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**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC HEARING  
FY 2019-2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP  
Town Council Chambers  
April 9, 2019  
RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Special Town Council Meeting on Monday, April 9, 2019 was called to order at 8:00 P.M. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Gina Morgenstein, Christopher K. Shortell and Jason Zandri. Councilors John LeTourneau and Vincent F. Testa were absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., and Comptroller James Bowes were also present at the meeting.

1. Moment of Silence
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call
3. **LAW DEPT.**

*In Attendance: Town Attorney Gerald Farrell, Sr.  
Corporation Counsel Janis Small*

Councilor Shortell questioned expenditures for 2019.

Attorney Small stated she expects to transfer money around to adjust the accounts.

**PROGRAM PLANNING**

*In Attendance: Susan Schott, Administrative Grant Secretary  
Scott Hanley, Manager, Government TV*

Councilor Shortell asked Ms. Schott what she did. Ms. Schott explained that she looks for grants for departments for the town.

Councilor Morgenstien asked Ms. Schott how many grants she does. Ms. Schott replied they are in the process of doing their small city grant which changes every year.

Councilor Fishbein inquired about the crumbling foundation aspect and asked if that is for more than single family residences. Ms. Schott stated she did not know.

**GOV TV**

*In Attendance: Scott Hanley, Manager, Government TV*

Mr. Hanley spoke about funds for new cameras and lighting.

Councilor Laffin inquired about the new camera. Mr. Hanley stated that it is 4K Technology.

Councilor Morgenstein asked what department changes the lights. Mr. Hanley replied Public Works or an electrician.

Councilor Fishbein talked about Bill 677 and stated the communities have to do this. Mr. Hanley stated the cable company has to do it.

### **MAYOR**

Mayor Dickinson indicated the only line that went up was negotiations.

Councilor Shortell asked Mayor Dickinson when his last raise was. Chairman Cervoni answered two years ago. The Mayor does not think now is the time to increase salaries.

Councilor Shortell does not think it is good for democracy for this office to be so under paid.

Councilor Morgenstein asked if we are using a single phone company. Mayor Dickinson said we use Frontier.

Councilor Morgenstien asked when the last time was that we looked at this.

Mayor Dickinson stated it gets very technical very quickly.

### **TOWN COUNCIL**

Chairman Cervoni noted the last increase was a long time ago. He stated the Councilors have been reasonable with all contracts and so he felt a 9% increase was sufficient.

Councilor Shortell asked if there is a way to make this effective until the next council term after this term.

Councilor Fishbein indicated that the Council's personal expenses have increased. He remarked that they used to have a secretary who printed things for them.

Councilor Marrone asked if we really need a phone line or can our number just roll into the Town Clerk's number to save money.

### **TOWN CLERK**

Councilor Fishbein asked Town Clerk Barbara Thompson about the online land record portal and if towns still received their dollar. Mrs. Thompson replied that they did and said the companies charge a little more than a dollar to account for their revenue.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN  
MADE BY: FISHBEIN  
SECONDED BY: MARRONE  
MOTION: PASSED**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss  
Council Staff  
Meeting digitally recorded



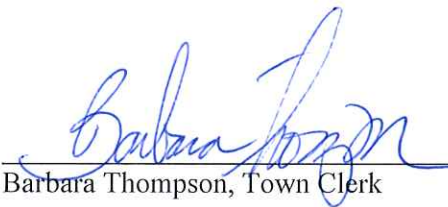
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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

23 APRIL 2019

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Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

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