

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers
TUESDAY
JANUARY 21, 2020
6:30 P.M.
RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 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 Craig C. Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Gina Morgenstein, Christopher K. Shortell, Christina Tatta, Vincent F. Testa and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Councilor Jason Zandri was absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Town Attorney Gerald Farrell, Sr. were also present.

Presentation of Certificates of Recognition for Girls Little League Softball of Wallingford (GLLSOW) U10 Softball Connecticut State Champions – 2019.

Mayor Dickinson invited Head Coach Carl Tetreault and Assistant Coaches Keith Dandorph and Steve Cassesse to speak.

Head Coach Carl Tetreault spoke about the girls having been in the program for 4 to 5 years and about how fantastic they all are. He went on to say that all the coaches are proud of the girls and their parents.

The girls presented the Mayor with a framed autographed tee shirt.

Mayor Dickinson and Chairman Cervoni presented Certificates to the girls.

- 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$17,046.14 (#649-732)
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
- 3b. Acceptance of Federal/State Highway Safety Grant 2020 Click It or Ticket funds and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$3,759 to Revenue Highway Safety, Acct. #1002001-45208 and to Police Overtime,
Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
- 3c. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$26,500 from Contingency, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Maint. Bldg. & Grounds, Acct. #10030000-54315 – Public Works
- 3d. Acceptance of funds and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$128 to Revenue, Acct. #2264002-47152 and to Expenditures,
Acct. #22640150-58830 – Y&SS
- 3e. Acceptance of donation and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$625 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures,
Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS

- 3f. Consider and approve a Bid Waiver in the amount of \$24,954 to purchase 6 ballistic vests from Lawman Supply Company – Police Dept.
- 3g. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$24,954 from Regular Salaries and Wages, Acct. #10020050-51000 to Ballistic Vests, Acct. #TBD – Police Dept.
- 3h. Consider and approve appointment of Mr. Louis Czerwinski as a full member of ZBA to fill vacancy left by Christina Tatta for a 5 year term which expires January 8, 2021 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3i. Consider and approve appointment of Joe Rusczyk to the ZBA for a 5 year term effective immediately and expiring on January 8, 2025 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3j. Consider and approve appointment of Thomas Vitali to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a 3 year term effective immediately and expiring January 2023 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3k. Consider and approve appointment of Chester Miller, Robert A. Jacques, Sr., John LeTourneau and Armand Menard to serve as Constables for a 2 year term effective immediately and expiring January 3, 2022 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3l. Approve Minutes from (a) Swearing in Ceremony, January 6, 2020 and (b) Special Town Council Meeting, January 6, 2020.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3e., 3g-3k and 3l(a) (as corrected) and 3l(b).

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

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda:

- 3f. Consider and approve a Bid Waiver in the amount of \$24,954 to purchase 6 ballistic vests from Lawman Supply Company – Police Dept.

*In Attendance: William J. Wright, Police Chief
Deputy Chief John Ventura*

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO APPROVE BID WAIVER in the amount of \$24,954 to purchase 6 ballistic vests from Lawman Supply Company.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: TESTA

Chief Wright stated we are responsible for over 75,000 people in our region of Wallingford and Cheshire and we are splitting the vests with the region. He indicated they are looking to size and order all at the same time.

Chairman Cervoni asked how much funding is from the region. Chief Wright responded the entire amount. Chief Wright then stated this is for six more.

Chairman Cervoni asked if this Bid Waiver is for the vendor or the vests. Chief Wright responded that it is for the vendor.

Chief Wright explained that they become custodians of the vests but agree to lend them out to other regions when needed so uniformity is needed.

Deputy Chief Ventura stated these vests are lighter and easier to maneuver in, he also stated that that they have a speed plate designed to stop an AK47 assault rifle or an AM15 rifle.

Councilor Shortell doesn't disagree on any of this but he feels bid waivers should be regular agenda items. He remarked these are all good questions so far and asked if the money is coming from salaries. Chief Wright answered yes and noted they had it available until they hired two new officers.

Councilor Testa asked if this is a state contract price. Chief Wright answered yes and stated this went out to bid.

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

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Opened Public Question and Answer Period at 6:59 p.m.

There were no questions from the public.

Closed Public Question and Answer Period.

6. 6:30 p.m. Conduct a Public Hearing and Consider and Act on the following Ordinance entitled:

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 203, TAXATION, ARTICLE VI, ABATEMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD.

Chairman Cervoni opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Councilor Shortell noted that Councilor Fishbein brought this to us through the ordinance process.

Chairman Cervoni closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO ACT ON THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 203, TAXATION, ARTICLE VI, ABATEMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD.

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

Councilor Fishbein remarked that we have a great set of volunteers in Wallingford.

Councilor Testa asked, for clarification purposes, if living outside of town, how do they qualify for abatement? Mayor Dickinson explained they would prove they pay taxes to us and we would write them a refund, abatement check.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

SHORTELL: YES

FISHBEIN: YES

TATTA: YES

LAFFIN: YES

TESTA: YES

MARRONE: YES

ZANDRI: ABSENT

MORGENSTEIN: YES

CERVONI: YES

8-AYE

1-ABSENT

MOTION: PASSED

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

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:10 P.M.

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**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED**

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:12 P.M.

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

Time of Executive Session 7:10 p.m. to 7:12 p.m.

Attendance at Executive Session:

FISHBEIN MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.
LAFFIN TOWN ATTORNEY GERALD E. FARRELL, SR.
MARRONE
MORGENSTEIN
SHORTELL
TATTA
TESTA
CERVONI

8. Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-225(f) and Section 1-200(6)(B) regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending foreclosure matters of *Town of Wallingford v. Kevin T. Butler* and *Town of Wallingford v. Everett Tenney, et al*- Law Dept.

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:04 P.M.

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

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MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:10 P.M.

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

Time of Executive Session 7:04 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.

Attendance at Executive Session:

**FISHBEIN MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.
LAFFIN TOWN ATTORNEY GERALD E. FARRELL, SR.
MARRONE
MORGENSTEIN
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9. Motion to Consider and Authorize taking action in the pending foreclosure matter of *Town of Wallingford v. Kevin T. Butler* as discussed in Executive Session – Law Dept.

MOTION WAS MADE TO AUTHORIZE action in the pending foreclosure matter of *Town of Wallingford v. Kevin T. Butler* as discussed in Executive Session.

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

10. Motion to consider and authorize taking action I the pending foreclosure matter of *Town of Wallingford v. Everett Tenney, et al* as discussed in Executive Session – Law Dept.

MOTION WAS MADE TO AUTHORIZE action in the pending foreclosure matter of *Town of Wallingford v. Everett Tenney, et al* as discussed in Executive Session.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED**

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

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

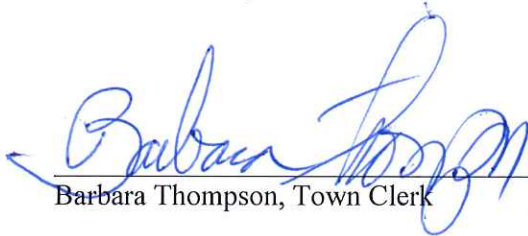
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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

11 FEB, 2020

Date



Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

2/13/20

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