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TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
EMERGENCY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

February 14, 2008

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The following is a record of the minutes from the Wallingford Town Council at its emergency meeting held on Thursday, February 14, 2008, in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall. Town Council Chairman Mike Brodinsky called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. Responding present to the Roll Call given by Town Clerk Barbara Kapi were Councilors Nick Economopoulos, Gerald E. Farrell, Jr., John LeTourneau, Bob Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, and Chairman Mike Brodinsky. Councilors Vincenzo DiNatale, Michael Spiteri, and Vincent Testa were absent from the meeting. Also in attendance was Mayor William W. Dickinson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said and the Roll Call was taken.

2. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$66,000 to Materials and Supplies, Acct. #001-5015-401-4100 from Contingency – General Purpose, Acct. #001-7060-800-3190 – Public Works

In attendance: Henry McCully, Director of Public Works

Mr. McCully stated that the nature of the transfer was due to the recent storms, which depleted the supply of treated salt. Currently, the town has only 300 tons of salt on hand, and Mr. McCully said that he did not want to wait until the next Council meeting on February 26 to request the transfer in case there are storms before that meeting. Three hundred tons of treated salt is enough for several events, but Mr. McCully stated that he does not want to run out of supplies.

Mr. Brodinsky asked if the transfer would purchase another 100 tons of treated salt, and also asked about the average number of tons used per event. Mr. McCully said that this number is difficult to calculate. For example, the last storm was sleet, then snow, then rain, which then froze, and crews were out treating the roads until 3:00 A.M. Per storm, the town uses approximately 150 to 200 tons of treated salt.

Mr. Brodinsky stated that \$124,000 is encumbered, and asked whether any salt is on order or not yet delivered. Mr. McCully said that 19 tons of salt remain undelivered at \$65.79 per ton, and the town has taken delivery of 3,700 tons to date.

Mr. LeTourneau asked how much salt was purchased after the January transfer. Mr. McCully stated that the transfer occurred in December and purchased 1,000 tons.

Mr. LeTourneau asked if this transfer would take the town through the winter. Mr. McCully said that the transfer will be come close to taking the town through the remainder of the winter, but prefers to order only what is needed and then come back to the Council to ask for funds to avoid having a surplus of salt on hand during the humid summer months.

Mr. LeTourneau asked Mr. McCully how long it will take the town to receive the shipment of salt. Mr. McCully said that the town will receive the shipment overnight from the preferred vendor in New Haven.

Ms. Rascati asked if the transfer would be used exclusively to pay for the salt. Mr. McCully said that the transfer will pay strictly for the materials. Ms. Rascati asked about the status of the overtime account. Mr. McCully said that the overtime account is fine.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Hogan, Grieb Road asked if the trucks had the capabilities of turning on and off the salt as not to waste the salt on dry roads. Mr. McCully said that the treated salt is a new product for the town, and the town is consulting experts from the state to determine the use. The town keeps track of the amount of salt used by each driver, so a control mechanism is in place. Also, the drivers are capable of turning on and off the flow of salt.

Debbie Gross, 114 Long Hill Road asked about last year's budget. Mr. McCully said that \$175,000 was budgeted based on a 5 year average. However, fuel costs have increased this year. Ms. Gross asked about the escalated cost over last year's budget. Mr. McCully said that the difference was approximately \$50,000. Ms. Gross asked about this discrepancy, and Mr. McCully responded that there were virtually no storm events last winter. Ms. Gross asked how this impacted the usage, and Mr. McCully said that the town is using more materials this year. Public Works coordinates with the Police Department regarding road conditions. This year to date, \$175,000 has been used to purchase the salt product, and last year, \$175,000 was used to purchase the salt/sand product. Ms. Gross stated that she does not believe there have been 7 storms this winter.

Mayor Dickinson asked how many events have been responded to by Public Works. Mr. McCully said that the trucks have gone out 14 times.

Ms. Gross stated that last year, the department under-budgeted by \$400,000, and asked where the department stands on the budget item. Mr. Brodinsky stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the specific transfer for this fiscal year. Ms. Gross stated that the Council already approved a transfer in December.

Bob Gross, 114 Long Hill Road asked the Mayor if this transfer will impact the Police Department's RFP. Mayor Dickinson said that the money remaining in the fund is over and above the costs. Mr. Brodinsky said that as of January 31, 2008, there was \$303,000 in the Contingency - General Purpose Fund, and this is the first time the fund is being used in 2008.

Mr. Brodinsky made a motion, seconded by Mr. Farrell, to approve the transfer.

All six (6) Councilors present voted aye.

The motion passed.

Mr. Brodinsky made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Farrell seconded.

All Councilors present (6) voted aye.

The motion passed.

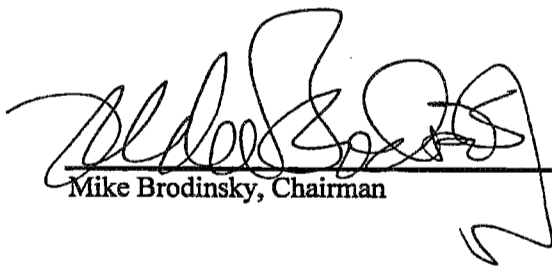
The meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,




Erin R. Occhiogrosso
Temporary Town Council Secretary

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