

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
Robert F. Parisi Council Chambers  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**  
**6:30 P.M.**  
**RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 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 Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Christina Tatta Samuel Carmody, Vincent Testa Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Attorney Town Council Janis Small, and Town Clerk Kristen Panzo were also present. Councilor Autumn Allinson was absent from this meeting.

Moment of Silence

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Consent Agenda
  - 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$43,264.71 (#125-#260)  
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
  - 3b. Acceptance of donation from G. Thompson and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$50 to Revenue Donations-Police, Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Donations - Police, Acct. #25020050-58830-10127 – Police Dept.
  - 3c. Acceptance of donation from D. Rooney and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$200 to Revenue Donations - Police, Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Donations – Police, Acct. #25020050-58830-10127 – Police Dept.
  - 3d. Acceptance of part time Federal Taskforce Overtime Reimbursement and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$815 to Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
  - 3e. Acceptance of part time Federal Taskforce Overtime Reimbursement and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,530 – Police Dept.

\$1,155 To: Misc. Revenue Acct. #1009052-47040

\$ 375

\$1,530 To: Police Overtime Acct. #10020050-51400

- 3f. Acceptance of part time Federal Taskforce Overtime Reimbursement and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$4,197 to Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400– Police Dept.
- 3g. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$2,300 from Office Expense Acct., Acct. #10010850-56100 to Capital Expense Acct., Acct. #10010850-57000-TBD – Probate
- 3h. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$6,000 from Contingency, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Exp.-Reg. Sal & Wages, Acct. #10010150-51000 – Mayor
- 3i. Acceptance of Appropriation of Document Preservation Grant funds in the amount of \$8,000 to Rev. - State Grant, Acct. #2281002-45114 and to Exp. – Program Exp., Acct. #22810650-58830 – Town Clerk
- 3j. Consider and approve adding Emera Energy to the 2023-24 Bid Waiver List for Wholesale Power Procurement – Electric Div.
- 3k. Consider and approve Appointment of Rachael Laudano as a Commissioner to the Wallingford Housing Authority effective immediately to fill an existing vacancy which expires October 31, 2027 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3l. Approve Town Council Minutes of September 12, 2023.

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve Consent Items 3a-3h, 3j-3k**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**

**SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

**ROLL CALL**

**ALLINSON: ABSENT**

**CARMODY: AYE**

**FISHBEIN: AYE**

**LAFFIN: AYE**

**MARRONE: AYE**

**TATTA: AYE**

**TESTA: AYE**

**ZANDRI: AYE**

**CERVONI: AYE**

**MOTION: PASSED**

4. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: None**

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Darrell Stancuna addressed the Ethics complaint that Councilor Fishbein had filed against councilor Zandri. He also talked about the community pool and suggested doing other ideas like maybe a skate park for the kids.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding Bid Waiver to enter into an Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing via the HGAC to obtain the best pricing for the purchase of a new 2024 E-ONE 100' rear mount aerial ladder truck for up to \$1,800,000 – Fire Dept.

Fire Chief Joseph Czentnar explained why the Fire Department needs the bid waiver for the 2024 E-ONE 100' Rear mount aerial ladder truck. He stated that they did their homework and researched different companies for pricing and lead time as to when they can actually get this truck .

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve item #6**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**

**SECONDED BY: MARRONE**

**ROLL CALL**

**ALLINSON: ABSENT**

**CARMODY: AYE**

**FISHBEIN: AYE**

**LAFFIN: AYE**

**MARRONE: AYE**

**TATTA: AYE**

**TESTA: AYE**

**ZANDRI: AYE**

**CERVONI: AYE**

**MOTION: PASSED**

7. Discussion and possible action regarding Bid Waiver to enter into an Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing via the HGAC to obtain the best pricing for the purchase of a new 2024 E-ONE 1500gpm pumper for up to \$850,000 – Fire Dept.

Fire Chief Joseph Czentnar explained why the Fire Department needs the bid waiver for the 2024 E-ONE 1500 GPM Pumper. He stated that they did their homework and researched different companies for pricing and lead time as to when they can actually get this truck .

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve item #7  
MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: MARRONE**

**ROLL CALL**

**ALLINSON: ABSENT  
CARMODY: AYE  
FISHBEIN: AYE  
LAFFIN: AYE  
MARRONE: AYE  
TATTA: AYE  
TESTA: AYE  
ZANDRI: AYE  
CERVONI: AYE**

**MOTION: PASSED**

8. Bid Waiver request for Dynamic Sandblasting & Painting LLC of Eatontown, New Jersey to clean and paint sidewall of Westside Water Storage Tank - Water Division

Neil Amwake, General Manager for the Water/Sewer Division explained why he needs a bid waiver for painting the sidewall of the westside of the Water Storage Tank. He stated it has been neglected and needs the painting done.

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve item #8  
MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

**ROLL CALL**

**ALLINSON: ABSENT  
CARMODY: AYE  
FISHBEIN: AYE  
LAFFIN: AYE  
MARRONE: AYE  
TATTA: AYE  
TESTA: AYE  
ZANDRI: AYE  
CERVONI: AYE**

**MOTION: PASSED**

9. Consider and approve Transfer in the amount of \$215,500 from Masonic Water Storage Tank, Acct. #43300342 to Westside Water Storage Tank, Acct. #43300342 - Water Div.

Neil Amwake, General Manager for the Water/Sewer Division explained why he needs the

transfer in the amount of \$215,500. He stated the money is just being moved from one account to another account so they painting of the sidewall can happen.

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve item #9  
MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

**ROLL CALL**

**ALLINSON: ABSENT  
CARMODY: AYE  
FISHBEIN: AYE  
LAFFIN: AYE  
MARRONE: AYE  
TATTA: AYE  
TESTA: AYE  
ZANDRI: AYE  
CERVONI: AYE**

**MOTION: PASSED**

10. EDC update regarding the Railroad Station Project - EDC

There was a discussion as to how the EDC can utilize the Railroad Station. The suggestion was to use it to create a food service station, have a tasting bar for wine/beer and maybe incentive housing. There was discussion on the safety of all of the people that would be there to enjoy this and having them cross the train tracks.

Ray Ross asked about what is being done with the transition of the basement and where the Adult Education would go.

There was concern as to where the Adult education would go and that this project cannot be approved until Council knows where the Adult Education would be relocated too.

11. Discussion and action to Approve and Adopt Tax Incentive Program – EDC

- (a) Personal Property Tax Incentive for Manufacturers
- (b) Real Property Tax Incentive for Manufacturers
- (c) Real Property Tax Incentive for Office Development
- (d) Real Property Tax Incentive for Incentive Housing Zone

There was a brief discussion about these incentive programs and what benefit they have and if people over the years were actually utilizing these programs.

12. Discussion and action regarding the cost of rebidding Community Pool – Mayor

This item was tabled until next meeting.

Riley O'Connell stated that he thought the Community Pool should go out for bid again.

13. Consider and approve Agreement between Dean M. Hall and Jean Hall, Trustees of the Article V Trust for the Benefit of Dean Hall U/A of the Francis E. Hall Revocable Trust and the Town of Wallingford for the purchase of 40.75 acres of land at 138 Williams Road – Mayor

Neil Amwake, General Manager for the Water/Sewer Division explained why buying this property was good for the Town of Wallingford. He stated that it is nice that the Water Division can make this purchase.

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve item #13**  
**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

**ROLL CALL**

**ALLINSON: ABSENT**  
**CARMODY: AYE**  
**FISHBEIN: AYE**  
**LAFFIN: AYE**  
**MARRONE: AYE**  
**TATTA: AYE**  
**TESTA: AYE**  
**ZANDRI: AYE**  
**CERVONI: AYE**

**MOTION: PASSED**

14. Consider and approve Appropriation from Cash to Land and Land Rights in the amount of \$825,000 from Appropriation from Cash Account #43300310 – Water/Sewer Div.

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve item #14**  
**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

**ROLL CALL**

**ALLINSON: ABSENT**  
**CARMODY: AYE**  
**FISHBEIN: AYE**  
**LAFFIN: AYE**  
**MARRONE: AYE**  
**TATTA: AYE**  
**TESTA: AYE**

**ZANDRI: AYE  
CERVONI: AYE**

**MOTION: PASSED**

15. Review with the Town's Risk Manager the conditions presented by Town Council Building Maintenance Committee – Councilor Fishbein

Kurt Triber, Risk Manager for the Town of Wallingford presented along with Rob Baltramitis, Director of Public Works and Ken Michael, Director of Parks & Recreation spoke about the Issues that the Building Maintenance Committee found with the Parks, Train Station and Town Hall. Some of the issues were fixed or will be fixed in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 P.M.

**MOTION WAS MADE to end the meeting at 9:36pm  
MADE BY: CERVONI  
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

**ROLL CALL**

**ALLINSON: ABSENT  
CARMODY: AYE  
FISHBEIN: AYE  
LAFFIN: AYE  
MARRONE: AYE  
TATTA: AYE  
TESTA: AYE  
ZANDRI: AYE  
CERVONI: AYE**

**MOTION: PASSED**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Panzo  
Town Clerk

Meeting digitally recorded

  
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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

24 OCT. 2023  
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Date

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10/24/23

Kristen Panzo, Town Clerk

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