

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022
6:30 P.M.
RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 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 Autumn Allinson, Samuel Carmody, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Christina Tatta, Vincent Testa, Jason Zandri, and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. was also present.

Congratulations and Distribution of Certificates to Wallingford U10 Girls Little League Softball Team winners of the 2022 State Championship.

Mayor and Chairman Cervoni congratulated Wallingford girls' softball team winning the State championship and presented them with certificates.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$14,672.88 (#22 - #88)
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
- 3b. Consider and approve a transfer in the amount of \$1,098 from Office Expenses & Supplies
Acct. #10040100-56100 to Capital Acct - Youth & Social Services
- 3c. Acceptance of funds from Operation Fuel for fuel bank application fees and consider and
approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$450 to Expenditure Acct #21340100-
58830 – Youth & Social Services
- 3d. Acceptance of Donations received for Holiday for Giving and consider and approve
Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$390 to Expenditure Acct #21340100-58830 –
Youth & Social Services
- 3e. Acceptance of funds received from Workforce Alliance for the Summer Youth
Employment Program and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of
\$14,773 to Expenditure Acct #22702023-51000 - Youth & Social Services
- 3f. Acceptance of Federal/State Highway Safety grant 2021/2022 Comprehensive DUI
Enforcement Program and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of
\$4,910 to Police Overtime Acct #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.
- 3g. Consider and approve a transfer in the amount of \$5,013 from Police Equipment Acct.
#21220050-57000-10221 to Police Vehicle Acct. #21220050-57000-00965 – Police Dept.

- 3h. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$119,330 for new vehicle equipment and graphics – Police Dept.
- \$19,330 from: Rev-Town Recovery Insurance Acct #1009053-46240
\$35,000 from: Rev-Town Sale of Assets Acct #1009052-47020
\$65,000 from: Rev-Fund Balance
- \$99,330 to: Police Cruiser-Capital Acct #10020050-57000-01111
\$20,000 to: Police ATV-Capital Acct #10020050-57000-TBD
- 3i. Acceptance of Donation from Ms. Joan V. Ginter for R Band’s supplies and expenses and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$100 to Operating Expenses Acct. #10050050-58735 – Parks and Recreation Dept.
- 3j. Consider and Approve Budget Amendment for FY 2021/2022 and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$133,000 from Electric Sales Acct #4400 to Taxes Acct #408 – Electric Division
- 3k. Consider and Approve Budget Amendment for FY 2021/2022 and consider and approve Transfer of funds in the amount of \$144,000 – Electric Division
- \$72,000 from: Transmission Exp. Maint. of Plant Equip. Acct #570
\$72,000 from: Distribution Exp. Maint. of Plant Equip. Acct #592
- \$144,000 to: Depreciation Expense Acct #403
- 3l. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$6,900 for new flow transmitter to Maintenance of Treatment Equipment Acct #431-00652 – Water/Sewer Division
- 3m. Acceptance of Donations received for Holiday for Giving and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$550 to Expenditure Acct #21340100-58830 – Youth & Social Services
- 3n. Acceptance of babysitting registration fees received and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$180 to Expenditure Acct #21340100-58830 – Youth & Social Services
- 3o. Acceptance of Donation received from Masonicare Ashlar Village for new Smartboard and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,500 to Miscellaneous Donations Acct #Fund 250 – Fire Dept.
- 3p. Acceptance of Donation received from Wallingford Energy LLC for new Paratech Maxiforce Air Lifting Bag and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$11,000 to Miscellaneous Donations Acct #Fund 250 – Fire Dept.

- 3q. Consider and Approve Transfer of funds for purchase of replacement computers in the amount of \$5,974 from Contingency-General Acct #10019000-58826 to Building Dept-Capital-PC & Accessories Acct #10010550-57000 – Building Dept.
- 3r. Consider and Approve a Resolution authorizing Mayor William Dickinson to enter into and/or amend contractual instruments between the Town of Wallingford and the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood for a Child Day Care Program from June 27, 2022 to June 30, 2024 - Mayor
- 3s. Consider and Approve an Agreement between Wallingford Community Day Care Center, Inc. and the Town of Wallingford, which authorizes the Wallingford Community Day Care Center, Inc. to carry out funding programs in the amount of \$1,265,019 as provided in the contract between the Town of Wallingford and the State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood from June 27, 2022 to June 30, 2024 - Mayor
- 3t. Consider and Approve a Resolution permitting the Wallingford Community Day Care Center, Inc. to borrow from the Town of Wallingford amounts necessary to meet the essential operation expenses of said Day Care Center prior to the time its program is approved for funding from the State of Connecticut - Mayor
- 3u. Consider and Approve Town Council minutes of August 16, 2022.

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

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

VOTE: ALL AYE

MOTION: PASSED

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

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Bob Gross, Long Hill Road, mentioned the power went down two weeks ago on the east side of Wallingford and wants to know if the town is working on a way to let residents know what's going on. He said he is tired of calling the electric division and there is nothing on the web. The Mayor stated it's difficult to establish how long it will be. Mayor went on to state we have a website, we are not on social media nor will we be. He instructed Mr. Gross to go to a .gov site.

Abby Gilbert, Whitney Drive, Meriden, referred to CHRO lawsuit filed. She feels Council should review process for ZBA applications and stated she was forced to leave her home and sell it. She hopes Council will review her case.

Mr. Gross asked Mayor if he is seeing money from transfer station. Mayor replied contract with Covanta is terminated and nothing other than taxes are being paid.

Mr. Humes stated that Chief Ventura planned out for 20 years and everything put in design is needed. He went on to state he was brought on board because of his experience and this facility shows needs similar in other municipalities. Mr. Humes remarked officer safety is priority as well as the safety of the public and detainees. He feels it was a wise decision to purchase the building and noted a new front entrance will be designed and secured with video surveillance. Mr. Humes also stated that all space is being utilized – 45,000 square feet.

Councilor Fishbein inquired about accreditation standards and Chief Ventura responded we are at Tier 3 without modifications.

Councilor Zandri questioned if this design plans for 20 years out and does it use up the entire footprint? The Chief explained we have allowed for change and described workstations for future additional staff.

Councilor Zandri asked Mr. Humes if he was comfortable with that assessment and Mr. Humes stated he was very comfortable and feels there will be no overcrowding. Mr. Humes said he sees this as the last P.D. building we have to build and it has a 50 year growth potential.

Councilor Zandri asked if there is any consideration to a satellite office in the center of town and Chief answered yes, it's up for discussion.

Councilor Tatta asked if \$30.5 million includes the purchase. Ms. Kapushinski stated it does not include purchase price. Councilor Tatta is concerned about the cost and remarked she has not spoken to one person who likes the location.

Councilor Fishbein stated he likes the location but feels the numbers are a concern. He thanked the Committee.

Councilor Testa said he likes what he sees and asked if there is any way to maintain storage in the existing property. Chief replied it's not feasible and stated there is a sign shop and emergency vehicles in there now.

There was discussion with Councilors, Chief Ventura and Mr. Humes.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
MADE BY: ALLINSON
SECONDED BY: ZANDRI
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION PASSED**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss
Council Staff

Meeting digitally recorded



25 OCT. 2022

Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

Date



10/26/2022

Deborah McKiernan, Town Clerk

Date

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Deborah McKiernan TOWN CLERK