

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD REMOTELY  
at GoToMeeting.com**

**TUESDAY  
NOVEMBER 24, 2020  
6:30 P.M.**

**RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 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, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Gina Morgenstein, Christopher K. Shortell, Christina Tatta, Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Councilor Craig Fishbein and Councilor Vincent F. Testa were absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr., Asst. Town Atty. Geoffrey T. Einhorn and Comptroller, James Bowes were also present (**BY TELECONFERENCE**).

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consent Agenda
  - 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$4219.26 (#249-267) Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
  - 3b. Consider and Approve Merit Review (1) – Human Resources
  - 3c. Acceptance of funds from Redflex Student Guardian and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$234 to Court Motor Vehicle Fines, Acct.#1002001-45124 and to Police Operating Expense, Acct. #10020050-58735 – Police Dept.
  - 3d. Acceptance of funds from “Friends of Parks and Rec” and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$736 from Revenue, Donations, Acct. #2095002-47152 and to Facility Improvements, Acct. #20950050-57120 – Recreation Dept.
  - 3e. Acceptance of donation from Operation Fuel and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$375 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
  - 3f. Acceptance of Donations for Holiday for Giving and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$3,600 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
  - 3g. Acceptance of funds from Office of the Secretary of State for General Election and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$5,993 – Town Clerk

\$5,992.50	To: State Grant –Elections	Acct. #100-TBD
\$4,757.50	To: Election Supplies	Acct. #1001065056105
\$1,235.00	To: Office Supplies	Acct. #1001065056100

3h. Approval of Town Council Minutes of November 10, 2020 - *Rescinded*

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

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

3i. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$13,349 from Maint. of Bld, Acct. #10030000-54315 to Capital Account – T. Hall RTU #7, Acct. #10030000 – TBD – Public Works

4. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: 3i.**

3i. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$13,349 from Maint. of Bld, Acct. #10030000-54315 to Capital Account – T. Hall RTU #7, Acct. #10030000 – TBD – Public Works

*In Attendance: Robert Baltramaitis, Director, Public Works*

**MOTION WAS MADE TO approve a Transfer in the amount of \$13,349 from Maint. of Bld, Acct. #10030000-54315 to Capital Account.**

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

Mr. Baltramaitis spoke about the second and third floor having no heat last Wednesday. He explained that one unit on the rooftop needs to be replaced and stated we need to move the money from a capital account into our account to pay for it.

Councilor Morgenstein stated that a member of the public asked her to remove this. She commented that we have aging infrastructure and asked if we could get all new items. Mr. Baltramaitis stated we are replacing this one unit. Councilor Morgenstein then asked if there are any plans for auditing our energy uses. Mr. Baltramaitis said he just went through an exercise with our HVAC vendor on all town properties and we are looking at more energy efficient units.

## 5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

6. Discussion regarding Police Community Impact Unit – Councilor Morgenstein

*In Attendance: William Wright, Police Chief  
Amanda Miranda, Director, Youth & Social Services*

Chief Wright stated that the Deputy Chief and he have been discussing problems in the community that aren't getting the attention they should and this unit should help. They have not chosen the officers yet. He went on to say some of the issues we will be addressing will be the blight issues, furniture left on the side of the road and some narcotic investigations. We will also walk and talk with downtown parking lots, clergy and businesses. He indicated he is expecting high speed investigating.

Councilor Morgenstein said to Chief everything you are putting in place is good but wants to know if any planning is going on between Youth & Social Services and the Police. Ms. Miranda said she will be available to help the officers interact with the families and kids.

Councilor Morgenstein asked Ms. Miranda is she feels her staffing is adequate. Ms. Miranda said she has only been here one month even though she's been with the town for 18 years and she is still assessing things.

Councilor Morgenstein spoke about the issues at Doolittle Park with middle school kids smoking pot, fighting and cursing. Chief said he is familiar with this issue and he feels their efforts are helping.

Chairman Cervoni asked what you do with a non-responsive family. Ms. Miranda said it's a challenge but she tries to get the parents on board.

Councilor Shortell inquired about overall staffing. Chief stated he has two vacancies and just made an offer to one officer from Hartford. He hopes to have both positions filled in the new year.

Public Comment

Shauna Simon Glidden, Pomeroy Avenue said children are constantly smoking pot, fighting, cursing and stealing things from her yard and she feels she gets the run-around from everyone. She then asked what is full staff. Chief answered 75 officers.

Mike Tracio, 40 Wall Street, stated he has four kids and they like to use the park but it is increasingly hard to use due to drug use and bad language. Chief said more of our presence is going to help and referred to Ms. Miranda and criminal investigating. Chief said he is happy to meet with Ms. Glidden and Mr. Tracio.

Ms. Miranda stated that they are meeting with a lot of other agencies and they are trying.

Fran LaFrance, 14 Jackson Avenue, asked if the officers know how to deal with mentally challenged kids. Chief explained that generally speaking the officers are trained to talk down mentally challenged children and adults, but the new police accountability bill requires the Chief to report if they can satisfy this mental health issue by end of year.

Cindy Sigovitch, 173 Prince Street, President of CPAC, has talked with Dr. Menzo and would like to have the special needs population represented.

Chairman Cervoni thanked Chief Wright and Ms. Miranda.

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*
8. Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B) and Section 1-225(f) regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to a pending claim in the matter of *Connecticut Carpentry Corp. v. Town of Wallingford* – Law Dept.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:26 P.M.**

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

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B) and Section 1-225(f) regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to a pending claim in the matter of *Connecticut Carpentry Corp. v. Town of Wallingford*.**

**MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:45 P.M.**

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

**Time of Executive Session 7:26 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.**

**Attendance at Executive Session:**

<b>LAFFIN</b>	<b>MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.</b>
<b>MARRONE</b>	<b>TOWN ATTY. GERALD E. FARRELL, SR.</b>
<b>MORGENSTEIN</b>	<b>ASST. TOWN ATTY. GEOFFREY EINHORN</b>
<b>SHORTELL</b>	<b>ROBERT BALTRAMAITIS, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC WORKS</b>
<b>TATTA</b>	
<b>ZANDRI</b>	
<b>CERVONI</b>	

9. Motion to consider and approve action regarding the pending claim *Connecticut Carpentry Corp. v. Town of Wallingford* as discussed in Executive Session.

**MOTION WAS MADE to consider and approve settlement regarding the pending claim *Connecticut Carpentry Corp. v. Town of Wallingford* as discussed in Executive Session.**

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**FISHBEIN: ABSENT**

**LAFFIN: YES**

**MARRONE: YES**

**MORGENSTEIN: YES**

**7-AYE**

**2-ABSENT**

**MOTION: PASSED**

**SHORTELL: YES**

**TATTA: YES**

**TESTA: ABSENT**

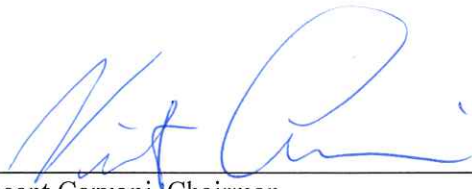
**ZANDRI: YES**

**CERVONI: YES**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss  
Council Staff  
Meeting digitally recorded



Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

8 FEB 2021

Date



Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

12.2.2020

Date

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