

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
Town Council Chambers  
TUESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019  
6:30 P.M.  
RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 was called to order at 6:31 p.m. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Councilors Craig C. Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John LeTourneau, Joseph A. Marrone, Gina Morgenstein, Christopher K. Shortell and Vincent F. Testa. Councilor Jason Zandri was absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. were also present.

- 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$6,428.92 (#266-303) Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
- 3b. Approve one (1) Merit Review Increase – Human Resources
- 3c. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$810 from Distribution Maintenance-Underground Lines, Acct. #594 to Distribution Operations-Underground Lines, Acct. #584 – Electric Division
- 3d. Consider and approve Reappointment of Carl D. Bonamico to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a three year term effective immediately and expiring January 2022 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3e. Consider and approve Reappointment of Lou Czerwinski to the ZBA as an Alternate member, for a three year term effective immediately and expiring January 2022 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3f. Consider and approve Amendment to Budget increasing expenses and revenue in the amount of \$11,060 to Wallingford 350 Celebration Special Revenue Fund #252 - Mayor
- 3g. Approval of Town Council Minutes of September 10, 2019

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3e. & 3g.**

<b>MADE BY:</b>	<b>LAFFIN</b>
<b>SECONDED BY:</b>	<b>LETOURNEAU</b>
<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>ALL AYE</b>
<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>PASSED</b>

4. Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

- 3f. Consider and approve Amendment to Budget increasing expenses and revenue in the amount of \$11,060 to Wallingford 350 Celebration Special Revenue Fund #252 – Mayor

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE** Amendment to Budget increasing expenses and revenue in the amount of \$11,060 to Wallingford 350 Celebration Special Revenue Fund #252.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: SHORTELL**

Councilor Morgenstern asked if this is money they have raised. The Mayor stated it's an increase in revenue and expenses. He explained they will purchase items to sell in order to increase revenue.

Councilor Morgenstern asked where the revenue is coming from and the Mayor responded it's an estimate of what they will raise and spend.

Councilor Morgenstern asked how much money the town has given the 350 Committee so far. Councilor Fishbein stated he found it in the budget book and it is \$152,000 so far.

Councilor Fishbein commented that we have already given the Committee tens of thousands of dollars and stated he assumes they have not already expended their money.

Mayor Dickinson stated this is for a special purpose and they do not want to spend money saved for the parade. He went on to say they will make money from spending money. He then indicated we are changing a budget item.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO TABLE ITEM TO THE NEXT MEETING**

**MADE BY: FISHBEIN**  
**SECONDED BY: MORGENSTEIN**

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	<b>MORGENSTEIN: YES</b>
<b>FISHBEIN: YES</b>	<b>SHORTELL: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: NO</b>	<b>TESTA: YES</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU: NO</b>	<b>ZANDRI: ABSENT</b>
<b>MARRONE: NO</b>	<b>CERVONI: NO</b>

**4-AYE**

**4-NAY**

**MOTION: FAILED**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE** Amendment to Budget increasing expenses and revenue in the amount of \$11,060 to Wallingford 350 Celebration Special Revenue Fund #252

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: SHORTELL**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**  
**FISHBEIN: NO**  
**LAFFIN: YES**  
**LETOURNEAU: YES**  
**MARRONE: YES**  
**5-AYE**  
**2-NAY**  
**1-ABSENT**  
**1-ABSTAIN**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

**MORGENSTEIN: NO**  
**SHORTELL: YES**  
**TESTA: ABSTAIN**  
**ZANDRI: ABSENT**  
**CERVONI: YES**

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

There were no questions from the public.

9. Consider and approve abandonment of a portion of Beaumont Road (575 sq. ft.) adjacent to property located at 800 North Colony Road - Mayor

*In Attendance: Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr.*

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE abandonment of a portion of Beaumont Road (575 sq. ft.) adjacent to property located at 800 North Colony Road.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: SHORTELL**

Attorney Farrell stated this is an oversight with the original abandonment and the Law Department has no objection.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**  
**FISHBEIN: YES**  
**LAFFIN: YES**  
**LETOURNEAU: (Out of Room)**  
**MARRONE: YES**  
**7-AYE**  
**2-ABSENT**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

**MORGENSTEIN: YES**  
**SHORTELL: YES**  
**TESTA: YES**  
**ZANDRI: ABSENT**  
**CERVONI: YES**

6. Discussion and possible action regarding Binding Arbitration Award-IBEW Local 457 Production Unit-Case No. 2018-MBA-367 – Human Resources

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

Mr. Hutt stated that Arbitration was awarded. He explained that health insurance and wages were the two issues.

Councilor Fishbein referred to Page 28, the Janus decision. He wants to know what legal opinion have you received that this contract is different than the previous ones. He feels this language has to be cleaned up at some point.

7. Discussion and action regarding new job description for the position of EMS Lieutenant in the Fire Department – Human Resources

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE new job description for the position of EMS Lieutenant in the Fire Department.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**

**SECONDED BY: SHORTELL**

*In Attendance: Richard Heidgerd, Fire Chief  
Stephen Alsup, Deputy Fire Chief  
James Hutt, Director, Human Resources*

Mr. Hutt spoke about the new fire position.

Chairman Cervoni asked if we will be adding any personnel. Chief Heidgerd stated they are moving people around internally.

Chairman Cervoni asked if it clarifies chain of command issues.

Chief Heidgerd explained that it's a well thought out position and stated they could supervise and respond as well.

Councilor Morgenstein asked what the qualifications are. Deputy Chief Alsup responded firefighter, paramedic, staff training and paperwork.

Councilor Fishbein asked what size tower the training is on. Chief Heidgerd responded a three story tower.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**FISHBEIN: YES**

**LAFFIN: YES**

**LETOURNEAU: YES**

**MARRONE: YES**

**8-AYE**

**1-ABSENT**

**MOTION: PASSED**

**MORGENSTEIN: YES**

**SHORTELL: YES**

**TESTA: YES**

**ZANDRI: ABSENT**

**CERVONI: YES**

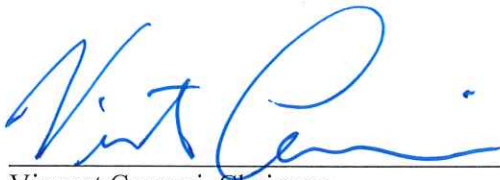
8. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6) (D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor - *Withdrawn*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN  
MADE BY: MORGENSTEIN  
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU  
ALL AYE  
MOTION: PASSED**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

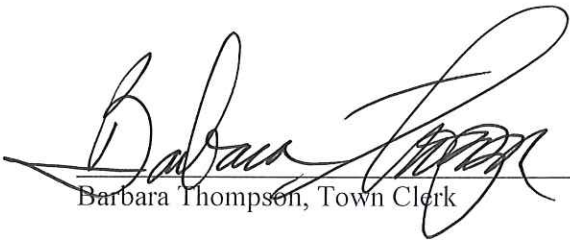
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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

9 OCT 2019

Date



Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

10-10-19

Date

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