will not fix our problem. The Police have been called out often to clear the boys out and stop the destruction. This is where the problem lies. When the Police do come out, the response from them has been very lax, ranging from "Boys will be boys" to "Oh, you can build your clubhouse, just not the bike trails" I have spoken to the boys myself. They claim this area as their own, and unless something meaningful is done, it is not going to change. They have told me that their dad knows someone in the town government and that this person told them they could make bike trails on this property because it belongs to the town. We, as residents, have been told by the town in the past that we are not allowed to add to or take away from the Tree Conservation Easement, and yet the youth of the area are allowed to destroy the Tree Conservation Easement area for their enjoyment of the Towns property. The boys are loud and vulgar and often end up calling for help which scares the residents that adjoin the Tree Conservation Easement area. Do we call the police or not? Is someone really in redouble, or not? Recently we have had parents of the boys in question threatening residents of Augusta Woods because they have torn down the bike paths and trails and filled in the holes. A letter was recently posted at the tree line of one homeowner making threats and detailing a trail camera that the parent has posted in the Conservation area to watch out for Augusta Woods residents that are out in the woods to correct the problems. These people are not residents of Augusta Woods. Several of us have made efforts to take the trails down. Raking the leaves back onto the trail, taking the logs off the trails, hoping that the kids would move on, but nothing we have done over the past two years has changed this situation, and I am begging you to look into this issue and come up with a solution that protects the homeowners. We purchased our properties knowing we had a buffer between the trail and our homes. We are currently being deprived of the use of our outdoor space because of the activity going on less than ten feet from our back doors. We request that you preserve the conservation area by forbidding the destruction of it. In closing, I would like to say that I can't imagine kids or adults being able to cut down trees at the police department or government office or any of the parks just because it's town property. Why must we be subjected to the noise and trash and deprived of the peaceful use of our property? This problem has only presented itself since the new development west of us was built out. I have lived in Augusta Woods for over 16 years, and we have never had a problem that the town has left unaddressed for so long. This problem continues to get worse the longer it is allowed to continue thank you very much for your time.

Mr. Kirchoff: Thank you for coming in. I guess I look to Al. This Assistant Town Manager has both Parks and Rec and DPW. He's where you'll want to start.

Ms. Dummel: Well, we need to get something done.

Mr. Kirchoff: Thank you for coming in.

Ms. Dummel: Thank you.

Mr. Kirchoff: Any other business from the floor tonight?

(Brief pause)

Mr. Kirchoff: Seeing none, we'll move on. We have a public hearing tonight for the Additional Appropriation of the Nature Preserve & General Fund. Steve, do you have...?

(Brief pause)

Mr. Kirchoff: Yes, come on, please.

Mr. James: Hi, my name is Anthony James. I'm the Regional Director for HSN. Our facility here in Plainfield is Plainfield Healthcare. The address is 3700 Clarks Creek Road. I run – I'm the Regional Manager – I run facilities from northern Indianapolis, all the way down to Nashville, Tennessee. So, I have my hands full. What I'm coming here for today is, the last few months, we had a massive water leak at our facility – an under-slab water leak. It took us a while to find the water leak. When I contacted AI, I was looking for some type of break in our water bill. AI informed me that that wasn't possible; that I would need to come in and address the issue with you guys. We are considered a facility for overflow for COVID – which our facility was full last year, taking the people from Hendricks Hospital. With a full facility, 180 beds full, our water bill is not as high as it is now. We showed, we proved, and we have video and pictures of where this water leak – one leak has been fixed and now we have another one. So, the last two months, just our water bill at that facility is \$16,000, in two months – which is over half of what it was last year, double what it was last year when we were completely full. I'm looking for some type of reprieve for the facility. I'm representing our facility. I don't think it's fair that we are having to pay the sewage bill; I'm not having an issue with the water bill. I do have an issue with paying sewage on what we know is under the slab. We've also had the State Board of Health that's been involved with the facility in that regard. I have that letter and that documentation here as well. I have the documentation that we gave to the State Board of Health, over the leakage. Somewhere I'd like to see some type of resolution here because just to fix the initial water leak was over \$40,000. They had to break the slab up. We've had to do that twice now. Now we have another company come in (inaudible); they're locally here in Plainfield, just out by the airport, and they've just come up from Louisville, KY, just opened this office up here, and they specialize in underground water leaks. So, they'll be in that facility within the next few weeks, trying to figure out where – we found the hot water; it was a lot easier to find the hot water side than it is the cold water coming in. So, we're in the process of that. The metering device that they have, the electronic meter, you can't go out and shut everything off at the building and go out and watch the meter and see what happens. You can't do it; you'd be sitting there forever watching that meter. Whereas with the old ones, you could see the dial spin. Anything you want to add, AI? I mean, we've had in-depth conversations over...

Mr. Geans: He approached the town asking for relief, and our policy addresses residential properties. We take an average of their 6-month total for the sewer bill, and we normally do not discount the water, but the sewer bill we take an average of the 6-month total, and then that difference we divide it in half, and that resident would be responsible. But we do not address the commercial side, which we plan to amend our policy in the future, but we don't address the commercial side. So, the way we do it for residential would be the average of 6-months, and then 50% of the leftover total. And we will be asking the council to approve that for commercial facilities.

Mr. Kirchoff: I have an idea, but how much are we talking?

Mr. James: as far as – I'd say 20%. At least 20% (inaudible)...

Mr. Kirchoff: No, I mean, in order of magnitude, is it \$1,000, \$5,000...?

Mr. James: I'd say \$3,000 per bill. I actually got – like I said, last year the bills – I can show, let me find it in here – last year bills at the facility were averaging \$5,000 with the full facility, with COVID patients. So, our usage was twice what would be today.

Mr. Kirchoff: Yeah

Mr. James: And those bills were averaging around \$5,000 a month. The last two months, it's been over \$8,000.

Mr. Kirchoff: Is that just the sewer?

Mr. James: Well, it's sewer and water combined.

Mr. Kirchoff: Combined

Mr. Bridget: So, 50% of his charge is sewer?

Mr. James: It's – actually I have the – is it Angela?

Mr. Geans: Our policy does not address (inaudible) relief on the water side. We normally give it only on the sewer side.

Mr. James: And I'm not even asking for the water. He and I spoke about that. We know we used the water because we had the leak, but we didn't use the sewer.

Mr. Bridget: So, using your numbers, you went from \$5,000 to \$8,000.

Mr. James: Yes

Mr. Bridget: So, it's a \$3,000 delta, and you're asking for relief (inaudible)?

Mr. James: No, I'm asking \$3,000 on both last month's bill and this month's bill.

Mr. Kirchoff: Yeah, so, roughly \$6,000?

Mr. James: Right

Mr. Geans: So, what I would ask is, if we're consistent with the policy that we use for residential, that we take his 6-month average – because I have his 6-month average as around \$2,600...

Mr. Kirchoff: Okay

Mr. Geans: And then whatever the difference is, we add that 50%, just like (inaudible)...

(inaudible)

Mr. Geans: ...and then we will come up with that figure.

Mr. James: And we're not asking to have like a check or anything. We just want it credited to our account...

Mr. Kirchoff: I understand.

Mr. James: But again, if you guys want, this is from July – is that last year 22' – yeah, that's 22' and this is 23'. So, you can see where our bill is here. This is July, and then you can see at the end of July is where we're having issues with the...

Mr. Kirchoff: We don't need exact numbers tonight. I just think, essentially, if we agree as a council – does it take a motion?

Mr. Daniel: It does, and the town, when AI goes through the analysis and the figure, then the town can approve the amount, yes.

Mr. James: And again, we're not asking – we're just looking for a credit to the account.

Mr. Kirchoff: I understand.

Mr. James: The powers that are above me are saying – and I apologize (inaudible), we just had a sprinkler rupture, so myself and Devon, our Maintenance Director have been busy with that.

Mr. Kirchoff: I think the simple way is we want to apply the existing residential policy to this (inaudible). Is that fair? So, should we just simply authorize...?

Mr. Bridget: I make a motion that we apply our standard residential relief to this situation.

Mr. Angle: I second.

Mr. Kirchoff: We have a motion and a second to apply our standard residential adjustment policy for his request, and then Al can come back and give us a definitive number, and we can give that final approval.

Mr. James: And again, I actually have a professional company coming in – we've done everything we can do to find this leak – so, again, I should have them there this week, and basically, they'll ground scan our entire building. It's roughly 84,000 square feet.

Mr. Kirchoff: Let me get a vote and we'll get it done.

Mr. James: You guys are awesome.

Mr. Kirchoff: Everybody in favor, indicate by saying aye.

(All ayes)

Mr. Kirchoff: Opposed?

(Brief pause)

Mr. Kirchoff: You are so authorized. Thank you for coming in.

Mr. James: Thank you for getting me here.

Mr. Kirchoff: Any other business from the floor?

(Brief pause)

Mr. Kirchoff: Thank you again.

Mr. James: Thank you.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mr. Kirchoff: Steve, would you like to address us about the additional appropriation?

Mr. Dyson: The additional appropriation is for two different funds. First, the Nature Preserve Fund in the amount of \$125,000. This is for south of I-70, environmental management services, the nature park trail mapping and signage, a silo structural study and other engineering assistance. The General Fund is made up of two pieces; one is for admin, and one is for the police department. Both of these are just for anticipated shortfalls in the budget for the remainder of the year. The admin amount is \$100,000; the police amount is \$260,000. Questions?

Mr. Kirchoff: Questions for Steve?

(Brief pause)

Mr. Kirchoff: Thank you. This is a public hearing. Is there anyone in the audience that would like to speak to us tonight about this request?

(Brief pause)

Mr. Kirchoff: Again, this is a public hearing on additional appropriation for the Nature Preserve and the General Fund.

(Brief pause)

Mr. Kirchoff: Seeing none, we'll close the public hearing.

BID AWARD

Mr. Kirchoff: Do we have anyone here who would like to address our Town-Wide Cleaning Services?

Mr. Lahey: On behalf of the town, I'm David Lahey from Butler, Fairman, Seufert – I was asked to advise you of the outcome of the evaluations of the sealed proposals for the Town-Wide Cleaning Services. What we found was there were two bids that were complete in all respects. One of them was the low bidder, which was D1 Restoration, LLC, in the amount of \$25,440 per month. The engineer's estimate was \$30,000 per month. The detailed specifications within the project manual outlined the potential terms of the agreement. The detailed specifications state that the agreement shall be for one year, commencing on January 1st of 2024, terminating at year's end December 31st of 2024; automatically renewable for one additional year, and then totally at the town's discretion to be reviewed for an additional year beyond that. In summary, I recommend issuing the attached award in the amount of \$25,440 per month to D1 Restoration, LLC, on the basis of the base bid. And I have with me three counterparts of such notice.

Mr. Kirchoff: We have a recommendation. Do we have a motion?

Mr. McPhail: I move that we accept the recommendation of the committee and award the contract in the amount of \$25,440 per month.

Mr. Bridget: Second

Mr. Kirchoff: A motion and a second the accept the recommendation to award the contract to D1 Restoration, LLC, in the amount of \$25,440 per month. Any other comments? If not, all those in favor indicate by saying aye.

(All ayes)

Mr. Kirchoff: Opposed?

(Brief pause)

Mr. Kirchoff: Thank you, David.

Mr. Lahey: Thank you.

TOWN MANAGER AND STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Kirchoff: Mr. Tim?

Mr. Belcher: Yeah, thank you. I'm filling in for Andrew this week, and I have a few things; introductions, reports, and some really good updates, I think, for the council. I'll just let them go through what's on the agenda. Thank you. Al, you're up.

Mr. Geans: Good evening again, council. I'd like to introduce Matthew Woolard. He is our Assistant Parks Director. Matthew comes to us from Madison, Indiana Parks, where he ran their parks. Matthew, if you could come up and say a few words. We are excited to have him; he brings a lot of quality experience to our operation.

Mr. Kirchoff: Good evening.

Mr. Woolard: Council, good evening. I appreciate you allowing me to be here and the opportunity to serve the Town of Plainfield. As Mr. Geans said, I come from a background of parks and recreation. I've spent the last three years serving as Director of Parks and Recreation to the city of Madison, Indiana, under Mayor Bob Courtney. So, coming here, I'd like to replicate a lot of the successes that we've had down there. We were able to eliminate a lot of our deficiencies, really get into our data management softwares and programs that we had going on, increase all of our youth participation numbers throughout all of our youth sports and such, and really just increase our revenues to all-time highs. And so, I'd like to see that similar strategy put in place here with our recreation and aquatic center, continue to activate new spaces, and bring innovative programming to the Town of Plainfield. So, thank you and I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

Mr. Kirchoff: Welcome

Mr. Angle: Welcome aboard.

Mr. Woolard: Do you have any questions for me?

Mr. Angle: Glad to have you.

Mr. Woolard: Thank you.

Mr. Kirchoff: The last name did seem a bit familiar.

Mr. Belcher: Jared?

Mr. McKee: Last meeting, you were able to interview Renee Tomlinson. Today was her first day and we're glad to have her as the new HCCC Director.

Ms. Tomlinson: I wasn't prepared to talk, and I hope that my actions throughout the next coming months will show you that you chose the right candidate.

Mr. Angle: Well, congratulations. Welcome.

Ms. Tomlinson: Thank you.

Mr. McKee: I'm back. This will be the last time I talk about Back Your Badge for at least 30 days. So, we have completed our after-action review of the race. It was very successful. We're looking to next year; we would like to hold next year's race on September 22, 2024, which will be the day after the Quaker Day Parade. So, talking to everyone, it's hard to do back-to-back events two weekends in a row. We think we can bring all of the materials in on Friday and then just continue on through the weekend. So, our kids' race would be at Quaker Day, so all these kids will be able run in front of the thousands of people that are lining U.S. 40; they run down U.S. 40. And then Sunday morning would start our race event. So, I would like consent to hold it on the 22nd so we can begin advertising as soon as possible.

(Council gives consent)

Mr. McKee: Thank you.

Mr. Kirchoff: Well done, thank you.

Mr. Belcher: Stephanie has a little update on the International Festival.

Ms. Singh: I just want to show a quick little video. It's a reel we shared on Instagram on Saturday. So, if you weren't there, hopefully you can see this video – no audio, but you get the gist of it. So, that just shows the activity that was taking place at Perry Crossing on Saturday. I'm up here to thank the town for their continued support of this great event. This was the 4th annual, and we had more food vendors there this year than ever before. It was hard to track how many people attended this year, just because there were multiple ways to enter the festival, other than at Talon Stream. So, we believe that we had around 1,800 people come to this event this year. It was very windy, but people braved the chill and the wind. And so, we were excited to have this event. Andrew was a strong component of changing the location this year, and I think I've got nothing but great reviews on the change. I think we received more incidental traffic this year than ever before. Obviously, you have to be intentional to go to Talon Stream for an event like this. And so, next year, we're really excited to possibly change the date to April. As Jared just said, we have lots of events taking place in September, and it's hard to do a quick turnaround. And on top of that, we had about four other festivals going on just in this county on Saturday. So, there's a lot of competition in the fall for festivals and things like that. So, we're thinking about changing it to April, which might catch the solar eclipse crowd next year. So, we're exploring those options. I also wanted to share, just last week – this is a glass award, so I don't want to break it – I did bring the Monumental Award. The town received the Achievement Award for Innovative Reuse, for the Prewitt Theater, the town, Veridus Group, and Keller Huff Group. And so, Kendra and Dale attended the Monumental Awards Wednesday, and we did receive that. So, I wanted to share that with you guys too.

Mr. Kirchoff: Two comments I would make, the International Festival was wonderful. You're to be commended, and your whole committee. I mean, it was – somebody needs to be in charge of the weather...

Ms. Singh: Well, after 2021, when it was raining, I will take that wind.

Mr. Kirchoff: There you go, yeah. We didn't wear enough clothes, I tell ya. But then, just kind of a side note, you mentioned the Prewitt – there was an elderly resident in Plainfield who just passed away last week, and in his obituary, the family talked about when he was maybe 10 or 12 years old, his first job was to pop popcorn at the Prewitt Theater. I thought, what a neat history reference to something we're kind of rejuvenating – if you can say it that way. But I thought that was just a neat thing, and they talked about how he got his start popping popcorn and something else at the Prewitt Theater. So, I thought I'd share that.

Ms. Singh: Well, I was looking at dates, and we haven't even experienced one year of it being open, I think, you know, we take that for granted a little bit too. I think that's great, that the town was recognized for their efforts in getting that back to use.

Mr. Kirchoff: Thank you.

Ms. Singh: Thank you.

Mr. Belcher: As Kevin's coming up, the next item is coming from the last meeting, it's an update to the council on the gentleman that came, Dr. Wald, from the Chimney Institute on Commercial Drive. Kyle Prewitt, the police department responded immediately to the most concerns that night. So, that was fantastic. On the zoning side, Kevin's folks have responded since then, and then Bill and Kent helped us with an actual meeting with Dr. Wald. So, from here, I just kind of wanted to fill you in on how we're resting on this matter so far.

Me Whaley: Yeah, good evening. Upon learning of Dr. Wald's concerns about the Home Depot facility for trailer storage on Reeves Road, Terry Jones, our Compliance Planner, went out and inspected the property and discovered that the property is not in compliance with the Planned Unit Development that was approved for that site by the Town Council back in 2018. Terry has

been in contact with the property manager. As you probably all know, this property was owned by Duke Realty and is now owned by Prologis. And so, he was able to make contact with the new property manager. They were not aware of the conditions and commitments, as well as the PUD order for that property. So, Terry has educated them on what's required in terms of the screening and the landscaping and the way that the property is supposed to operate. He is meeting with representatives from Prologis, as well as Home Depot, the operator of the site, on a weekly basis until they get the matter resolved and get the property back into compliance. So, that's what we're looking toward right now.

Mr. Bridget: Excellent. Good work.

Mr. Whaley: Thank you.

Mr. Belcher: We will keep you updated on how it's going. Last item, not least important, but Dave Lahey will report to you on the progress on the Community Values Lantern. It's going to hopefully be at the plaza of the new Government Center and Arts Center.

Mr. Lahey: And Bri is going to assist me in holding up the panels. (inaudible) so this represents two-thirds – and I'll say it's six sides, but it's actually a cylinder, so bear with me on that – this represents two-thirds of one of the sides. It is intended to be upside down and inverted to produce the legible words upon the ground. The size of the letters are done to achieve the keystone aesthetics that is in the presented imagery as well as in that black and white of the – these panels are installed on the outside of the functioning system. There is one other panel. This one is actually right side out, so it's basically a pyramid of the values, and that would go on every other panel. And then one more handout – this would go on every other panel at the bottom as well. And that would be the town logo with the word "A Community of Values". So, what we're – there are still a few other details that we continue to work through, but we're to the point where we are ready to issue basically a notice for Steve with the vendor. This would be located, just to refresh everybody's memory, it would be located north near Center Street, north of the Arts Center, in a plaza area where Duke Energy will be recognized because they donated a significant amount of money, \$100,000, to make this lantern a reality. The intent would be that it would be made operational and ready for an unveiling in March of 2024. It seems like that's a long way away, but it's not. And so, we did want to try and get some consent to continue down this path. Each time when we got to a significant point in the process, we come before the council. So, I appreciate everybody's time and willingness to see where we're at from a status standpoint, and hope to have your consent to continue down this path and head towards an unveiling in March of 2024.

Mr. Angle: Did you also get to talk to Andrew and Robin before they left?

Mr. Lahey: Yes, I had talked to Andrew back in September, and then maybe that same week I had talked to Stephanie about this very same thing. Andrew's suggestion – he probably didn't realize but Andrew's suggestion at the time was to present it last week to the downtown policy (inaudible) committee. And then also at that time, it was revealed that Robin would be on vacation, so I was able to speak to him on Thursday about it, and he's supportive of what we're trying to do, you know, with regard to the results and (inaudible) imagery. So, both of them do support what is depicted, and it's just a matter of a few other details to bring to reality. One item in particular is – as it's depicted on these plastic panels, it will be made of stainless steel, but have basically the same keystone effect, but we would paint the stainless steel black – is one of the things that has come up over the last month or so. There are a few other details that I won't bore everybody with, but I think that's the important point, is that it will be stainless steel. It will be on a radius about 3 feet diameter circle, and pretty good height – you saw as they were holding that up. So, that's my story, and I'm sticking to it.

Mr. Bridget: Just as a side note, this project isn't nearly as simple as it appears. Projecting an image of light that far is a unique ask, and Dave has been really staying with this. Our original supplier thought they had the ability to do it, and as it turned out, it wasn't the best fit for us.

And he stuck with it and found another supplier, and what you're seeing is what the second supplier came up with. So, thank you, Dave.

Mr. Lahey: Thank you.

Mr. Kirchoff: Consent?

(Council gives consent)

Mr. Kirchoff: Appreciate it, David. It looks good.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kirchoff: Kent, any old business?

Mr. McPhail: Mr. President, I do have one item. I had the occasion to have a confrontation with Waste Management again last week, but I'm here to tell you that it turned out on a positive note, and it caused me to pen this letter to my neighborhood. I'd like to share it with you in hopes that we can maybe make this a town wide effort. I said:

“Williamsburg in the Woods Residents,

The Town of Plainfield has been working diligently with Waste Management to improve the level of service for our trash and recyclables. Progress is being made, daily schedules are being met, and new, more efficient equipment is on order to replace some of the rental equipment that is currently being used. It has been brought to my attention that some of our residents are not following proper procedure, and we continually have trash blowing in our streets and neighborhood. All trash is to be placed in tied-up bags before being placed in the container. There is to be no loose trash as it will be blown by the wind during the dumping. All containers must have the lids closed when placed at the curb for pickup. Recycle items are to be loose in the container; no bags, Cardboard boxes should be flattened, and all cardboard should be cut, if necessary, to fit properly in the container. The lid must be closed when placed at the curb for pickup. I have observed containers with overflowing boxes and other items. Items are blowing around during the dumping process and littering our neighborhood, and then we want to blame the Waste Management driver. Our covenants restrict on-street parking. However, if you have a temporary need to park on the street, be sure to not block access to your containers. Let's all do our part as we continue to work with Waste Management and their employees.”

And I was not aware that we had many residents not following procedures. I think it's probably not only in my neighborhood.

Mr. Kirchoff: I can confirm that. Al, any response?

Mr. Geans: (not at microphone) (inaudible)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kirchoff: New business?

Mr. Bridget: I don't think this is new business, but if you go down Main Street, you're going to see some glass panels on the Main Street side of the Performing Arts Center. And I know that I'm overly excited about getting this finished, but it's great to see the glass go up.

Mr. Kirchoff: It looks good.

Mr. Todisco:

Mr. Bridget – yes

Mr. Angle – yes

Mr. Kirchoff – yes

Mr. McPhail – yes

Second Reading of Plainfield Town Council Ordinance No. 32-2023 is approved.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Kirchoff: Anything else to come before us tonight?

(Brief pause)

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kirchoff: If not, I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Angle: So moved.

Mr. McPhail: Second

Mr. Kirchoff: All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(All ayes)

Mr. Kirchoff: Thank you.

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