

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers
April 10, 2018
RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 was called to order at 6:33 P.M. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein (left at 7:28 P.M.), Thomas Laffin, John LeTourneau, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Gina Morgenstein, Vincent F. Testa and Jason Zandri. Christopher K. Shortell was absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Corporation Counsel Janis Small and Comptroller James Bowes were also present at the meeting.

Moment of Silence

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consent Agenda
- 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$17,377.07 (#725-735)
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
- 3b. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$4,005 – Police Dept.:

\$3,566	From: Police Operating Expenses	Acct. #10020050-58735
\$ 439	From: Clothing & Equipment	Acct. #10020050-56190
\$4,005	To: Rifle Magnifiers	Acct. #TBD
- 3c. Acceptance of reimbursement check from the State of Connecticut and consider and approve appropriation of funds in the amount of \$754 to Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
- 3d. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$11,400 from Customer Records and Collections, Acct. #903 to Distribution Operations-Meter Expenses, Acct. #586 – Electric Division
- 3e. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$8,300 from Distribution Operations-Supervision, Acct. #580 to Distribution Operations-Load Dispatching, Acct. #581 – Electric Division
- 3f. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$65,000 – Public Works:

\$25,000	From: Recreation-Wages	Acct. #10050050-51000
\$20,000	From: Health Insurance	Acct. #10012100-55955
\$20,000	From: Contingency-Accrued	Acct. #10019000-58821

\$65,000 To: Public Works-Pragemann Acct. #TBD
Park Project

3g. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$9,885 – Fire:

\$5,385.00 From: Power Stretcher Acct. #10020150-57000-00619

\$ 4,500 From: Radio Equipment Acct. #10020150-57000-00622

\$9,885 To: Operating Expenses Acct. #10020150-58735

3h. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$15,000 from Contingency-Accr., Acct. #10019000-58821 to Purchase Serv-Negotiations, Acct. #10010150 -56712 – Mayor

3i. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$2,800 from Unemployment Insurance, Acct. #100-12100-52970 to Personal Computer, Acct. #TBD – Human Resources

3j. Approve Town Council Minutes of March 27, 2018.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3j.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED

4. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: *None***

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Opened Public Question and Answer Period at 6:35 p.m.

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, asked if Lendlease is staying on the Agenda. Attorney Small answered yes. He then asked if the usage and metered usage is going to be discussed. Attorney Small stated she is not at liberty to discuss that.

Larry Morgenstein, South Main Street, asked if the town has a position on the eco situation of the property on Tolles Road. Mayor Dickinson responded that he is not aware of any eco unique significance and we are not in a situation to purchase the property.

Closed Public Question and Answer Period at 6:45 p.m.

6. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Interest Arbitration Award Town of Wallingford and UPSEU, Local 424, Unit 18 – BOE Managers Pension

*In Attendance: James Hutt, Director, Human Resources
Attorney Dennis Ciccarillo*

Attorney Ciccarillo explained this is a two person Board of Education management union pension plan and stated it is the exact same result as the last one we brought you.

Councilor Zandri asked if we actually went to arbitration and had a positive result. Attorney Ciccarillo answered yes. Councilor Zandri remarked that sometimes standing our ground pays off.

Councilor Laffin stated this was a conscious strategic move on our part to go to arbitration.

7. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$104,779 – Fire:

\$60,000	From: Regular Salaries & Wages	Acct. #10020150-51000
\$14,000	From: Wage Differentials	Acct. #10020150-51450
\$21,500	From: Other Pay	Acct. #10020150-51900
\$ 9,279	From: Volunteer Tax Abatement	Acct. #10020150-52961
\$104,779	To: Replacement Pay	Acct. #10020150-51500

*In Attendance: Richard Heidgerd, Fire Chief
Stephen Alsup, Deputy Fire Chief*

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO APPROVE A TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$104,779.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**

*In Attendance: Richard Heidgerd, Fire Chief
Stephen Alsup, Deputy Fire Chief*

Chief Heidgerd stated there are three open positions and we need to move money. He went on to state we have two positions filled since November and one more unfilled position.

Councilor Fishbein asked if it's more of a transition of volunteer to career firefighters. Chief Heidgerd replied yes, this is somewhat a reflection of that.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	MORGENSTEIN: YES
FISHBEIN: YES	SHORTELL: ABSENT
LAFFIN: YES	TESTA: YES
LETOURNEAU: YES	ZANDRI: YES
MARRONE: YES	CERVONI: YES
8-AYE	
1-ABSENT	
MOTION: PASSED	

8. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$167,000 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #NA to Distribution Maintenance-Overhead Lines, Acct. #593 – Electric Division

*In Attendance: Thomas Sullivan, Office Manager, Electric Division
Antonio Bucceri, General Manager, Electric Division*

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO APPROVE A TRANSFER IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$167,000.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**

Mr. Bucceri indicated he is looking for a transfer from the storms for overtime and some additional resources they needed to bring in.

Councilor LeTourneau spoke about the retained earnings account and commented that it is good to know we have money there to use and that we have retained the money.

Councilor Zandri asked what the balance is of this account. Mr. Sullivan answered 25 million dollars. Councilor Zandri stated it's good to know we have a large cushion.

Mr. Gross asked if the Electric Division carries insurance should we have a hurricane. Mr. Sullivan answered no.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	MORGENSTEIN: YES
FISHBEIN: YES	SHORTELL: ABSENT
LAFFIN: YES	TESTA: YES
LETOURNEAU: YES	ZANDRI: YES
MARRONE: YES	CERVONI: YES
8-AYE	
1-ABSENT	
MOTION: PASSED	

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Property Tax Agreement for the WRE Solar Project on the Town's landfill and MIRA property – Law Dept.

*In Attendance: Corporation Counsel Janis Small
Shelby Jackson, Assessor*

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO ACCEPT Property Tax Agreement for the
WRE Solar Project on the Town's landfill and MIRA property.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**

Attorney Small explained that the Council approved the option with Lendlease and they received approval with the Electric Division for tax agreement negotiations and she stated that is what is before you tonight.

Mr. Jackson stated they would like to structure the tax to start lower and move higher as time goes on with the lease.

Councilor Fishbein asked if this is the whole project or just Wallingford. Attorney Small replied that this is the whole project.

Mr. Jackson wanted to make it known what taxes we are going to be obtaining. He stated that his analysis is based on land and personal property and so we are taxing both.

Councilor Morgenstein stated we are leasing and receiving payments and asked if other projects were looked at to compare with.

Councilor Zandri commented that during the construction phase there were two different project sizes. He stated we have structured this so that as time goes on, they receive more taxes.

Councilor LeTourneau wants to know how many acres of the 137 acres they are using. He stated there are three lots and asked how much does Wallingford own. Attorney Small replied that there is about 60 acres still to be determined.

Councilor LeTourneau stated if we develop an acre we get \$15,000 to \$20,000 plus personal property and he said that is a good deal.

Mr. Gross asked if they can redevelop down the road. Attorney Small stated she thinks they can but she will have to re-familiarize herself with the contract. Attorney small also mentioned that DEEP only approves them for so much.

Councilor LeTourneau asked, on the MIRA side, do they have to use our side first? Attorney Small replied we are taxing them on the whole project.

Mr. Jackson stated this Agreement shows the tax that will be paid, not the lease payments.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FISHBEIN: ABSENT

LAFFIN: YES

LETOURNEAU: YES

MARRONE: YES

6-AYE

2-ABSENT

1-NAY

MOTION: PASSED

MORGENSTEIN: NO

SHORTELL: ABSENT

TESTA: YES

ZANDRI: YES

CERVONI: YES

10. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor
11. Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-200(6)(E) and Section 1-210(b)(5)(B) to discuss confidential commercial and financial information regarding a potential development proposal – Law Dept.

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:28 P.M.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU
ALL AYE
MOTION PASSED**

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property (#10) and pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-200(6)(E) and Section 1-210(b)(5)(B) to discuss confidential commercial and financial information regarding a potential development proposal (#11).

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:50 P.M.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: MARRONE
ALL AYE
MOTION PASSED**

Time of Executive Session 7:28 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.

Attendance at Executive Session: #10 and #11

LAFFIN	MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.
LETOURNEAU	TOWN ATTORNEY GERALD E. FARRELL, SR.
MARRONE	CORPORATION COUNSEL JANIS SMALL
MORGENSTEIN	
TESTA	
ZANDRI	
CERVONI	

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: MARRONE
MOTION: PASSED**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

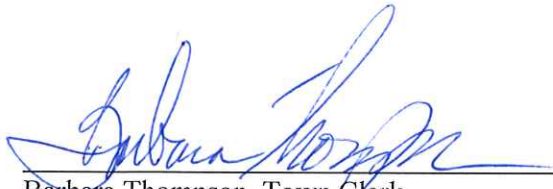
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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

24 APRIL 2018

Date



Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

5-8-18

Date

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