

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers
TUESDAY
OCTOBER 22, 2019
6:30 P.M.
RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 was called to order at 6:30 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 (arrived at 6:34 p.m.), Gina Morgenstein, Christopher K. Shortell, Vincent F. Testa and Jason Zandri. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Gerald Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller James Bowes (arrived at 6:41) were also present.

- 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$17,125.58 (#328-353)
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
- 3b. Approve one (1) Merit Review Increase – Human Resources
- 3c. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$325 to Revenue, Acct. #2264002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #22640150-58830- Y&SS
- 3d. Acceptance of Federal/State Highway Safety grant entitled “2019 Distracted Driving High Visibility Enforcement Program” and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$9,966 to Revenue, Highway Safety, Acct. #1002001-45208 and to Police overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
- 3e. Approve Town Council Minutes of October 9, 2019.

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

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

4. Items Removed from Consent Agenda: *None*

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Opened Public Question and Answer Period at 6:34 p.m.

Bill Comerford, Broadview Drive, asked for an update on the Center Street Cemetery and the siding on building.

Mayor Dickinson stated that a settlement is being discussed with the manufacturer.

Mr. Comerford asked that the attached documentation be included as part of the minutes.

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, questioned how we pick our pension funds.

Chairman Cervoni feels that is a great question for the Pension Commission.

Mr. Bowes stated our consultant picks them based on our parameters.

Closed Public Question and Answer Period at 6:44 p.m.

6. Discussion and Action regarding IAFF, Local 1326, Fire Contract Tentative Agreement – Human Resources

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE IAFF, Local 1326, Fire Contract Tentative Agreement.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: SHORTELL

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

Mr. Hutt talked about the wage increase effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022. He noted that year one is a 1.75% increase, year two is a 2.0% increase and year three is a 2.0% increase. He also discussed an increase on on-call pay and an increase for uniform allowance. He stated that the insurance maintains the HDHP/HSA.

Councilor Fishbein remarked that when he saw the item and did not have the contract, he thought there would be a battle on the Janus language but he liked the language. He thanked the parties involved.

Councilor Fishbein inquired about Page 6 - EMS Present and Future. Chief Heidgerd explained that people driving will be EMT's, not firefighters.

Councilor Fishbein inquired about the probationary period. He asked if after one year, the Fire Chief can fire for any reason. Mr. Hutt replied that is correct and stated within the first year there is no need for "just cause" to fire.

Councilor Shortell inquired about Page 22, Section 5 and asked if this is new. Mr. Hutt answered yes. Councilor Shortell feels we need to look at co-insurance.

Chairman Cervoni commented that with this contract, we will now have two operating ambulances every day and he feels that accomplishes a lot.

Councilor Morgenstein stated we are re-arranging how things are done and a large response is medical but asked how this model helps us in the extreme of a large fire.

Chief Heidgerd stated nothing prepares us for the extreme but this allows us to have additional firefighting staff on apparatus for fires.

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

7. Consider and approve new Job Description for EMT – Human Resources

MOTION WAS MADE to approve new Job Description for EMT.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU

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

Mr. Hutt noted this is the new job description from the contract that was just approved.

Councilor Testa asked if this is the pathway into paramedic/firefighter. Chief Heidgerd replied yes and stated we have it as an entry level job that gets someone in who wants to stay and move up the ranks.

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

Discussion and Action regarding Bid Waiver to become a member of a national purchasing collaborative, Sourcewell to allow the purchase of equipment from W.I. Clark previously bid – Public Works

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE Bid Waiver to become a member of a national purchasing collaborative, Sourcewell to allow the purchase of equipment from W.I. Clark previously bid.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU

In Attendance: Robert Baltramaitis, Director, Public Works
Steven Palermo, Superintendent, Public Works

Mr. Baltramaitis indicated they are looking to purchase a new backhoe/loader. He explained they went out to bid and the bid came back at \$206,560 and they only had \$160,000 budgeted so they put it off. He went on to say they learned of a collaborative national purchasing source where they can purchase the identical item for \$176,884 which is a savings of \$29,365.

Councilor Laffin asked if we can identify future sources or are we just looking at this now. Mr. Baltramaitis stated we are just looking at this now.

Councilor Fishbein wants to know how we became a member. Mr. Baltramaitis said he went on the website and became a member and there was no fee.

Councilor Fishbein inquired as to why Sourcewell hasn't bid on our items. Mr. Baltramaitis explained they are a large agency like us and they go out to bid and open bids themselves. He went on to state their members are mostly government agencies.

Councilor LeTourneau thinks this is an interesting process and asked if there are others out there. Mr. Baltramaitis stated it sounds like a lot of leg work and the best way for us is to have Purchasing add language to our bids regarding collaborative pricing.

Councilor Zandri thinks we should include this information in our other bids in the future.

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

9. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$16,885 from Contingency, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Backhoe Loader, Acct. #TBA – Public Works

MOTION WAS MADE TO approve a Transfer in the amount of \$16,885 from Contingency, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Backhoe Loader.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL

Chairman Cervoni stated this is the additional amount needed for the purchase of the backhoe from the previous item.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
FISHBEIN: YES
LAFFIN: YES
LETOURNEAU: YES
MARRONE: YES
9-AYE
MOTION: PASSED

MORGENSTEIN: YES
SHORTELL: YES
TESTA: YES
ZANDRI: YES
CERVONI: YES

10. Discussion and Action regarding Bid Waiver to enter into an Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing via HGAC to obtain the best pricing for purchase of new Quint style fire apparatus – Fire Dept.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE Bid Waiver to enter into an Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing via HGAC to obtain the best pricing for purchase of new Quint style fire apparatus.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU

In Attendance: Richard Heidgerd, Fire Chief
Joseph Czentnar, Deputy Fire Chief

Chief Heidgerd stated we have firefighters that sit on a board that takes months to decide what new apparatus to purchase and he feels joining this cooperative would eliminate that tedious process.

Councilor LeTourneau asked if there is a fee for joining. Mr. Heidgerd stated yes, a transaction fee based on the price of the item.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
FISHBEIN: YES
LAFFIN: YES
LETOURNEAU: YES
MARRONE: YES
9-AYE
MOTION: PASSED

MORGENSTEIN: YES
SHORTELL: YES
TESTA: YES
ZANDRI: YES
CERVONI: YES

11. 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: MORGENSTEIN
ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

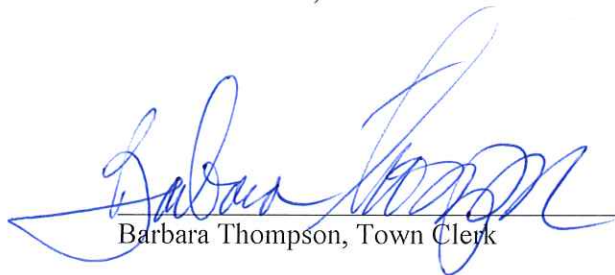
Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss
Council Staff
Meeting digitally recorded



Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

12 Nov. 2019
Date



Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

12/13/19
Date

RECEIVED FOR RECORD 10-25-19
AT 10:00 AND RECEIVED BY
Barbara Thompson TOWN CLERK

TOTAL INTERIORS LLC

2290 Foxon Rd • North Branford, CT
ph 203-488-4602 • Fx 203-488-1056

Contractor: Total Interiors, LLC
2290 Foxon Road
North Branford, CT 06471

Project: Center St Cemetery Maintenance Building
Wallingford, CT

Scope of Work: Construction of new maintenance building

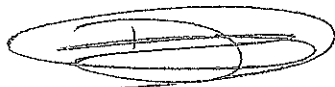
Date of Substantial Completion: 9/30/16

We hereby *warranty/guarantee* for a period of one year, or longer if required by the project specifications, from the date of substantial completion, all work covered in the contract scope of work noted above. In addition, we certify all labor and/or materials furnished and work performed by this contractor to be in accordance with the contract documents and the manufacturer's requirements.

Should any defects occur during the warrantee period as defined above, due to improper materials, workmanship, or arrangement, the same shall, upon written notice, be made good by this contractor without expenses to the Owner.

Sincerely,

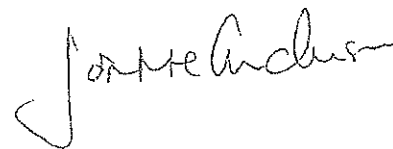
Total Interiors, LLC




Dan Smith
Project Manager

Subscribed and Sworn
to before me on
this date 11-18-16

JOANNE ANDERSON
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES FEB. 23, 2021



FILE
Cemetery Bldg
File


roundcube

Subject **Re: CertainTeed Warranty Claim Inspection**
From Robert Devaney <centerstcemetery@sbcglobal.net>
To Nolder, Michael J. <Michael.J.Nolder@saint-gobain.com>
Cc Dan Smith <dan@totalinteriorsllc.com>, Bob Gross <bobgrosswlf@aol.com>, Bob Beaumont <robert.n.beaumont@snet.net>, Publicworks <publicworks@wallingfordct.gov>, Steven Lazarus <steven@lazarusmail.net>
Date 2019-08-26 11:30

Mike is here.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 25, 2019, at 9:38 AM, Nolder, Michael J. <Michael.J.Nolder@saint-gobain.com> wrote:

Understood; I will be there as close to 12:00 PM as I can.

From: Robert Devaney <centerstcemetery@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 24, 2019 6:19 PM
To: Nolder, Michael J. <Michael.J.Nolder@saint-gobain.com>
Cc: Dan Smith <dan@totalinteriorsllc.com>; Bob Gross <bobgrosswlf@aol.com>; Bob Beaumont <robert.n.beaumont@snet.net>; Publicworks <publicworks@wallingfordct.gov>; Steven Lazarus <steven@lazarusmail.net>
Subject: Re: CertainTeed Warranty Claim Inspection

Mike

I am doing my best as well as you are. I have many people coming here for this meeting. Many political people. Please understand my plight. I'm counting on your comments.

Thank you,

Bob Devaney

Saturday evening 18:18

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 24, 2019, at 3:19 PM, Nolder, Michael J. <Michael.J.Nolder@saint-gobain.com> wrote:

Please give me a "grace period" of 12 - 1 PM. I'm coming from South Jersey, through a ton of Monday morning traffic. Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 22, 2019, at 1:41 PM, Dan Smith <dan@totalinteriorsllc.com> wrote:

I will be there.

Dan Smith
Project Manager

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