

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 1992

5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$6,904 to Repairs to Engine 1 Acct. #2032-999-9904 from Various Accounts within the Department of Fire Services Budget

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A special meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Monday, November 16, 1992 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairperson Iris F. Papale at 5:33 P.M. Answering present to the Roll called by Town Council Secretary Kathryn F. Milano were Councilors Doherty, Holmes, Killen, McDermott, Papale, Parisi and Solinsky. Councilor Duryea arrived at 5:34 P.M. and Councilor Zandri was absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. was also present. Town Attorney Janis M. Small and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were absent; Town Clerk Kathryn J. Wall was absent due to surgery.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

ITEM #2 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$6,90 to Repairs to Engine 1 Acct. #2032-999-9904 from Various Accounts withi the Department of Fire Services Budget

Motion was made by Mr. Doherty to Approve the Transfer of Funds from the Following Accts. for a Total of \$6,904.00 to Repairs to Engine 1 Acct. #2032-999-9904, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Acct.</u>	<u>Account Number</u>
194.00	PPV Fan	2032-999-9914
157.00	Digital Call Check	2034-999-9902
1,159.00	Stinger Deck Gun	2036-999-9901
79.00	SCBA Bottles	2037-999-9901
374.00	Boots	2037-999-9922
167.00	Boots	2038-999-9906
76.00	Boots	2039-999-9910
83.00	Pistol Grip 1 1/2" Nozzle	2039-999-9911
139.00	Pistol Grip 3/4" Nozzle	2039-999-9912
2,500.00	Rubbish Removal	2032-500-5120
494.00	Rubbish Removal	2036-500-5120
494.00	Rubbish Removal	2037-500-5120
494.00	Rubbish Removal	2038-500-5120
494.00	Rubbish Removal	2039-500-5120

Mr. Killen asked what other problems are facing the Chief that he will needing funding for in the very near future?

Chief Lefebvre responded that, for now, this will get the department out of the woods. The ladder is undergoing testing which will be completed on Friday. It appears that it is o.k., it has been certified. A hydraulic line needs to be repaired on it. We have a spare truck that will need some work to make it a class A pumper and meet the standards. At some time in the future we will work on that to improve it. It is operable today.

Mr. Killen asked how many standbys (vehicles) are there in the regular department, excluding the volunteers?

Chief Lefebvre responded. one. It is used by all the companies when performing general maintenance or if there is a part failure. That vehicle is seventeen years old.

Mr. Killen asked, what is the condition of that vehicle?

Chief Lefebvre answered that it is safe and operable. It is old, worn and will not take the stress of constant, day to day use. On a standby basis it will work.

Mayor Dickinson stated. in our ability to meet the fire needs of the town there shouldn't be a concern. Over the past seven to eight years we have purchased two mini-pumpers, one a Yalesville and one at East Wallingford; a new pumper at Cook Hill; a new pumper at East Wallingford; a rescue truck on order to North Farms; a new pumper at North Farms; a new pumper at Central; a new pumper at Main Street and two refurbished tankers. So it would appear to him that there is a great deal of very up to date equipment here and there should not be a real risk to the safety of the community. We may have to make sure that trucks are available to our regular Fire Department to make sure that there is a very direct 24 hour response. It appears to him that we have equipment in good working order and dependable.

Chief Lefebvre agreed that the fleet is a good one because of the replacement policy but we do have to maintain the replacement schedule. Engine 1 should be relegated to a spare status. It will be a darned good one once the motor work is done.

Mr. Parisi asked, how old is Engine 1?

Chief Lefebvre responded, seven years old.

Mr. Parisi asked what we did with the truck at North Farms that was replaced

Chief Lefebvre answered, we sold it. It was a 1973 model.

Mr. Killen stated that we have to look at the overall picture. We may have a lot of good equipment in town but a lot of it is in the hands of the volunteers. He found no problem with that. The problem is that the big call for it is constantly on the Central Fire Headquarters and the uptown Fire Headquarters. We have to have mainline equipment there. The volunteer have had to beg and crawl to get their equipment and does not fault them in any way shape, or form. We are fooling ourselves if we think that we can have pumpers out on the outskirts of town and have deteriorating equipment in the center of town and be covered.

Mr. Solinsky asked if the repairs were brought on by an oil leak?

Chief Lefebvre answered, no, the truck has severe engine wear which was recognized last spring at which time \$15,000 was budgeted for motor work and brake work. We replaced the brakes on it and then the motor on the ladder truck failed before the work was scheduled on Engine 1 so the money was spent repairing the motor on the ladder truck (8/14/92 meeting).

Mr. Solinsky asked about the ladder being off a few degrees.

Chief Lefebvre responded that the testing company has certified it as o.k. It is structurally safe, it does display a stress crack, two more tests remain to be performed on it. It will be back in service by Friday afternoon.

Mr. Doherty asked how long the engine will be out?

Chief Lefebvre answered that he is hoping to have it back the day before Thanksgiving. If the work cannot be completed at that time it will have to wait until the 30th.

Mr. Doherty asked what vehicle is replacing it?

Chief Lefebvre responded that Engine 4 is at Central Headquarters. That vehicle is two years old. He moved Engine 2 and placed it on Main Street a few days ago. It was a strategic move to put a newer vehicle in a busy company. The town is covered with class A equipment in the busiest companies.

VOTE: Zandri was absent; Killen, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Parisi to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

VOTE: Zandri was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

Meeting recorded and transcribed by:

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Kathryn F. Milano, Town Council Secretary

Approved by:

*Iris F. Papale*

Iris F. Papale, Chairperson

November 24, 1992  
Date

*Kathryn J. Wall*  
Kathryn J. Wall, Town Clerk

November 24, 1992  
Date