

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers
TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 25, 2020
6:30 P.M.
RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 was called to order at 6:35 p.m. There was a moment of silence. The opening Prayer was given Pastor Will Marotti and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Craig C. Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Gina Morgenstein, Christopher K. Shortell, Christina Tatta, Vincent F. Testa, Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Gerald Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller James Bowes were also present.

- 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$14,844.77 (#762-788)
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
- 3b. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$200,000 from Regular Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10020150-51000 to Replacement Pay, Acct. #10020150-51500 – Fire Dept.
- 3c. Acceptance of Donation from Eversource Energy Services and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,000 to Revenue Account-Donations, Acct. #250-TBD and to Expense Account, Fire Dept. Program Expenditures, Acct. #25020150-58830-TBD – Fire Dept.
- 3d. Acceptance of 10 Ballistic Vests valued at \$7,500 from Wallingford Energy LLC – Fire Dept.
- 3e. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$30,000: - Water Div.
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| \$16,000 | From: Operation Labor & Expenses | Acct. #43100642 |
| \$14,000 | From: Maint. of Water Treatment Equip. | Acct. #43100652 |
| \$30,000 | To: Meters | Acct: #43300346 |
- 3f. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$6,600 from Maintenance of Equipment, Acct. #10020050-54325 to Boiler Heat Pump, Acct. #TBD – Police Dept.
- 3g. Acceptance of funds from Redflex Student Guardian and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,404 from Court Motor Vehicle Fines, Acct. #1002001-45124 to Police Operating Expense, Acct. #10020050-58735 – Police Dept.
- 3h. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$4,000 from Contingency, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Election Supplies, Acct. #1001065056105 – Town Clerk

- 3i. Consider and approve Revised Town Council Rules of Procedure – Chairman Cervoni
- 3j. Approval of February 11, 2020 Town Council Minutes and February 11, 2020 Special Town Council Workshop Minutes.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a. & 3c., 3e.-3i and 3j as corrected.

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

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda:

- 3b. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$200,000 from Regular Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10020150-51000 to Replacement Pay, Acct. #10020150-51500 – Fire Dept.

*In Attendance: Richard Heidgerd, Fire Chief
Joseph Czentnar, Deputy Fire Chief*

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO APPROVE a Transfer in the amount of \$200,000 from Regular Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10020150-51000 to Replacement Pay, Acct. #10020150-51500.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL

Chief Heidgerd explained when they did the budget they did not know the staffing level. He stated they are now in a new staffing model.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	SHORTELL: YES
FISHBEIN: YES	TATTA: YES
LAFFIN: YES	TESTA: YES
MARRONE: YES	ZANDRI: YES
MORGENSTEIN: YES	CERVONI: YES

9-AYE
MOTION: PASSED

- 3d. Acceptance of 10 Ballistic Vests valued at \$7,500 from Wallingford Energy LLC – Fire Dept.

*In Attendance: Richard Heidgerd, Fire Chief
Joseph Czentnar, Deputy Fire Chief*

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO APPROVE Acceptance of 10 Ballistic Vests valued at \$7,500 from Wallingford Energy LLC.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL**

Chief Heidgerd stated we started working with law enforcement a few years back and determined we could use some protection. He went on to say it's a different level of protection than law enforcement.

Councilor Fishbein stated as he understands, this is a new situation. Chief Heidgerd said it is now happening all over the country and there is a need.

Councilor Fishbein asked how did Wallingford Energy know before us and who are they? Deputy Chief Czentnar responded they run a portion of the power plant.

Councilor Fishbein asked if this is a facility that the Fire Department would be inspecting. Chief Heidgerd responded he doesn't think so.

Attorney Farrell explained this is the gas turbines of the power plant and no one is there. It leases part of the property.

Mr. Bowes stated PP&L took over the property and sold it to LS Power who created Wallingford Energy LLC.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Comerford, Broadview Drive, questioned if anyone inspects the property and then asked if someone can look into this.

Chief Heidgerd said he will look into this.

Councilor Fishbein asked, in case of a large emergency response, why only 10 vests? He then asked what the goal is. Chief Heidgerd responded we would like to have 16 in case of an emergency.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	SHORTELL: YES
FISHBEIN: YES	TATTA: YES
LAFFIN: YES	TESTA: YES
MARRONE: YES	ZANDRI: YES
MORGENSTEIN: YES	CERVONI: YES
9-AYE	
MOTION: PASSED	

5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

Opened Public Question and Answer Period at 6:52 p.m.

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, stated you tabled voting on a new commission last meeting and then he asked if it was voted down, would it have to change in order to be brought back up.

Mr. Comerford remarked to the Mayor that he asked him about the cemetery minutes to be corrected. The Mayor responded that he hasn't looked into it. Mr. Comerford then inquired about the new building needing repairs.

Closed Public Question & Answer Period at 7:00 p.m.

6. Executive Session pursuant to CGS Section 1-200(6)(B) with respect to the pending Workers' Compensation claim *J. Johnson v. Town of Wallingford* – Human Resources - **WITHDRAWN**
7. Discussion and possible action regarding the Workers' Compensation claim of *J. Johnson v. Town of Wallingford* as discussed in Executive Session – Human Resources - **WITHDRAWN**
8. Executive Session pursuant to CGS Section 1-225(f) and Section 1-200(6)(B) regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending foreclosure matter of *Town of Wallingford v. Denardis, et al* – Law Dept. - **WITHDRAWN**
9. Motion to consider and authorize taking action in the pending foreclosure matter of *Town of Wallingford v. Denardis, et al* as discussed in Executive Session – Law Dept. - **WITHDRAWN**
10. Discussion regarding 350th Committee Update: - Mayor
 - (a) Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$26,297 from Contingency, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Social Services-Wallingford 2020 Celebrations, Acct. #10040150-58280;

*In Attendance: Co-Chair Christine Mansfield
Co-Chair Bob Devaney*

MOTION WAS MADE TO approve a Transfer in the amount of \$26,297 from Contingency, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Social Services-Wallingford 2020 Celebrations, Acct. #10040150-58280.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: TESTA**

Mr. Devaney ran down the week long events starting with the Parade on June 20th.

Ms. Mansfield stated hundreds of volunteers are working and funding is actively coming in. She noted different committees have expenses and went on to say revenue that will be generated will happen after June 1st. She then stated we are using free google websites and we are using the HubCap at no cost.

Councilor Fishbein asked if we created this entity. Ms. Mansfield answered yes. He then asked Ms. Mansfield if she asked for a link of the town website. Ms. Mansfield said she can request that.

Councilor Fishbein remarked we appropriated \$75,000 and then another \$15,000 yet he hasn't seen a budget.

Ms. Mansfield said she will put a budget together and noted we have 100 days to go until the event and need to get vendors paid but we are receiving donations now all the time and should continue going forward. She stated that \$6,400 is in the bank now but it has a bill appropriated to it. She went on to state we expect to be revenue neutral.

Councilor Morgenstein asked how much money came in sales at Celebrate Wallingford. Ms. Mansfield said she is not sure and she will include it in the budget.

Councilor Zandri stated anyone making a donation wants to see it go to the event, not have a surplus. He feels this should not be a revenue generator.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	SHORTELL: YES
FISHBEIN: YES	TATTA: YES
LAFFIN: YES	TESTA: YES
MARRONE: YES	ZANDRI: YES
MORGENSTEIN: YES	CERVONI: YES
9-AYE	
MOTION: PASSED	

(b) Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$26,297 and \$10,000:

\$26,297	To: Revenue-Xfer in from General Fund	Fund #252
\$10,000	To: Revenue – Donations	Fund #252
\$36,297	To: Expenditures	Fund #252

*In Attendance: Co-Chair Christine Mansfield
Co-Chair Bob Devaney*

MOTION WAS MADE TO Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$26,297 and \$10,000.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL**

Councilor Fishbein wanted to confirm that the 350th Committee is the umbrella and the events all fall under the umbrella and both Christine Mansfield and Bob Devaney are the Chairmen. Ms. Mansfield replied yes.

Councilor Fishbein asked if the Council can get the parade budget and Ms. Mansfield said yes.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
FISHBEIN: YES
LAFFIN: YES
MARRONE: YES
MORGENSTEIN: YES
9-AYE
MOTION: PASSED

SHORTELL: YES
TATTA: YES
TESTA: YES
ZANDRI: YES
CERVONI: YES

- 11. 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*

MOTION TO ADJOURN
MADE BY: FISHBEIN
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL
ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss
Council Staff
Meeting digitally recorded

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AT 4:00 AND RECEIVED BY
Barbara Thompson TOWN CLERK

Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date