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**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers**

**TUESDAY
APRIL 23, 2019
6:30 P.M.**

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 was called to order at 6:32 p.m. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig C. Fishbein (arrived at 6:34 p.m.), Thomas Laffin, John LeTourneau, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Gina Morgenstein, Christopher K. Shortell and Councilor Vincent F. Testa (arrived at 6:38 p.m.). Councilor Jason Zandri was absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Town Attorney Gerald Farrell, Sr. were also present at the meeting.

- 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$2,202.24 (#688-#723)
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
- 3b. Consider and Approve (1) Merit Review – Human Resources
- 3c. Acceptance of private donations and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$8,030 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 -Y&SS
- 3d. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$2,800 from Professional Services – Labor /Grievances, Acct. #12000-56812 to Personal Computer, Acct. #TBD – Human Resources
- 3e. Approve Town Council Budget Public Hearing Minutes of April 8, 2019.
- 3f. Approve Town Council Minutes of April 9, 2019.
- 3g. Approve Budget Workshop Minutes of April 9, 2019.
- 3h. Approve Budget Workshop Minutes of April 11, 2019.
- 3i. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$3,650 from Transmission/ Collection Mains, Acct. #46300343 to Treatment Plant Structures & Improvements, Acct. #46300331 – Sewer Div.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3i.

MADE BY:	LAFFIN
SECONDED BY:	LETOURNEAU
VOTE:	ALL AYE
MOTION:	PASSED

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: *None*
5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Opened Public Question and Answer Period at 6:34 p.m.

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, asked why the April 16th Budget Workshop was cancelled and if it would be rescheduled. Chairman Cervoni responded that there were no questions for those departments so it will not be rescheduled.

Paul Ciardullo, 2 Bayberry Drive, stated one of the cemetery officials said the budget was confidential and that they were not required to give back-up. He asked if that is correct. Mayor Dickinson explained leadership had just changed and we were told they were in a transition period and no back-up was available. Mayor Dickinson then stated we request back-up and not all agencies send it, sometimes they just send a letter. Mr. Ciardullo does not think it is okay for the town to give any money to an organization that does not give us background information.

Closed Public Question and Answer Period at 6:45 p.m.

6. Discussion and Possible action regarding UPSEU, Local 424-17 (Supervisors/Managers) Case #2018-MBA-285 Arbitration Award - Human Resources Dept. – James Hutt

*In Attendance: James Hutt, Director, Human Resources
Dennis Ciccarillo, Labor Attorney*

Mr. Hutt discussed the Managers Contract Arbitration Award. He indicated there will be a high deductible for health insurance starting January 2020. He reviewed wage increases for the following years:

2018: 1.75%
2019: 2.0%
2020: 1.9%.

He stated that comp time will have to be used within 12 months instead of 6 months.

Councilor Fishbein stated this contract pre-dated the Janus decision so that is why it is not mentioned.

Attorney Ciccarillo confirmed that the negotiations and contract pre-date the Janus decision.

Councilor Shortell said he was happy to see the HSA Plan is cheaper for the employees to get.

Mr. Hutt stated that \$101,424 is the total cost to the town for the 2018 increase of 1.75%.

7. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor- *Withdrawn*

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA:

8. Executive Session pursuant to CGS Sections 1-225(f), 1-200(6)(B), 1-200(6)(E), 1-210(b)(4) and (10) to discuss pending litigation/claim involving CMEEC arbitration and legal advice related hereto - PUC

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:56 P.M.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED**

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to CGS Sections 1-225(f), 1-200(6)(B), 1-200(6)(E), 1-210(b)(4) and (10) to discuss pending litigation/claim involving CMEEC arbitration and legal advice related hereto.

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:46 P.M.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED**

Time of Executive Session 6:56 p.m.to7:46 p.m.

Attendance at Executive Session:

**FISHBEIN
LAFFIN
LETOURNEAU
MARRONE
MORGENSTEIN
SHORTELL
TESTA
CERVONI**

**MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.
TOWN ATTORNEY GERALD FARRELL, SR.
CORPORATION COUNSEL JANIS SMALL**

**RICHARD HENDERSHOT, DIRECTOR, PUC
ANTONIO BUCCHERI, GENERAL MANAGER, ELECTRIC
BOB BEAUMONT
PATRICK BIRNEY
JOEL RINEBOLD**

- 9 Discussion and possible action Wallingford Electric Division v. CMEEC Arbitration as discussed in Executive Session - PUC

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**

Mr. Brodinsky asked when will this settlement not be a secret? Chairman Cervoni responded that he cannot say and indicated this is a pending litigation. Mr. Brodinsky then asked what is the harm in revealing the number you are settling on.

Attorney Farrell stated it is on the advice of Council that this stays confidential.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	MORGENSTEIN: YES
FISHBEIN: YES	SHORTELL: YES
LAFFIN: YES	TESTA: YES
LETOURNEAU: YES	ZANDRI: ABSENT
MARRONE: YES	CERVONI: YES
8-AYE	
1-ABSENT	
MOTION: PASSED	

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss
Council Staff
Meeting digitally recorded

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Barbara Thompson TOWN CLERK

Vincent Cervoni, Chairman Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk Date