

The fourth budget workshop was held on Wednesday, April 29, 1987, called to order by Chairman David A. Gessert at 7:10 p.m. Council Members, Adams, Bergamini, Gouveia, Holmes, Killen, Papale, Polanski, Rys and Gessert were present.

CIVIL DEFENSE, page 76, A/C 2090

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to accept page 76 for discussion, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Referring to line item 4280, Dry Cleaning, Mr. Polanski commented that this line item has doubled since 1986 and Mr. Frattini explained that they anticipate using it up because they have more people plus, they have the radio group, who will have uniforms.

Mr. Killen asked how often the cleaning is done and Mr. Frattini answered, once a week. Mr. Frattini added that the problems he has with them is, they don't always give him the bills. (cleaners)

Mrs. Bergamini pointed out that line item 2000, Telephone, went up and Mr. Frattini explained that what they are looking for is a total-phone. We are also putting in for 5 CD phones. With the CD phones, we only pay for installation. The only time we pay a monthly charge, is when we use the phone and these phones will only be used during an emergency. The idea behind this CD phone, is to take personnel from each office, put them into the emergency center, advertise it, if you want to call these people, call this number, rather than trying to tie up the main office.

Mrs. Bergamini commented that they used less than last year's appropriation and if it is a one time charge, why does it have to be increased?

Mr. Frattini explained that it costs \$61.00 to install, for the wires and jacks it is \$6.00 (per line) which is a one time cost, and rental of the phones is about \$3.00 each, per month, per phone. The regular phone will be installed as a totalphone and the one time change-over is, \$28.00.

Mr. Gessert pointed out that they could go to a store like Penny's and get a decent desk set for between \$30 and \$40.

Mr. Killen asked who was going to man the phones and Mr. Frattini explained that they will be talking to the department heads to try to set someone up to man them, from each department.

Mr. Staines explained that this came about as his suggestion and we really envision this as a standby, already in place, telephone system. When a problem does come up, the equipment is in place, connected and with a rush situation, we will have phones other than the one we have now in order to call out on. If we are to wait for a tornado to hit tonight, we are going to have the need to communicate with the outside world besides talking on radios.

Mr. Gouveia pointed out that regarding the Maint. of Radios line item and Maint. of Generators line item, it seems like quite a bit of money was spent from last year's budget and Mr. Frattini explained that the generators are still out being overhauled and it will probably cost me about \$300.00 to overhaul them. I only have around \$100.00 in there. I will be back here looking for a transfer of funds. This is why I left one of the accounts with more money in it because I was not sure of the exact price for the generators. I try to leave about \$300.00 in the emergency supplies.

Mr. Staines addressed the area of Maint. of Radios and explained that right now, about 60% to 70% of the equipment that falls under that category, is held by private citizens. I have found that most of them have been repairing the radios themselves. What I have found is, they do good intentioned repairs, but sometimes the radio comes back in worse shape than it went out in. So, what we have done, is take a very small closet room, put in a desk and using some equipment that was donated by people who used to be in the two-way radio repair business, we set up a very make-shift repair place. So, when people come in with simple repairs, we go in and fix them up ourselves, we

buy the parts, go in and fix them up. I hope that this will continue and I hope that this will work out well. I asked Mr. Frattini to keep it the way it was in that, we have several pieces of equipment that are very expensive. 327

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Rys who passed; motion duly carried.

CIVIL DEFENSE, page 171 - Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations
A/C 2090

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to move page 171 for discussion, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini. (see next motion)

Mrs. Papale commented to Mr. Frattini that she noticed that he requested \$3,000. and the Mayor approved \$2,500. and he was budgeted \$2,000. last year. She asked if Mr. Frattini felt that he was putting in more time than before and Mr. Frattini stated that he is putting in about 20-25 hours a week, plus being on call 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, and added that he has increased his hours.

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to increase A/C 2090 \$500.00, bringing the total to \$3,000., seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

VOTE: Adams, Gouveia, Holmes, Papale, Polanski, voted yes.
Bergamini, Killen, and Gessert, voted no
Rys, passed
motion duly carried.

Mr. Frattini explained that the state pays half of the amount budgeted. They also pay for the telephones.

A motion was made by Mr. Polanski to accept page 171 as amended, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Polanski who passed, motion duly carried.

CIVIL DEFENSE, page 138 - Capital Requests, A/C 2090

A motion was made by Mr. Polanski to accept page 138 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mrs. Bergamini asked Mr. Frattini what type of car he will be getting and Mr. Frattini stated that he did not know, but it will be used. He added that one company quoted a price of \$9,300. for a used car with 15,000 miles on it. A new one would be \$12,000. The car he was looking at was a small Oldsmobile.

Mr. Holmes asked what type of use this car will get and Mr. Frattini explained that he has the car with him at all times because he is on call 24 hours a day. He added that he puts on about 10,000 miles a year, or maybe less, and added that if he goes out of town, they know where he is at all times.

Mr. Rys commented that he felt a new car should be purchased and added that with the work that the Director does, he needs a 4 wheel drive vehicle.

Mr. Gessert stated that he is in favor if they can get a good vehicle for this type of driving.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Holmes and Killen who voted no and Rys who passed; motion duly carried.

Mr. Staines asked the Council what they thought a good price would be for a moderately good quality VCR and a T.V. set that would be large enough and of good quality enough, to train 20-30 people at a time. He added that he is very much in the process of getting 117 licensed amateur radio operators in the town of Wallingford to become more active in the Civil Defense to be around when there are emergencies. I have, at my disposal, approximately 200 video tapes from the American Radio Relay League, which we get free of charge and I have been hauling in my VCR and T.V. set and I am not thrilled about that. I think it would be to the town's benefit to have a VCR and T.V. set there with which we can do training.

Mr. Polanski asked how often the VCR would be used and Mr. Staines answered 4 or 5 times a month.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to put \$700. into VCR Training Equipment, seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

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VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Polanski who voted no and Rys who passed; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Killen to accept page 138 as amended, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Rys who passed. motion duly carried.

VETERANS CENTER, page 81, A/C 3090

Mr. Rys commented that out of the \$61,833. that the Mayor approved, \$35,200. is coming from Meriden.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to accept page 81 as presented, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

VETERANS CENTER, page 171, A/C 3090

Mr. John Burns stated that if the Council will remember, in 1983 I addressed the Council at a budget hearing like this asking for a reclassification because I felt that my duties and responsibilities were similar to that of the Director of Welfare. Mayor Vumbaco, at the time, had Stanley Seadale, Personnel Director, make his recommendations and he so recommended and at that time, you upgraded me to 8-4 which I have stayed at since then. I note, in today's budget on page 171 under the Welfare, there was a request applied for, for step 9-4. I went to see Stanley Seadale several times during the week and he told me today, that he had no problem with that, it wasn't that it was over-looked, but he realized that he had made a recommendation in the past. I realize that the Mayor has approved no additional funds for that and I know the final decision rests with you. In the event that you do upgrade the Welfare Administrator, I would appreciate consideration for myself on the same basis that I put forth in 1983. What happened with this position, was in 1979, when Management was re-evaluated, from what was originally published and what was passed by the Council, there was this increase for the Welfare Director. I was told at the time, not to say anything, because it might ruin his chances. It took me 4 years to get equity and straighten the problem out. Before a problem happens again, I wanted to bring this to your attention. The veterans from Meriden and Wallingford are recovering in the vicinity of \$7.5 million dollars every year and through the welfare fund, we recovered \$123,000 from Marine Fund which is just about double of the state average of other towns and cities are receiving.

Mrs. Bergamini commented that she did not like the last time this happened and does not like it now. The reason a man should be re-classified has nothing to do with the fact that another man was re-classified. You don't work in the same office, and they are two different jobs.

Mr. Burns stated that he does not agree with Mrs. Bergamini, and added that they do exactly the same work. Mr. Burns added that what comes in from the state is \$256,000,000, in state benefits.

Mr. Killen commented that Mr. Burns pay scale should be predicated on the work that they have seen him do.

Mrs. Papale commented that she understands how much he does for veterans. She added that Mr. Burns has known about this budget for weeks and it would have been much easier for the Council to comprehend and to make a decision if we had Stanley Seadale's idea of the whole thing. We can't give step increases.

Mr. Burns stated that he did not get a copy of the budget until the day before the Public Hearing. That is when I first became aware of this issue and I went through channels.

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to accept page 171 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to accept page 138 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini who passed; motion duly carried.

SENIOR CITIZENS - Social Services Contribution, page 80, A/C 3070

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to accept page 80, line items 6750, 6760 and 6770 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Referring to line item 6750, Wallingford Committee on Aging, Mr. Killen asked if this was going to continue to spiral and Ms. Erskine explained that, one of the reasons that they have made this increase some months ago the Town Council gave tentative approval to our proceeding with the independent non-profit and some of this may be some additional expenses that will be involved in the very first year, but we anticipate no further than that. This may be somewhat reduced if when we proceed to that next step, the Council agrees to continue some of the in-kind services that they have been giving us. We have made allowances in our budget for actually having to lay out money because we did not know, at this point, whether the town will continue with some of the in-kind services you have been providing us. It would not cost the town another penny.

Mr. Killen asked if the town receives any revenue from the Senior Citizens Center and Ms. Erskine replied no.

Referring to line item 6760, Mini Bus, Ms. Erskine explained that the Mini Bus is going up, partly because we are having to supply such increased services. We are going to have a new bus next Spring, and this cost is included in that. We expect to have the new bus delivered in April of next year. That will require the expenses for a driver.

Mr. Gessert pointed out that the fastest growing segment of the population is those over 65 and the increase in services such as home shopping, is directly related to fact that that segment of the population is the least mobile. I think you are doing an excellent job with the meal program, the recreational activities.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

SENIOR CITIZENS, page 80, A/C 3070

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to accept line items 6710, 6730, and 6740 as presented, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

SENIOR CITIZENS, page 80A, A/C 3070

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to accept line item 6780, Wlfd Assoc for Retarded, as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

SENIOR CITIZENS, page 80A A/C 3070

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to accept line item 6790, Wlfd Red Cross CPR Program, as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

SENIOR CITIZENS, page 80A A/C 3070

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to accept line item 6791, Contr Wallingford Red Cross, seconded by Mr. Holmes. (see motion below)

Mrs. Bergamini commented that she does not agree with this line item and added that this contribution was cut by the United Fund and he wants the Town of Wallingford to make it up. Mrs. Bergamini added that a lot of agencies were cut by the United Fund and you are going to open up a can of worms.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to Table line item 6791 to wait for further input from the Mayor, seconded by Mr. Rys.

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VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION , page 80A, A/C 3070 - line 6810

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to accept line item 6810, Contr Fuel Crisis Comm, seconded by Mr. Holmes. (see next motion)

Mr. Polanski commented that he thought this program was state funded.

Mr. Myers explained that this is for anyone in town that has an emergency , administered through the Mayor's Office, and is not covered under the state program.

Mr. Killen commented that he did not agree with this program.

A motion was made by Mr. Killen to cut line item 6810 from \$500. to -0-, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Adams, Gouveia, Holmes, Papale, and Rys voted no. Bergamini, Killen, Polanski and Gessert voted yes. motion did not carry.

SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTION, page 80A, A/C 3070, line item 6851

Mr. Roe told the Council that he had a slide presentation for them to view and Mr. Gessert suggested that this be done at the next Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to accept line item 6851, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mrs. Papale asked to have an update on what the town has given them so far, for the downtown renovation and what is this going to cost.

Mr. Roe explained that over the last three decades, there has been in each of those periods of time, an interest in seeing downtown revitalization happen. Last year, was the initiation of some implementation of these downtown plans. That appropriation was \$25,000. to the

Wallingford Center Association. This proposal before you is for the second year funding of that particular program. That program is modeled after the Main Street Program. The Main Street Program is a program that was developed by National Trust for Preservation as a way by which local communities with depressed or deteriorated main streets can make something happen on Main Street. It has a proven track record. The reason we sought that out, is that some 2½ years ago, the Beautification Committee had begun to get the ball rolling on street scape improvements and there was commissioned street scape conceptualization. A price tag accompanied this of a lot of money, around \$800,000. We realized that this could not be just a public sector effort to try and make the downtown into something more vital and we looked for an approach for a model and that is when we discovered the Main Street Program. Several of us went to a Main Street Training Program. The basic core behind the Main Street Program, is a public - private collaboration, in that you need it to have an organization and a structure and a staffing that could go to the private sector in order to get their involvement and to get them on board. There is no way publicly that we could do that. That is why we led to the development of this Wallingford Center Association. The Green project, in a summary, is \$150,000. with a grant from Bristol Meyers of \$130,000.

Referring to line item 6851, Mr. Killen asked if this \$35,000 was related to the \$25,000 that we gave last year and Mr. Roe answered yes. Mr. Killen then asked if they had a breakdown of what the \$35,000 will be used for and Mr. Heyl explained that what the \$35,000 is, is a public match against a total budget that has been proposed by and approved by our board for this coming year of \$77,500. and this is for one personnel benefits, rent, utilities of the expense, office expenses, a major chunk for promotion and marketing of the downtown, including public relations and some consultant fees. What we are asking for is continued support from the town as the public match against what we hope to leverage from the private sector. It is basically operating expenses for the office. What we hope to do, is to continue to leverage private monies for the infrastructure improvements, such as what has been accomplished on the Green to date, for other phases of the beautifications master plan.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini who voted no; motion duly carried.

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Mr. Gessert asked if there were any questions on the Green project.

Mr. Roe explained, the grant was \$150,000. Of that, the Town of Wallingford's contribution is \$37,500. That represents what the Town of Wallingford's overall contribution is to that project. Also, \$37,500 from the state and \$75,000 is federal. Add to that, \$130,000 from Bristol Meyers. In addition, there have been other private donations, the sprinkler system and the installation of it. It includes, all of the work within the Green and recovering of some additional Green, installation of the brick sidewalk, the landscaping, the benches and the brick work around the Railroad Station. Also, the lighting and trash receptacles. The project was bid twice. We went out the first time and got very high bids. Our consultant recommended rejecting those bids and going out and rebidding. We did that and got a much better bid.

Mr. Rys suggested that through some publicity, Mr. Roe could make the public understand what is happening down there. The public wants to know what is happening. Mr. Rys then asked when we were going to have results and he was told July 1st.

Ms. Trzcienski explained that they have had open houses, inviting the entire community.

Mr. Gessert commented that starting in February and finishing in July, is a miracle. He suggested that by putting pictures of what it will look like completed, might help the public.

Mr. Killen pointed out that there are some of us that believe that everytime you tear some of that down, you are tearing down a part of old Wallingford. We are replacing a Gazebo and tearing down trees to replace it with something along that line and some of us have very strong feelings towards old Wallingford.

Mr. Gessert told Mr. Killen that one of the pine trees that was removed from there, is now smiling and growing in Dutton Park.

Mr. Roe pointed out that the bulk of the trees were in bad shape.

RECREATION, pages 82 & 83, A/C 4000

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move pages 82 & 83 for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Killen asked Mr. Shepardson if he gets the figures that the town is contributing to (leagues) and Mr. Shepardson said that he has not this year but has in the past.

Referring to line item 6500, Mr. Rys asked what Mr. Shepardson plans on doing and Mr. Shepardson stated that they want to start putting in some trees into these parks, areas where all we have is concrete and steel sticking up out there. This money is going strictly towards trees.

Mr. Rys asked to have line item 5800, Rental Ice Rink explained and Mr. Shepardson explained that \$1,560. has been expended for the year.

Mr. Rys asked to have line item 5510 explained (Maint of Open Space Prop) and Mr. Shepardson explained that this is a wash item.

Mrs. Papale commented that there was a discrepancy of \$1,500. for the Babe Ruth league last night and Mr. Shepardson explained that they had had problems in the past and what they are trying to do is revitalize Babe Ruth and they have come in with a whole new group of people. They have built it up to about 8 or 10 teams and they are trying to have enough money so that they can buy uniforms, equipment and other types of supplies. What they were asking was to switch over or transfer this \$1500. into their account.

Mr. Shepardson explained that what you have now is a Yalesville Little League and a Wallingford Little League, but you only have one Babe Ruth League now. The combined Wallingford and the Babe Ruth into one league. He explained that the B Ruth should be taken out of line item 6720 because that does not exist anymore. It was the Wallingford Babe Ruth

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that wanted the money from this year's budget transferred from the Senior Babe Ruth to the Wallingford Babe Ruth Account, which was done. (line 6730 to 6710)

Mr. Killen pointed out that the money was put into line 6790 and Mr. Shepardson explained that they will not have a 6790 account in any other budget except this year. The 6790 is a one time account.

Mr. Gouveia asked if they had ever tried to get the ice-rink for free and Mr. Shepardson explained that basically, what they pay for is the electricity and just the maintenance cost of it. (\$65.00 hr.) Mr. Gouveia added that Choate School should contribute this to the town.

Mr. Gessert pointed out that Choate does allow the town to use their facilities from time to time.

Mr. Rys asked to have line item 9010 explained and Mr. Shepardson explained that it is the custodial people who work for the schools. They work on Saturdays and Sundays for us, and we pay them for their services at that time. Mr. Rys asked if he anticipated any increases in that account because \$1383. has only been expended and Mr. Shepardson explained that he hasn't gotten in the total for all of our basketball programs which just ended. What I try to figure out is, the number of games that we play, how many days we are going to use it, how often we need a custodian in there times \$15.00 an hour which is what we have to pay the Board of Education.

Mr. Polanski asked Mr. Shepardson what it would cost to rent an ice rink and Mr. Shepardson stated that it would cost between \$150.00 and \$200.00 and Mr. Polanski pointed out that Choate is saving the town a lot of money by renting theirs for \$65.00.

Mrs. Papale stated that she did not agree with Mr. Polanski and added that for that amount of money, for what they get for being in the Town of Wallingford, from what I see, they should be ashamed.

Mr. Papale asked Mr. Shepardson what the big increase was for regarding the Wallingford Symphony Orchestra and Mr. Shepardson explained that this is for the big celebration that is coming up in July. Mrs. Papale then asked how many concerts were available and Mr. Shepardson replied that they normally give 4 concerts a year, with the first one starting on July 4th.

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to increase line item 6750 by \$2,000 bringing the total to \$7,000 contingent upon more concerts, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Shepardson stated that if this increase is approved, he will try to work out more concerts.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Gessert and Holmes who voted no; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to accept pages 82 & 83 as amended, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Holmes who voted no; motion duly carried.

COMMUNITY POOL, page 84 A/C 4010

A motion was made by Mr. Polanski to accept page 84 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

SHEEHAN POOL, page 85, A/C 4011

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to accept page 85 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

RECREATION, pages 171-172, Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations A/C 4000

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to accept pages 171-172 as presented, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

RECREATION, page 138, Capital Requests A/C 4000

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A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move page 138 for discussion, seconded by Mrs. Papale. (no vote - see next motion)

Mr. Gessert pointed out a typographical error. Under the item Picnic Tables, under the Mayor column, the amount should read 6.

Mr. Shepardson added that this amount will put about 10 tables at each of the picnic areas.

Mrs. Bergamini asked what a Prairie Cabin was and Mr. Shepardson explained that it is a combination of wood and metal to form a little house, for the schools. We have always supplied the playground equipment for the schools. Mr. Shepardson explained that the Prairie Cabin, the Junior Physical Activity Center, and the Swing Set go on the Board of Educations Grounds. These were requested from the P.T.O.'s of the schools. The Prairie Cabin will be going to Cook Hill and the other two will be going to Moses Y Beach.

Mr. Rys asked to have the Junior Physical Activity Center explained and Mr. Shepardson explained that it is basically a climbing device. It is a combination of different activities in one piece of equipment.

Mr. Polanski pointed out that last year Mr. Shepardson put in for an IBM PC and has not purchased it. Mr. Shepardson explained that IBM was coming out with a new IBM machine, an AT which is supposed to be a better machine and it will be going out to bid probably at the end of this week or the beginning of next week.

A motion was made by Mr. Killen to remove the Prairie Cabin - \$900., Junior Physical Activity Center - \$650., and the Swing Set - \$900., for a total of \$2,450.00, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Killen added that these items should go under the Board of Education.

Mr. Gessert agreed with Mr. Killen's comments.

Mr. Shepardson added that Public Works maintains the equipment.

Mr. Gouveia added that he is in favor of Mr. Killen's comments also, and added that he will be in favor of putting it into the Board of Education's budget, because the children need this equipment.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Holmes who voted no; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to accept page 138 as amended, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

RECREATION, page 138 - Capital Requests - Community Pool A/C 4010

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to accept page 138 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Killen asked if the pool was being painted every year and Mr. Shepardson replied yes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Regular, pages 64 & 65 A/C 2032

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to move pages 64 & 65 for discussion, seconded by Mrs. Papale. (see next motion)

Mrs. Bergamini suggested that \$1,000 be cut from the telephone line item. Chief McElfish explained that they put charges for the cellular phones and a 6% or 8% increase.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to cut \$1,000 from line item 2000, Telephone, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Killen asked why there is a lag in the billing and Chief McElfish explained that as of this date, they paid off \$6034 as of 4/24 so there should be a surplus in this years budget.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Rys pointed out that there is \$2,000. encumbered in the Utilities Account and Chief McElfish commented that they have unencumbered \$1,230 and Mr. Lefebvre added that there is a lag on those bills. 334

Referring to Gas, Oil, Diesel line item 3000, Mr. Gessert commented that he cannot understand why for 7 months of the budget, you only spent \$1,854.00. Mr. Lefebvre explained that this is because of the billing, and Chief McElfish added that they actually spent \$7,700 last year and if there is money left, we try to top off the tank and then we start out with a full tank each year.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to cut \$1,000 from line 3000, Gas, Oil, Diesel, bringing the total to \$8,000., seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Bergamini and Rys who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini asked to have the Clothing Allowance, line 4800 explained because of high amount and Chief McElfish explained that per contract, the town provides uniforms for employees at about \$350.00, and we have to replace any clothing that is damaged in a fire.

Mr. Killen asked if the Mayor cut them below the contract and Chief McElfish replied that they asked for 6 people and the Mayor knocked it out.

Mr. Rys asked to have line item 4230 explained (Hazardous Materials & Supplies) and Chief McElfish explained that the P.O.'s have already been put out for the equipment for this year's budget. We only have X amount of dollars each year so we wanted to gradually phase it in. The amount of \$600. that we took out was for the conference, regarding Title 3. Mr. Killen asked if some of this was going to go towards the ambulance that they were going to refurbish and Chief McElfish explained that the team said that they will do all of the work on that themselves.

Mr. Holmes pointed out that they asked for an extra \$1,000 on line item 6120, Copier Rental and Mr. Lefebvre explained that they are at the end of their lease period. We are anticipating getting something that will do the job better. It will have to be something that we go out and shop around for. We had to put a figure in so we could anticipate a change.

Mr. Killen asked to have line item 4520 explained (Tires & Tubes) and Chief Hacku explained that they transferred some money into that account because we are anticipating a refurbish in the ladder truck. That money will be expended.

A motion was made by Mr. Killen to cut \$625 from line item 4520, Tires and Tubes, bringing the total to \$2,000, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to accept pages 64 & 65 as amended, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT , page 66 - Fire Surgeon A/C 2033

A motion was made by Mr. Polanski to accept page 66 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale (no vote - see next motion)

Referring to line item 5760, Physical Exams, Mr. Holmes asked if they were going to get \$50,000 worth of exams and Chief McElfish explained that they are obligated if they are going to meet the OSHA guidelines. Anybody that runs on a Hazardous materials call, firefighting is supposed to be physically fit. The career personnel is voluntary right now but, it will be negotiated into their contract, and with volunteers, we hope to do 50% this year and 50% next year.

Mrs. Bergamini asked Dr. McGaughey to explain the \$500 charge for the exams and Dr. McGaughey explained that this is not just a regular examination. We set up a program with the Meriden-Wallingford Hospital. The firefighter goes up without breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and

has blood drawn for a laboratory screen. He then has breakfast and after that, he has a hearing test. Next they get a stress test which is called a treadmill stress test which is the most expensive test which runs \$318.00. Then also get a chest x-ray and a physical examination. They also fill out a questionnaire that is evaluated by a computer. The results of all of this are advised, about life styles, smoking, etc.... Chief McElfish explained that for anybody over 45, he will have an annual physical. Anyone who is exposed to hazardous materials will also have to have an annual physical. Anybody 35-45 will have a physical every 2 years and anybody under 35, every 3 years. Chief Hacku told the Council that he went through this physical and it lasts about 5 hours, and he believes it is a good program.

Mrs. Bergamini asked that if someone outside of the fire department went in to have this test done, would it cost \$500. and Chief McElfish told Mrs. Bergamini that it would cost \$780. Mr. Lefebvre added that there is a possibility that the rates could come down even lower.

Mr. Adams asked if any of this is covered by medical insurance that we have and Mrs. Bergamini told him that she was told that no way will employees use their stated benefits. Mr. Lefebvre added that they will not cover casual physicals. Mrs. Bergamini added that some of this should be covered by insurance because the town employees have fantastic benefits.

Mr. Holmes commented that he is in favor of the exams but added that he was afraid that all of the money will not be expended by the year's end. Mr. Lefebvre explained that within the next fiscal year, we are going to change the way we get people processed. Right now, we are only doing one person a day and it is very difficult for the hospital to schedule. What they would like to do is take a group of people in at one time, then the billing will come in in groups.

Mr. Killen pointed out that this has an effect on the mill rate and we don't want to have money in there if you are not going to be using it.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to cut \$5,000 from line item 5760, Physical Exams, bringing the total to \$45,000., seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Adams, Gouveia and Papale who voted no; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to accept page 66 as amended, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Adams and Gouveia who voted no; motion duly carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT , page 170 - Fire Surgeon A/C 2033 - Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to accept page 170, A/C 2033 as presented, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE SURGEON, page 136 - Capital Requests A/C 2033

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to accept page 136 as presented, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT, page 165 - Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations A/C 2032 (Administration)

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to accept page 165, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Papale who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

FIRE SUPPRESSION, pages 165-169, Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations A/C 2032

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to accept pages 165-169, seconded by Mr. Polanski. 336

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Overhead, pages 169-170, A/C 2032

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to accept pages 169-170, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Killen asked if the figures were re-worked according to what the Mayor gave them and Chief McElfish replied no.

Mr. Holmes asked what the difference was between contingency and longevity and Chief Hacku explained that contingency is what they call a night differential, they work 2 days and 2 nights, 10 hours a day and 14 at night so it is a shift differential that is paid in one lump sum.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT, page 136 - Capital Requests, A/C 2032

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to accept page 136, seconded by Mr. Killen.

Chief McElfish explained that under Replace Roof- Co. 1, they went out to bid. We put it in and then the Mayor asked us if we could move this process up, because it was leaking. We went out to bid and the bids came back in and we will be coming to you. Mr. Lefebvre added that the low bid was \$7,900 and we came up with \$2,500 in unused Capital. Chief McElfish explained that the bids ranged from \$8,000 to \$18,000.

Mr. Rys asked what type of guaranty they would have and Mr. Lefebvre replied, 10 years.

Mr. Killen asked when the Fire Station is due for replacement and Chief McElfish explained that they have gradually upgraded the building. Mr. Killen stated that he believes the building is inadequate.

Mrs. Bergamini pointed out that the biggest problem is their site.

Mr. Killen asked how old Central Headquarters was and Chief McElfish replied, 1974. He added that Mr. Deak was asked a price and Mr. Deak gave them a price of about \$10,000, and when the Mayor talked to Mr. Deak, he told him \$30,000, for the whole thing.

Chief McElfish explained that with the Council's permission, he will get specifications written up and find out what is what.

Mrs. Bergamini asked what part was going to be repaired and Chief McElfish explained that the whole parking lot is deteriorating.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Gessert who voted no; motion duly carried.

FIRE - Emergency Center, page 67 A/C 2034

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to accept page 67, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Referring to line item 2020, Telephone - 911, Chief McElfish explained that in December of this year, they will be going to E-911. Chief Hacku explained that this is a state law mandated by 1989. The state is giving millions of dollars of equipment. Chief McElfish explained that one time that phone rings, it will print out.

Mr. Killen asked why there was a \$1,000 jump in line item 5200, Maint. of Equip. and Chief Hacku explained that he put that in because they are going to come in with specifications in another month or two because we have to put in a lot of equipment in.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Ambulance, page 63 A/C 2031

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to accept page 63, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Ambulance, page 136 - Capital Requests A/C 2031

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A motion was made by Mr. Rys to accept page 136, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini who passed; motion duly carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - Fire Emergency Center, page 137 - Capital Requests A/C 2034

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to accept page 137, A/C 2034, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Killen asked how they arrived at the price for the Cellular Telephones and Chief McElfish explained that he called a SNET representative and they want to have 2 cellular telephones with the portable battery capabilities. These will be used for the car and field. The total will not be \$2,000, it will be close to \$1,600+.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE MARSHAL, page 68, A/C 2035

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to accept page 68, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE MARSHAL, page 170 - Personnel Detail and Salary Calculations A/C 2035

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to accept page 170, line item 2035, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE MARSHAL; page 137 - Capital Requests, A/C 2035

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to accept page 137, A/C 2035, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Gouveia commented that they requested 2 cars and the Mayor eliminated them and asked if there were any provisions being made. Mr. Scionti, Fire Marshal explained that if they had the Inspector, they would need 2 cars, if they have just a Deputy, they will need 1 car.

Mr. Gessert asked Mr. Lamy, Deputy Fire Marshal, what kind of car he is driving now and Mr. Lamy replied, a 1981 Ford Fairmont, an old police car.

A motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to give an old Police Car to the Fire Marshal's Office to upgrade, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Killen commented that somewhere along the line we have to have a program where we are going to be getting rid of the police cars and start supplying the cars to the others. We're going to have to keep a log on it, how much it costs to run them and then we are going to start replacing our equipment the way it is.

Mr. Gessert commented that this is a policy matter that should be discussed sometime on how we are going to do it.

VOTE: Adams, Gouveia and Gessert voted yes.
Bergamini, Holmes, Killen, Papale, Polanski and Rys voted no.
Motion did not carry.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to accept page 137 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Adams and Gouveia who voted no; motion duly carried.

FIRE - East Wallingford - Volunteer, page 69 A/C 2036

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to accept page 69, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Adams pointed out that line item 5820 is supposed to be \$600. and line item 5840 is supposed to be \$250.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE - East Wallingford, Capital Requests A/C 2036, page 137

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to accept page 137, A/C 2036, seconded by Mr. Polanski. (see next motion)

Mr. Holmes asked what kind of fire fighting equipment that are getting and Chief McElfish explained that these are coats, etc...

Mrs. Bergamini asked what Hydrocide Coating was and Mr. Lefebvre explained that this is suggested by Engineering because the paint that was originally put on the buildings is worn out. Moisture is passing through the building and knocking the paint off on the inside. The situation that we are faced with is, if we don't coat the outside of the building properly, it won't stop the moisture. We have the same problem in both buildings.

Mr. Adams asked if there was an outstanding need to have fire fighting gear increased and Chief Hacku explained that he has 3 new members and some of the old coats and boots are worn out. Chief McElfish explained that once the coats and boots get worn out, we don't want them to go to someone else.

Mr. Gessert asked what it would cost to repair boots and Chief Hacku explained, anywhere from \$50.00 to \$55.00 depending on what the bid comes in at. Chief McElfish stated that for the whole thing, it comes out to \$451.*

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to increase Fire Fighting Gear from 5 to 10 at \$4,000., seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Gessert who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Adams stated that he believes that something was left out of the budget and Chief Hacku explained that paving of the driveway was left out and the estimate was \$10,000. (Cook Hill also)

A motion was made by Mr. Adams to restore \$10,000 for paving at East Wallingford, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Bergamini, Polanski, Rys and Gessert who voted no; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to accept page 137 as amended, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Bergamini, Rys and Gessert who voted no; motion duly carried.

FIRE- North Farms - Volunteer, page 70 A/C 2037

A motion was made by Mr. Polanski to accept page 70, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mrs. Papale commented that she feels the safety for the Fire Department is very important along with the morale. Mr. Gessert added that he thinks they are entitled to decent equipment, the best that we can give them and added that we just spent \$400,000 for fire trucks.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE - North Farms - Volunteer , page 137 - Capital Requests A/C 2037

Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept page 137, seconded by Mr. Polanski. (see next motion)

Mr. Polanski asked why the Volunteer Departments vary in their prices and Chief Woron explained that they are asking for different equipment Chief McElfish explained that East Wallingford had requested 10 bunker coats, 10 pair of day boots, 10 hoods and 10 pair of gloves. North Farms has requested 10 coats, 10 helmets, 10 day boots, 10 pair of gloves and 10 hoods, the difference is the helmets.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to increase Fire Fighting Gear to \$4,000., seconded by Mr. Gouveia. (WITHDRAWN)

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Chief Woron commented that he sent each of the Council Members a letter on refurbishment of the pumper and that is what they feel strongly about getting put back in. With the two new pumpers being delivered and what is being allocated, we end up with the only truck in town, which members have to still ride the tail board on. It is not the safest way to ride but, if we don't ride the tail board we will only have 2 men in the cab. I would like to have the refurbishment put back in for the 1977 pumper. We would like to have a truck where we could have 5 people in a seated position and have nobody riding on the tail board.

Chief McElfish added that if this was approved he would like to trade-in the pumper, the old Chevrolet from Cook Hill and also trade in the 1962 Ford. The one problem is, we have extensive rusting on this Engine and I think for the same amount of money, we would like to go this way.

Mr. Killen asked the years of the Pumpers and Chief McElfish explained East Wallingford - 1987, one of the new Pierce, Cook Hill - we will take the old engine from engine 2, which is a 1974 LaFrance, Yalesville - 1982-83. We are requesting to have the one at Cook Hill refurbished and we spent \$21,000 back in 1983 to have work done to it.

Mr. Killen asked what the life span would be if the one in East Wallingford was refurbished and Chief McElfish explained that he would not like to refurbish it, he would like to trade it in along with 2 others with the same amount of money it would cost to refurbish it and get one new one for \$120,000. We are hoping to get \$35,000 on the trade ins.

Mr. Killen suggested that this should be discussed while the Council is going through the A budget. These items that we are cutting out are going to appear next year at a higher price. I think it is time we start replacing things. So, far, according to Tom, you have saved something like \$50,000. The Mill Rate is going up less than a Mill now. We still cut a lot of things out of here. If we can find something on the A side, are we trying to save it for posterity and then buy these things next year or 4 years down the road at a higher price? It doesn't make any sense.

Mr. Gessert commented that he sat there back in 1974-75 when East Wallingford and North Farms both had trucks that were 25-30 years old and when they pulled out, it was a question as to which one would break down first. It was this Council that insisted on going out and buying a couple of decent trucks for the Volunteer Companies. If you look at the progress we have made in the last several years in updating equipment, there are very few trucks that are out there now that are less than 5 years old. When you look at the \$400,000 that we spent this year already to upgrading fire trucks, if anyone says that we haven't been doing the job, they are wrong. Last year, we went out and got 2 tank trucks because the tank trucks that they had were old and unserviceable. We went out and bought 2 newer ones, and to the best of my knowledge, they are running and serving the purpose. Several years ago we spent \$55,000 for a Rescue Truck for North Farms, we are buying a brand new \$140,000+ truck for East Wallingford, we are buying another \$140,000 truck for Central Headquarters, we are spending another \$170,000 to refurbish a ladder truck, so if anyone wants to say that this Administration isn't paying attention to the Fire Department, is barking up the wrong tree.

Mr. Killen commented that almost all of the major items here that I have seen deleted, if I find that when we've worked on the A budget, that we have \$1 million dollars lying around on the A side, and we've cut all of these things out, who have we kidded.

Mr. Gessert stated that he agrees with Mr. Killen's comment.

Mr. Adams added that the town is growing, our needs are growing and we have to accommodate those needs.

A motion was made by Mr. Killen to Table North Farms A/C 2037 until the Revenue budget is discussed, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Chief Woron commented that they would be willing to take all of the items besides the refurbishment, and put them back into the budget and put that money towards refurbishment. (\$8,000)

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

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FIRE - Cook Hill - Volunteer A/C 2038, page 71

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to accept page 71, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE - Cook Hill - Capital Requests, page 137, A/C 2038

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to accept page 137, seconded by Mrs. Papale. (see next motion)

Mr. Gessert commented that they currently have a 1968 Chevy which is probably the oldest in the fleet, but it probably runs better. Your plan calls for a 1974 to go over there and take that vehicle's place. The 1974 is currently at Headquarters, currently runs everyday, has an enclosed cab, is a bigger vehicle and should serve the needs of that department.

Chief McElfish agreed but added that you have to remember that it is 13 years old and at sometime down the road, we will have to spend some money to refurbish it or get rid of it.

Mrs. Bergamini asked why the replacement schedule is appearing in this budget and Chief McElfish explained that that was part of the replacement schedule. That was the overall improvement plan. We have things that are getting old and instead of asking for \$1 million dollars, we went ahead and phased it in. The Council and the Mayor have been very good about phasing things in. I want to get the best vehicle for the dollars that we have and that is why, instead of asking for new, we considered refurbishing. This 1974 Pumper, is a good candidate to get refurbished. The 1977 is a bad candidate to get refurbished. Before we would get a new vehicle, the old vehicle would then be taken to state surplus and the problem with that is, the money would come back to General Fund and never to our fund. What we are saying, is put all three used vehicles on the market, see what we could get for those and then maybe have enough money to get one new vehicle.

Chief Sweeney added that they would rather see the truck refurbished now at the state that it's in. The truck does have some rust and before it gets worse, down the road, the Chief and I discussed it and we do think it would be a good idea to have it refurbished this year.

Mr. Killen commented that it would not take \$85,000 to repair the rust and Chief McElfish explained that they need a new cab and a new body, and the tank is also leaking.

Mr. Polanski asked if the master plan included refurbishing 2 trucks and Chief McElfish replied, yes. Mr. Polanski asked to see the report.

Mr. Killen stated that it does not make any sense to spend \$85,000 to refurbish and \$120,000 for a new truck.

Mr. Holmes stated that he would like to see this done.

Chief McElfish explained that this is not a critical condition. Sometimes the Council has money available after January 1st, some years, and maybe if there is some monies available, you could consider it.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to increase the Fire Fighting Gear from \$3,200. to \$4,000., seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gouveia asked if the driveway could wait until next year and Chief Sweeney replied, yes.

Mr. Gessert asked if the height of the side of the building was the same as the other and Chief Sweeney explained that there is a difference in the prices there because they appropriated money in last year's budget that was not spent because they were advised that if they put the paint on the inside of the building the moisture would come through and kick it off anyways, so it would be a waste of time. We retained it, and will carry it through to this year.

A motion was made by Mr. Killen to accept page 137 as amended, seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

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VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini who voted no and Mr. Rys who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

FIRE - Yalesville - Volunteer, page 72 A/C 2039

A motion was made by Mr. Polanski to accept page 72 as presented, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE - Yalesville - Volunteer, Capital Requests, page 137 A/C 2039

A motion was made by Mrs. Papale to accept page 137, seconded by Mr. Rys. (see next motion)

Mrs. Papale commented that the Planning and Zoning accepted their site plan at Moran High School with the stipulation that there was going to be a safety precaution with the road there. Mrs. Papale asked what the safety precautions were. Chief McElfish explained that they have to fix the road in front of the High School (Moran) and they also have to provide traffic lights. Chief Daigle added that right now, they are writing the new specs for the Firehouse and part of the specifications Engineering has worked up, is a traffic light setup for in front of the Firehouse. We have sent letters requesting that the Electric Division lend a hand putting up the poles and the balance of it will be part of the bid. This will be part of the building and the contractor that bids for the building, will be responsible for putting up the light and the box and we are asking that the Electric Division help defray the costs by putting up the poles and cable to hang the lights.

Referring to two other Firehouses, Mr. Gessert asked if the same type of building can be used on their site and Chief Daigle explained that this is what they are doing, we are modifying. Basically, the Engine Room will be the same as East Wallingford and Cook Hill. Then we are taking some of the living quarters of North Farms, such as having a training room and such and trying to meld it together. The building that we are working on is going to be 50' by 100', 5,000 sq. ft. Fire Station which is approx. 1,000 sq. ft. larger than Cook Hill and East Wallingford. We are not changing a lot. It is going to have the same Bay area, In the living quarters, we are going to have a kitchen, we are going to have a locker room, two bathrooms, two showers, an office, a training room and a meeting room.

Mr. Gessert asked how much was appropriated and Chief Daigle explained that they have about \$125,000 already set aside, \$62,000 from last year's budget and \$62,000 from the state. We are estimating the cost of construction of the Firehouse to be approx. \$325,000 to \$350,000. We also feel that when we are housed, the town will have the opportunity to sell the property, which is the property on Chapel St. There should be some income generated by the sale.

Mr. Rys pointed out that he noticed that they put in for a lawn mower and Chief Daigle explained that this was in anticipation of moving. (a rider mower)

Mrs. Bergamini asked what type of traffic light they were expected to put in and Chief McElfish explained that they have to put in 2 traffic lights and 1 head as you come out of the station. This is what the state requires.

Chief Daigle explained that they requested Pants and Night Boots, 15 sets and if you look at the other budgets, no one else did. The reason is, last year, I was a little bit conservative and last year we requested 10 sets and that's what was approved. Right now, I have 47 members with only 10 sets of pants and boots. This is why I requested the 15 this year. The Mayor cut it to 5. I am very short on these. Anything would be appreciated.

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to increase Pants/Night Boots from \$1,600. to \$4,000., seconded by Mr. Killen.

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VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Killen to accept page 137, A/C 2039 as amended, seconded by Mr. Adams.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the Fourth Budget Workshop adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

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