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**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers**

**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 11, 2018
6:30 P.M
RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 was called to order at 6:35 P.M. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John LeTourneau, Gina Morgenstein, Christopher K. Shortell, Vincent F. Testa, Jr. and Jason Zandri. Councilor Joseph A. Marrone, III was absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Town Attorney Gerald Farrell, Sr. were also present at the meeting.

- 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$7,732.20 (#419-467)
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
- 3b. Acceptance of Donation from Ms. G. Bighinati and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$300 to Revenue Donations – Police, Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Donations – Police, Acct. #25020050-58830-10127 – Police Dept.
- 3c. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$200,000 to Outside Contractors, Acct. #10020050-51600 and to Charges for Current Services, Acct. #1002001-46020 – Police Dept.
- 3d. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$385 to Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
- 3e. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$365 to Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Continuing Education & Training, Acct. #10020050-55700 – Police Dept.
- 3f. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$23,000 from Transmission and Distribution Mains, Acct. #43300343 to Structures and Improvements, Acct. #43300331 – Water Division
- 3g. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$10,000 from Volunteer Tax Abatement, Acct. #10020150-52961 to PS – Medical Exams, Acct. #10020150 -56734 - Fire Dept.
- 3h. Approve Town Council Minutes of November 20, 2018 and November 27, 2018.

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

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

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda - None

MOTION WAS MADE TO WAIVE RULE V FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO REPLACE FIREFIGHTER EQUIPMENT.

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

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,836:

\$46,836	From: Contingency	Acct. #100 19000-58820
\$ 9,344	To: Operating Expenses	Acct. #100 20150 58735
\$37,492	To: Capital-Self Contained Breathing Apparatus	Acct. #100 20150-57000-00733

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU

In Attendance: Fire Chief Heidgerd

Chief Heidgerd spoke about a call they responded to in North Haven that involved chemicals. He explained that four sets of equipment must be destroyed and replaced. He stated that insurance should cover most of it but it must be replaced right away.

Councilor LeTourneau asked if this was an industrial fire and Chief Heidgerd responded yes.

Councilor Fishbein stated he has no problem with the agenda item, he just has some questions. He asked are both P.O.'s open bids? Chief Heidgerd responded yes.

Councilor Fishbein asked what will we do with insurance money if we receive it? Mayor Dickinson responded we will replace it in contingency.

Councilor Morgenstein asked do you have something temporary right now and not custom fit? Chief Heidgerd responded that was correct. Councilor Morgenstein urged him to quickly move on this and Chief Heidgerd answered yes and thanked her.

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

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Opened Public Question and Answer Period at 6:47 p.m.

Jen, 22 Valley View Drive, spoke about the Bristol Meyers property and the traffic that will be imposed on that area.

Public Question and Answer Period ended at 6:48 p.m.

8. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Town of Wallingford, Wallingford Board of Education and the United Public Service Employees Union Local 424, Unit 18B (Wallingford Computer Techs) effective July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2020 – BOE

*In Attendance: Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent of Schools
Roxane McKay, BOE Chair
Danielle Bellizzi, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, BOE*

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT AGREEMENT Between the Town of Wallingford, Wallingford Board of Education and the United Public Service Employees Union Local 424, Unit 18B (Wallingford Computer Techs) effective July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2020 – BOE

**MADE BY: LETOURNEAU
SECONDED BY: ZANDRI**

Ms. Bellizzi discussed the contract being retroactive with a 1.75% increase the first year, a 2.0% increase the second year and biweekly pay effective July 1, 2019.

Councilor Shortell inquired about Page 14 (Insurance) and the deductible not changing. He stated the co-insurance of \$3,000 is really rich and in the private sector it's unheard of. He wants to work on lowering that in the future.

Councilor Fishbein asked if there is any belief by the Board that the union language is illegal in Section 2.2. Dr. Menzo stated our attorney's feel it is legal and they do represent other districts and offer them the same advice.

Councilor Testa stated to declare the entire contract illegal and that your colleagues are going to support something that is wrong is a broad statement. He asked Councilor Fishbein to refrain from that in the future.

Councilor Zandri stated he would like to expand on that and he feels very uncomfortable. He feels hearing this language, he has to trust the Board of Education has had attorneys look at this and noted attorneys are always going to disagree or see opposite sides.

Mayor Dickinson stated there certainly is a philosophical difference but we are in a position to settle other issue in the contract and move forward.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	MORGENSTEIN: YES
FISHBEIN: NO	SHORTELL: YES
LAFFIN: YES	TESTA: YES
LETOURNEAU: YES	ZANDRI: YES
MARRONE: ABSENT	CERVONI: YES
7-AYE	
1-NAY	
1-ABSENT	
MOTION: PASSED	

6. Presentation of Certificates to recognize Masonicare, Choate Rosemary Hall, Ulbrich, and Allnex for their outstanding contributions to the Town of Wallingford 350th Jubilee Committee scheduled for June 20 - 27, 2020 – Mayor

Mayor Dickinson, Chairman Cervoni, Christine Mansfield, Robert Devaney and Bob Parisi presented awards to:

Masonicare – JP Venoit
Choate – Alison Cady and Brittany Barbaro
Ulbrich – Jay Cei, on behalf of Chris Ulbrich
Frank DiChristina – Allnex/Evonix

7. 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 - *Withdrawn*

MOTION TO ADJOURN
MADE BY: LETOURNEAU
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL
MOTION: PASSED

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

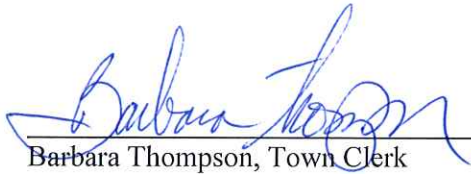
Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss
Council Staff
Meeting digitally recorded



Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

11/8/2019
Date



Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

11/9/19
Date

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