

Special Town Council Meeting

September 5, 1985

7:30 p.m.

Rosemary A. Rascati  
Town Clerk  
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A special meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on this date. The meeting was held at the Board of Education Meeting Room, 18 Kondracki Lane. The meeting was called to order at 7:47 p.m. by Chairman Gessert. Answering present to the roll called by the Council Secretary were Council Members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Holmes, Killen, and Rys. Mr. Krupp, Mrs. Papale, and Mr. Polanski were not present for this meeting.

Chairman Gessert then states that they do have a letter from Charles Walters requesting that they waive the bid to have one of the Electric Division trucks repaired. Chairman Gessert then states that the letter says they need truck #23 repaired and the estimated cost is between \$3,800 and \$4,500. The 1973 GMC truck was purchased used in January 1983 and has 30,000 miles on it. The purchased price was \$20,000. The only other bid was a 1979 demonstrator for \$50,000. A new unit would cost from \$70,000 to \$80,000. The truck motor is presently using 6-10 quarts of oil a day and smoking severely. The motor is an unusual V6 which has always been difficult to get parts for. The truck was taken to Lewis Truck and Trailer, the local GMC dealer, for analysis of the problem. Parts are not available and a replacement motor is required. They recommend a V8 with an adapted bell housing. This should make this unit good for 5-6 years and postpone the need to replace truck #34, the 1975 for one year. Emergency repair is needed on truck #23 since both trucks are frequently unavailable due to hydraulic problems.

Mr. Holmes then moved to waive the bid and authorize the Electric Division to have Lewis Truck and Trailer replace the engine on Truck 23; seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Rys then asks how much money we are looking at.

Mr. Walters states that roughly \$3,800-\$4,500. This is replacing a V6 with a V8 and there will have to be some modifications. One is the bell housing. Also a few odds and ends.

Mr. Rys then asks if this is a new motor.

Mr. Walters states that it will be new or rebuilt.

Mr. Rys then asks if they will guarantee their work for any specific amount of time.

Mr. Walters states that he didn't ask them but he would presume it would carry some type of guarantee.

Mr. Rys then states he would certainly hope so.

Mr. Walters then states that he feels it will probably carry a minimum of 90 days. He will find this out for the Council.

Mrs. Bergamini then asks Mr. Walters if he knows if it is new or rebuilt.

Mr. Walters states he does not know at this moment. It could be either. He would prefer a new one.

Mr. Rys then comments that for a new motor it would probably cost between \$5,000 & \$6,000. Mr. Walters then informs Mr. Rys that this is a gasoline truck and not a diesel. Mr. Rys then states that the \$3,800-\$4,500 is in the ballpark.

Mr. Holmes comments how much quarts of oil can be bought for \$3,800. Two weeks worth for that truck?

Chairman Gessert then states that they would also have to change the plugs twice a day.

Mr. Killen then asks if the motor for the vehicle has to be in operation for the digger to work.

Mr. Walters replies yes, it is a power takeoff.

Chairman Gessert then states that the Electric Division went with a used vehicle at the request of the Council a while back. They were told rather than spend \$80,000 on a new one, couldn't they get a used one and save the town some money.

Mr. Walters then states that this truck has lasted 2½ years and with luck with the new motor, should last another 6 years.

Chairman Gessert states that the difference between \$20,000 and \$80,000 is great. If they have to put more money into it to keep it going, he feels they are still way ahead of the game.

Mr. Walters comments that the other vehicle is two years newer than the one they originally wanted to trade and he thinks they are going to have to go with a better one in a couple of years. This repair, however, will postpone a major purchase.

Before they vote Mrs. Bergamini states that Mr. Walters really should have the information on the new or rebuilt engine and what type of guarantee this motor comes with. Mr. Walters then states that he will find out and let them know.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exceptions of Mr. Krupp, Mrs. Papale and Mr. Polanski who were not present for the meeting; motion duly carried.

Mr. Ray Smith then states that he is here to inform the Council that they are having a problem with the transfer pump at MacKenzie Reservoir. He states the pump was pulled yesterday afternoon as it had some severe noise problems. One of the impellers is pretty well shot. He doesn't have prices but it appears if they are going to run into thousands of dollars. It may be up to \$10,000. Therefore they are going to need a waiver of bid. Hopefully he will have all the information by Tuesday. They need the waiver of bid to get this transfer pump back into service.

With the drought conditions, this has been one of the prime sources to keeping the water supply where it has been. He then states that this unit is fairly new. It is only about 4 years old. Apparently this area sucks in a lot of grit. He does states that it does have a lot of wear and was on the verge of self-destruction.

Mr. Holmes asks what is the average life on a pump like that?

Mr. Smith states that this has been continually running. Normally they would shut it off if the water supply had been different. However, it has been running straight out 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Typically they last for years. Again it depends on what they are pumping.

Mr. Holmes then asks if this is not just normal wear.

Mr. Smith states that this is excessive wear. It seems to be it is sucking in a lot of grit. Mr. Rys asks where this is located and Mr. Smith states it is MacKenzie Reservoir. Where Whirlwind Road is if you keep going down there is a little channel. There is a stream there and it is right there. It is actually going toward Scard Road.

Mr. Rys then comments that this is the shallow end of the reservoir, will they be trying to get it on the other side of Whirlwind Hill?

Mr. Smith states that that is a problem. They would have to rebuild a whole new station. They have considered digging new channels. It is a very shallow channel and perhaps they could dig a deeper channel but that would be very expensive.

Mr. Rys then asks could they possibly get a pump that would filter before it goes through the impellers.

Mr. Smith states they do have filters. However, because of the sediment and they do have a problem with leaves in the fall and it just sucks everything in.

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Mr. Rys then asks when they had the raining weather, could Spring Lake have affected it.

Mr. Smith states that this is something that has happened over a period of years. 519

Mr. Killen then asks Mr. Smith when he talks about the impellers, is he talking about mechanical failure or metal fatigue.

Mr. Smith states that it is mechanical failure. It is not the metal itself. It is erosion of the mechanics. The bearings are pretty well shot.

Chairman Gessert then states that they will place on the next agenda to Waive the bid for the MacKenzie Reservoir transfer pump station repair as requested by the Water Division.

Mrs. Bergamini then asks Mr. Smith where it stands on replacing Al. Bruno.

He states they have talked to two candidates and the third candidate is unavailable until next week. Until they see this candidate there is no way to decide. Mr. Smith then states that they hope to make a decision by October 1, 1985. He also states that they will have another vacancy. Mr. Flynn is leaving next Tuesday to take a job with the South Central Regional Water Authority. Mrs. Bergmaini then asks if they don't have some type of notice to give. Mr. Smith then states they give a 2 week notice. Mr. Flynn is leaving Tuesday and using up some of his vacation time.

Mr. Holmes then moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing upcoming contract negotiations with the Board of Education regarding teacher's contracts; seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exceptions of Mr. Krupp, Mrs. Papale and Mr. Polanski who were not present for the meeting; motion duly carried.

The meeting then went into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:07 p.m.

Mr. Holmes then moved to come out of EXECUTIVE SESSION; seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

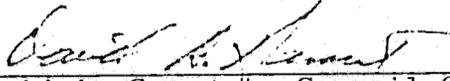
VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exceptions of Mr. Krupp, Mrs. Papale and Mr. Polanski who were not present for the meeting; motion duly carried.

The meeting then came out of EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:12 p.m.

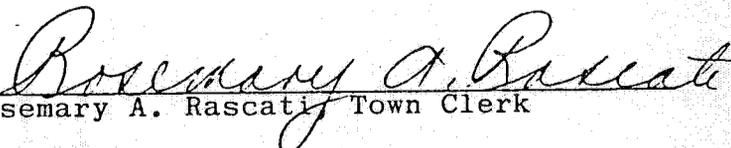
A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Lisa M. Bousquet  
Council Secretary

Approved

  
David A. Gessert, Council Chairman

10-8-85  
Date

  
Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk

10-9-85  
Date