

Town Council Meeting Summary

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Approved Town Council Meeting Minutes of October 13, 1987.

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Meeting adjourned.

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- (1) Roll call and pledge of allegiance to flag.
- (2) Public question and answer period.
- (3) Correspondence: Letter from Ron Piazza, Lyman Hall's Softball Coach, regarding congratulatory letter received from Masao Koike, Tournament Chairman, Pan Pacific Women's Softball Tournament, commending the high standards displayed by our girls.
- (4) Approve Contract for all in-kind services for Wallingford Committee on Aging.
- (5) Consider and approve two items requested by Tax Collector:
 - a. Consider and approve a transfer of \$1,798.00 from Reserve for Emergency to Tax Refunds.
 - b. Approve tax refunds in the amount of \$3,934.15.
- (6) CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$642,000.00 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE YALESVILLE FIRE HOUSE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN TO DEFRAY SAID APPROPRIATION AND CONSOLIDATING VARIOUS FUNDING ACCOUNTS IN CONNECTION WITH AUTHORIZED YALESVILLE FIREHOUSE PROJECT EXPENDITURES.
- (7) Consider authorization for sale of current Yalesville Volunteer Fire Company property, pursuant to public bidding process.
- (8) Consider waiving bidding procedure to repair broken diaphragm in #1 Boiler Feed Pump, requested by Charles F. Walters, Electric Division.
Waived Rule V/approved replacing bearings on fan/waived bidding.
- (9) Consider two items requested by Raymond F. Smith, Director of Public Utilities:
 - a. Consider a budget amendment of \$28,000.00 from Prior Retained Earnings to Outside Services, Water Division.
 - b. Consider waiving the bidding procedure for Individual Water Supply Plan Study, Water Division.

- (10) Consider an appropriation of \$4,826.00 to Proportionate Charges- Utilities Commission (Income) to PUC-Personal Services (Expense), requested by Richard A. Nunn, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission. 727
- (11) Consider and approve a transfer of \$25,000.00 from Council Contingency to Retiree Sick Leave, requested by Stanley A. Seadale, Director of Personnel.
- (12) Consider request to change item called Prairie Cabin to Swing Set, requested by Ivan S. Shepardson, Park and Recreation Director. Addendum/on reverse.
- (13) Consider Resolution for financial assistance from the Department of Transportation for local road survey, requested by Donald W. Roe, State and Federal Program Administrator.
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- (14) Consider authorizing Comptroller to loan funds from the General Fund to Social Service Block Grant Program and Community Service Program, until such time as State funds are received, requested by Donald W. Roe, State & Federal Program Administrator.
- (15) Consider approval of participation in program in connection with a mass mailing of the U.S. Surgeon General's report regarding Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, requested by Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr.
- (16) Consider Resolution to amend General Fund Revenue and Expenditure Budgets for Police Information Systems Federal Grant and Crime Prevention Federal Grant, requested by Joseph J. Bevan, Chief of Police.
- (17) Consider approval of Community Crime Prevention Project Budget, requested by Joseph J. Bevan, Chief of Police.
- (18) Consider two items requested by Joseph J. Bevan, Chief of Police:
- a. Establish Account No. 001-2015-999-9923, Replacement Police Cruiser and Consider and approve the transfer of \$6,264.00 from Police General Wages to Replacement Police Cruiser.
 - b. Consider and approve the transfer of \$564.00 from Police General Wages to Replacement Cruiser With Light Bar. (\$564 transferred from A/C #999-9903)
- (19) Discuss and consider approval of separate air conditioning units for the Communications room and the Equipment room in the Police Station, at an estimated cost of \$7,451.00, requested by Joseph J. Bevan, Chief of Police.
- (20) Consider submission of a new application and resolution regarding proposals for the self-insurance feasibility study, requested by Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr.
- (21) Consider approval of Town Council minutes dated October 13, 1987.

Addendum

Discussion and action regarding pavillion at East Center Street fields--authorization to negotiate since no bids were received, requested by Ivan S. Shepardson, Park and Recreation Director.

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7:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held in Council Chambers, called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman David A. Gessert. Answering present to the roll called by Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk, were Council Members Adams, Bergamini, Gouveia, Holmes, Killen, Papale, Polanski, Rys and Gessert. Also present were Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Adam Mantzaris and Thomas A. Myers, Comptroller. The pledge of allegiance was given to the flag.

Mr. Lawrence Singer, 357 Hope Hill Road, told the Council Members that there was an article in this past Sunday's Hartford Courant, regarding building costs in Wallingford and regarding the building of the Yalesville Firehouse, he said that he was not aware that the construction costs that were published, were actually estimates and our bid price. I feel more comfortable knowing that there will be no scale back in the scope of the safety features that are involved in the construction of the firehouse.

Mr. Panagrossi, 125 Ridgetop Drive, (new resident), told the Council Members that he was upset that no one from the Registrar of Voters contacted he or his wife so they could register in the Town of Wallingford, before the deadline. He asked if there was any type of program that would require the Registrar of Voters to follow up registering new residents. Mr. Gessert commented that when you move into a new town, you are required to register to vote and added that he is not sure what the deadlines are. Mrs. Rosemary Rascati, Town Clerk, explained that the Registrar of Voters hold many sessions and they register everyday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. When they are not there, she takes care of it. The Registrar of Voters do go out to people that cannot get out to register, if they receive a call. There is also a provision to appoint an assistant to the Registrar of Voters, that will do the homes if they receive a call. Mr. Holmes stated that he does not think that the Registrar of Voters is mandated to seek out the people that are not registered and added that you can register in any town and they will transfer the proper paper work to the correct town. Mr. Adams added that Mr. and Mrs. Panagrossi's names were turned in and he was under the impression that these people could make arrangements to be serviced at their house to be signed up. There are special assistants out there but, evidently, there was not one in his area. There was a mess up in communications and I feel very bad for Mr. Panagrossi.

Mr. Edward Musso, 56 Dibble Edge Road, asked if the taxpayers were going to shell out for the poor construction over at the Parker Farms School (sidewalk). I hope that someone else eats it besides us taxpayers. You should have the construction engineer, architect or the committee pay for it out of their own pockets.

ITEM 3. Correspondence: Letter from Ron Piazza, Lyman Hall's Softball Coach, regarding congratulatory letter received from Masao Koike, Tournament Chairman, Pan Pacific Women's Softball Tournament, commending the high standards displayed by our girls.

Mr. Gessert explained that the letter from Mr. Koike, Tournament Chairman of the Pan Pacific women's Softball Tournament in Hawaii to Mr. Ron Piazza, Lyman Hall Softball Coach, stated that the girls were an outstanding group of people and they are a credit to their school and their community. The girls did not win all of their games but, they certainly made a lot of friends in Hawaii and they were very well received and we are very proud of the fact that they went and they were appreciated in Hawaii.

ITEM 4. Approve contract for all in-kind services for Wallingford Committee on Aging, moved by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mrs. Madeline Erskine, Chairperson, Wallingford Committee on Aging, introduced Sandra Rogerson, (new) Director of the Senior Center and explained that back in May, the Council approved the incorporation of the Wallingford Committee on Aging. We have been notified by telephone but not yet formally, by the State of Connecticut, that the incorporation is complete. We should have formal notification very shortly. At the time that we came to you about incorporation, we requested that all of the services that the town has been providing (in-kind services), will continue, as they have been over the many past years. We would like you to authorize, in principle, and appoint someone to work with us on a formal contract for in-kind services. We have passed out to you, a list of in-kind that we would like to have. One is the continuing lease of the building to us for a nominal dollar a year, or something that would formalize it, with the Town as the owner of the building continuing the property insurance, and to lease to us the minibus under the same conditions. Some of the in-kind services that the town has been making available to us are building maintenance, copy service, mail service, restroom supplies and technical assistance. Also, we would like to continue to be permitted to get gas at the town gas pump.

We have money in our budget to pay for liability insurance. This is only, really, a change in name and we hope to have the same relationship with you, that we have had over a good number of years.

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Mr. Gessert explained that as far as contracts with the Town of Wallingford, he believes that it would be up to Attorney Mantzaris to draw that up.

Mr. Killen explained that if these in-kind services that the town has been providing, are going to be put into a contract, we are going to have to make sure that these figures appear in the next budget. Mrs. Erskine explained that some of the items are covered in the budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes to have Attorney Mantzaris draw up a contract with the Wallingford Committee on Aging, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

"IN-KIND" SERVICES

At present, under its current status, the Committee on Aging receives extensive and invaluable "in-kind" services from the Town of Wallingford. Without access to these services, the Committee on Aging's budget would escalate tremendously. Therefore, the Committee is concerned that should the organizational structure of the Committee on Aging be changed, there would be a need to clearly determine which (and hopefully all) services currently received from the Town could be continued as "in-kind" services. This information would be vital in estimating operating costs.

The following are the "in-kind" services now received from the Town of Wallingford under the present organizational structure of the Committee on Aging:

- snow plowing
- grass cutting; tree removal when necessary; leaf raking
- repairs to building, grounds
 - examples include: plumbing repairs
 - electrical repairs
 - damage by weather, vandalism
 - ceiling panels, light bulbs
- utilities - oil heat; electricity..
- repair of utility problems
- moving of furniture
- rest room supplies
- custodial services
- rubbish removal
- mail and copying (through Central Services office)
- insurance (all insurance except workmen's compensation and employee health insurance currently provided by Town of Wallingford under its general policies)
- maintenance of fire alarm system
- technical assistance from Program Planning Office
- use of Public Works gas pumps in order to obtain Town's gas price (the Committee on Aging pays for the gas used)

It should be emphasized that the services mentioned above are not reflected as cash expenses in the Committee on Aging's budget, but are lumped under "in-kind, space and utilities" and are estimated on the basis of \$6.35/square foot. Insurance and custodial services are listed in separate areas of the Town Budget, under the Town's "umbrella" expenses for these services.

ITEM 5. Consider and approve two items requested by Tax Collector:

5a. Consider and approve a transfer of \$1,798.00 from Reserve for Emergency to Tax Refunds, moved by Mr. Rys and seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Killen asked if any of these funds have been paid into the current budget, so that they are available with an amended budget, rather than taking it out of account #319 and Mr. Gessert commented that obviously, we have not provided enough. Mr. Myers explained that there have been years when \$15,000 has been appropriated in the budget and we have only refunded \$5,000 for overpayments. Then there are years that we have budgeted \$8,000 and we have refunded \$20,000. There is no way to get a pattern on it and no way to develop a history.

VOTE: Killen voted no; Adams, Bergamini, Gouveia, Holmes, Papale, Polanski, Rys and Gessert voted yes; motion duly carried.

5b. Approve tax refunds in the amount of \$3,934.15, moved by Mrs. Bergamini and seconded by Mr. Rys. Mrs. Bergamini read the following tax refunds:

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No. 24	Automotive Rentals	\$ 106.26
25	LMV Leasing Inc.	853.36
26	Beatrice Testa	95.70
27	Navin Shah	50.82
28	Janet Valentin	121.39
29	Wayne Bennett	73.26
30	Barbara Berger	23.40
31	Paula Savo	28.38
32	Peter Romano	190.74
33	Grace Streett and/or New Haven Savings Bank	610.74
34	Vanguard Commercial Leasing	119.02
35	George Mandes	163.02
36	William Purcell	206.84
37	Houston McInvale	683.64
38	Houston McInvale	560.52
39	Elizabeth MacDonald	47.06
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		\$3,934.15

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 6.

CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$642,000.00 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE YALESVILLE FIRE HOUSE, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN TO DEFRAY SAID APPROPRIATION AND CONSOLIDATING VARIOUS FUNDING ACCOUNTS IN CONNECTION WITH AUTHORIZED YALESVILLE FIREHOUSE PROJECT EXPENDITURES.

Mrs. Bergamini read and moved the following Ordinance:

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Be it Enacted by the Town Council in Session:

I.

The sum of Six Hundred Forty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$642,000) is hereby appropriated for expenses incurred in the acquisition of a town owned Yalesville Firehouse, including construction costs, road and traffic light improvements necessitated by the Firehouse, furnishings, legal fees, debt administration, and all necessary and appropriate costs associated therewith shall be as follows:.

Debt Administration, including capitalized interest	\$ 52,000
Construction and all other costs	\$590,000
Total	<hr/> \$642,000

II.

To meet said appropriation, the following accounts and sums contained therein shall be consolidated for the uses authorized by this ordinance:

1. Account 017-1700-200-2030, consisting of a present balance of \$62,500, and

2. Account 001-2039-999, consisting of a present balance of \$62,500; and

To further meet said appropriation, not more than Five Hundred Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$517,000) in Bonds of the Town of Wallingford may be issued pursuant to Chapter XV of the Town Charter, as amended, and Section 7-369 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

The Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are hereby authorized to sell the bonds, either all at one time, or from time to time, in series, at public sale, either as a separate issue or combined with other authorized but unissued bonds of the Town of Wallingford, at not less than par and accrued interest, an advertisement of which shall be published before the date of sale in The Bond Buyer or other publication or media specializing in municipal finance. They shall determine the rate of interest of such bonds, the amount of each issue of such bonds, their form, their date, the dates of principal and interest payments, the manner of issuing such bonds,

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shall deliver the bonds and receive the proceeds thereof. The Connecticut Bank and Trust Company, N.A., of Hartford, Connecticut, shall be the certifying and paying agent. Adinolfi, O'Brien & Hayes, P.C., Attorneys-at-Law, of Hartford, Connecticut, shall render an opinion approving the legality of such particular issue. Such bonds shall be general obligations of the Town of Wallingford and notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary the full faith and credit of the Town shall be pledged to the punctual payment of principal and interest of the bonds in accordance with their terms.

IV.

The Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are hereby authorized to sell temporary notes of the Town, from time to time, in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Seventeen Thousand Dollars (\$517,000), under and pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds from the sale of bonds hereby authorized, and are authorized to comply with the provisions of Section 7-378a, as amended, and any other legislation regarding the extension of temporary periods whether presently in effect or enacted subsequent to the passage of this ordinance, if the maturity of such notes shall extend beyond the time permitted by Section 7-378; the Mayor, the Comptroller, and the Treasurer, or any two of them, are hereby authorized to determine the rate of interest of such notes, determine the amount of each issue of notes, their form, their date, the dates of principal and interest payments, the manner of issuing such notes, and by whom and how such notes shall be signed or countersigned, and all other particulars thereof. Such notes shall be general obligations of the Town of Wallingford and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary the full faith and credit of the Town shall be pledged to the punctual payment of principal and interest of the notes in accordance with their terms.

V.

The Mayor and the Comptroller are authorized pursuant to C.G.S. §7-369b to make representations and agreements for the benefit of the holders of any bonds, notes, or other obligations which are necessary or appropriate to ensure the exemption from federal taxation of the interest on the bonds, notes or other obligations authorized herein, including the full faith and credit pledge of the Town to rebate to the federal government such sums as are required to be rebated to it if tax exempt obligations are issued pursuant to this resolution.

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VI.

Nothing herein shall prohibit the advancement of expenses by the Comptroller from available cash funds of the Town for the purposes authorized by this ordinance and the reimbursement of such funds for such advancement of expenses from the proceeds received from the issuance of bonds or notes authorized by this ordinance.

seconded by Mr. Rys.

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Mr. Gessert read a letter he received from a resident of Wallingford which states that he is in favor of building a new firehouse on Hope Hill Road and added that with the firehouse across the street from Sheehan High School this would discourage the vandalism at the schools field and the presence of the firehouse would provide nearby emergency services to the adjacent educational facilities, and he believes that it would be a welcomed addition to the community.

Mr. Edward Musso asked if the site plans were going to be corrected, especially the drain tiles. Mr. Gessert explained that before they proceed with any building, they will make sure that the drainage is correct.

Chief McElfish passed out some information to the Council Members.

Chief Dahill explained that the Engineering Department and himself, sent a questionnaire out regarding the bidders. The low bid for the firehouse was \$545,000. The firehouse is 5,100 square feet, which brings the cost to \$106.86 per square foot. The new firehouse being built in Clinton, which is a little bit smaller is \$107.85 a square foot. I contacted Chief Webber, Chief of the Marlboro Fire Department, and they are proposing a 3 bay firehouse, 7,000 square feet and their low bid was \$725,000, which is \$103.00 a square foot. Our second bid was \$578,000 and the highest and third bid was \$618,000, which are all within 10% of each other. I think that we are in a situation where construction is running very high at this time.

Mayor Dickinson commented that the Ordinance talks about \$642,000, but \$52,000 of that is the borrowing costs. We are hopeful that we will not have to borrow money. We are hoping that we will reduce the expenditure of \$265,000, by using funds that are already in the budget for construction, as well as the proceeds from the sale of the existing building. With the total reduced to \$265,000, we are very hopeful that that can be paid off without any borrowing at all. The proceeds from the existing building, will go towards debt reduction, they will not go towards anything else.

Chief McElfish commented that the building committee spent over 500 manhours in designing the prints, specifications, etc.

Mr. Randall Stack, 16 Chimney Hill Sweep Road, commented that Wallingford has a perfect opportunity to repay their volunteers in this way and I am proud of them all and I hope the town will show it by approving this. (APPLAUSE)

Mr. Dennis Guidone asked why this firehouse was being built at this time and Chief McElfish explained that the Yalesville Firehouse is 30 years old and does not meet the present fire code or the present building code and it is one of our more active volunteer stations and there is no parking there. We looked at more than 20 different sites and we chose one that had a natural buffer with the schools and away from "the main streets" and it was already on town owned land and near the volunteers. Also, we cannot continue to ask the merchants to continue to supply us with parking. I believe it is time to put the station where the volunteers are.

Mr. Gessert pointed out that another problem is that there is not enough room for fire trucks, they only have room for one truck. Wallingford is continuing to grow and if you have a station that has room for additional vehicles, should they be needed, is another reason.

Mrs. Papale asked for a breakdown of the costs and also asked if traffic signals were included. Chief McElfish explained that \$52,000 is the bonding cost and \$545,000 is the construction price. The traffic signal, that was required by Planning and Zoning, is \$18,000, the furniture is \$12,000 and the contingency fund is \$15,000.

Mr. Holmes asked how many construction firms were sent a bid package and Chief McElfish explained that they sent out 37 packages and 16 went through the whole process and 3 submitted bids.

Mr. Gessert commented that Yalesville has been one of the most active volunteer companies in Wallingford for many, many years and they have been known for doing an outstanding job and certainly for showing a great deal of pride in care of their equipment and their building. We have seen major renovations done at North Farms, East Wallingford and Cook Hill, so those 3 areas have been upgraded

and 3 out of 4 leaves us 1/4 away from completing the job. I think everyone on the Council will agree that your time has come and your station should also be upgraded.

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Mr. Killen commented that this will be a 3 bay station and asked if down the road sometime, this could be converted into a fully staffed operation and Chief McElfish explained that it has the capability of being very easily converted over. Mr. Killen added that he thinks the location is fine for a volunteer station but, he is nervous about it being converted over to a main station sometime down the line. Chief McElfish added that there is not that much public land available. Chief Dahill added that when they looked at land, they had to look at where they were responding and where their membership lived. Chief Dahill showed the Council Members a chart of a 6 month response of their department, which showed the location of the firehouse and the calls they responded to and the locations of their membership. Chief Dahill added that this is a firehouse that is operated by the neighbors, and I believe that we are moving into a better situation.

Mr. Adams commented that there has been a lot of publicity about planning here in town, and this is an excellent example of us being on the right track, as far as planning for the future as far as our volunteer and paid departments are concerned.

Mrs. Papale commented that when this first came before the Planning and Zoning Board, people in the neighborhood were a little upset about a firehouse going up and were nervous about the safety and I assured them that safety lights would be installed. Chief McElfish explained that he has never received a complaint but, when he does, he will immediately take action. Chief Dahill added that if any of the Council Members receive a complaint, bring it to him and it will be taken care of. If any of the residents come to me with a problem, I will be happy to straighten it out.

Mr. Gouveia asked if there are separate locker rooms in case women join the force in the future and Chief Dahill replied yes.

Mr. Holmes asked if \$545,000 was a rock bottom price or if there was any way that they could negotiate a better price and Chief Dahill explained that if it goes out to bid, it will cost the Town more money. The firehouses have been designed to be energy efficient and maintenance free buildings.

Mr. Holmes asked how long this bid price was good for and Chief Dahill replied 120 days from September 10th.

Mr. Killen asked if there were going to be any surprises and Chief Dahill explained that what they tried to do was to write up the specs, put it out for bid and his understanding is that this bid is solid. The builder is held to this bid and is to come in with our specifications and our plans.

Mr. Rys added that he also has some concerns about costs and if this is put off, they cannot predict what is going to happen on the financial market, at this particular time. I think it is a good idea that we continue on the way that we are and go ahead with this tonight.

Regarding the costs, Mr. Mark O'Connell pointed out that the firm of Tuthill, has given them, good cost saving measures.

Mr. Edward Musso added that he thinks the location of the firehouse is in the proper place and as far as making it a full time station, forget about it. (APPLAUSE) He added that the volunteers do a much better job and it does not cost us too much.

Mr. Donald Harwood commented that the amount of \$106.86 per square foot, is not an outrageous amount of money at this time. Over the past 15 years, the town has taken a very progressive stand on public safety. I think the location chosen by the committee will suit the town quite well. As far as public safety, I think we should move on and progress and I am sure that someday, we will be looking to do something with Engine 1, which is a very small firehouse so, I think we should move upwards and provide the safety that the town deserves. (APPLAUSE)

Mrs. Bergamini commented that she read the references that were given from the questionnaires and asked if anyone has gone to see the

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buildings that Tuthill has built for these people and Chief Dahill explained that he went to look at 2 of the buildings that are under construction but, I relied more on the word from the architect and the clerk of the works, than my own observations. Everything that I saw, seemed to be well kept.

Mr. Gessert explained that the purpose of this vote is to just provide the funding and the next vote will allow the process of the sale of the existing firehouse. It is not on the agenda this evening, to award a bid and I would like the Council to hold off because, I think if we look around a little bit, I think we might find some contractors that will build us the same place without cutting anything and do it for far less money. I have done some preliminary checking and I think there is some money to be saved and I would like the opportunity to explore that a little further, before we go ahead and award the bid. I do not want to sacrifice quality, but I think meeting the specifications that are there and building a first class building just as specified, can be done for some less money. I do intend to vote for the full amount and then if we have to spend that full amount, we have it.

Mr. Tom Wall asked if they received bids on this project and Mr. Gessert replied yes and explained that they want to get some comparisons and some ideas to see if they can save some money and the Town of Wallingford always has the opportunity to reject bids. Mr. Wall added that he does not understand why the Council is doing this and Mr. Gessert explained, to save about \$50,000 or \$100,000.

Mrs. Papale pointed out that it is not on the agenda to award the bid.

Mr. Wall stated that he hopes that this building is built and built soon. (APPLAUSE)

Mr. Gouveia added that he agrees with Mr. Wall and he thinks they are bordering on unethical if they go out and choose bids and use those bids to try to find out if someone can do it for less. Those people had the same opportunity to bid as these 4 people.

Mr. Holmes commented that it is not unethical to reject a bid and then try to solicit more opportunities. We want to please the volunteers but, we also have an obligation to try to come in with the best price possible.

Mayor Dickinson pointed out that the Council does not award the bid. It would be awarded by the Purchasing Department upon funding being available. Once the funding is there, the process would be to award the contract.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

(APPLAUSE)

ITEM 7. Consider authorization for sale of current Yalesville Volunteer Fire Company property, pursuant to public bidding process, moved by Mrs. Bergamini and seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Adams asked if they were going to go through the process of putting this up for sale to get bids without any price tags.

Mr. Killen asked if this will have to go before Planning and Zoning and Attorney Mantzaris replied yes. Mr. Killen asked if all of the department heads have been notified that this property is available and Attorney Mantzaris replies yes.

Mr. Polanski asked why the Council has to approve the authorization at this time because it will be at least a year before the building is completed and Mayor Dickinson explained that none of us know what is going to happen to the market. We know that the market has been pretty good so, if we go out now and get a price that we like, we can enter into a contract for purchase which would have a closing at a time after the other building is ready and the Fire Department has moved. If we are not satisfied with the prices, we don't have to award the bid.

Mr. Holmes asked if this building has been appraised and Chief McElfish explained that 1 year ago, it was appraised at \$175,000.

Mayor Dickinson explained, that if we wait and then have the building vacant, who is going to be watching out for the vandalism, so this is why I prefer to have it already under contract for sale and have a closing take place right after moving. 735

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Chief McElfish explained that one pumper at Central Headquarters is in service, the other one is being serviced for East Wallingford next week and the ladder truck should be here in 2 weeks so, we are right on schedule.

Chief Dahill and Chief McElfish thank the Council.

ITEM 8. Consider waiving bidding procedure to repair broken diaphragm in #1 Boiler Feed Pump, Electric Division, moved by Mr. Killen and seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Walters explained that in preparing for their trial of the #2 boiler, which is about ready to go back into service, we were checking out the auxillary pump at the plant and found that this pump was not functioning properly. Disassembling it ourselves, it was obvious that there was one broken part that needed repair. We did have a series of field engineering people come in. We contacted 3 firms and 2 came in and looked at it and we presented information that one estimated \$4,200 for a complete tear-down of the shaft of the pump and magnifluxing the parts. We also had a price of \$4,400 which was not as thorough a job. With your approval, we went ahead and sent this out to the firm and they did say that they would contact us with report of anything else that they found and recommendations as to what else might be done. We are recommending \$3,000 additional for 2 more intermediate sleeves, 2 impeller rings and 3 coupling sleeves and the machining necessary to put these sleeves and new parts onto the shaft. It is an eight stage pump so, there are 8 impellers, 8 wear rings, 8 coupling sleeves and 8 intermediate sleeves.

Mr. Polanski asked Mr. Walters what title he would put next to the amount of \$9,000 and Mr. Walters explained, all other sleeves, rings, impellers, etc., which would be a complete cost. The \$3,000 is what we feel and they strongly recommend that must be done to get several more years out of the pump. The \$9,350 on top of the \$4,250, would be a complete overhaul of the pump.

Mr. Polanski asked how much more money they need transferred tonight and Mr. Walters replied, \$3,000 to do what is absolutely necessary. I have money to do this but, we are rapidly running out of money. The intent, when it went on the agenda for tonight, was simply to ratify your action for \$4,200. In the meantime, we have found out that we need at least \$3,000 more. This would be our Boiler Maintenance Account.

Mayor Dickinson said that his concern was, whether a company can give us a low figure, get the equipment and then start magnifying, and soon we are spending all kinds of money.

Mr. Walters explained that they have had a consultant in and he has been in conversation several times with the repair shop near Boston on this and has sorted out their nice to do, must do, type of thing and helped me to understand it, as to why it needs to be done. The wear rings are really important in keeping close tolerances, because if we don't have that, the water simply leaks by and does not have the increase in pressure in each stage that you need to get full operation. Doing the \$3,000 additional work, would raise the pumps present capacity by 10% and that has to be done to get the pump back to the point where it will overcome the pressure in the boiler. The function of these pumps, is to pump water into the boiler, which has developed a 620 lb. pressure. You have to keep adding water, so you have to get at least that much, or you are not going to add any water to the boiler. If we were to expend the \$9,350, that would be a complete overhaul of the pump and should increase it's capacity by 20% and bring it back nearly to, original status. What was described to you as a \$4,200 minimum a week ago, through inspection has turned out to be at least a \$7,200 job, or it does not make any sense putting it back together. Our recommendation is the additional \$3,000.

Mr. Killen asked if the other equipment will withstand the pressure after the job is completed and Mr. Walters said that this was part

of their problem and explained that this was to be the first pump of four, to get a complete overhaul and we were planning to put one in each year, to get them back into better shape. We are at a point now, where the boilers had full capacity. The more that we do, the better off we will be.

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Mr. Killen asked what the labor costs would be and Mr. Walters explained that the labor costs are in the \$4,200 price.

Mr. Gessert commented that if you take it apart, do half the job, with our luck, in about 6 months, guess who will be back. My feeling is to do the whole job, rather than doing half of it and then end up doing it over again.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Walters told the Council Members that the fan repair that was brought to them a couple of meetings ago, we have heard back on that and there is no increase in the work that needed to be done on the fan shaft and the blading. They tell us that we should install new bearings and that is \$2,300.

Mr. Polanski asked what type of a guarantee they would have on the pump and Mr. Walters explained that they had a similiar situation and it was replaced for the cost of the material.

A motion was made by Mr. Rys to Waive Rule V to discuss an item requested by Mr. Walters regarding replacing bearings for the fan shaft and the blading, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Walters explained that this is new bearings for the fan that is out for repair.

Mrs. Bergamini asked if they had money in their account and Mr. Walters explained that this is all boiler maintenance and they do have the money.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bergamini to replace the bearings on the fan and waiving of the bid, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Walters told the Council Members that the price he has for the bearings is \$2,171.00.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 9. Consider two items requested by Raymond F. Smith, Director of Public Utilities:

9a. Consider a budget amendment of \$28,000.00 from Prior Retained Earnings to Outside Services, moved by Mrs. Bergamini and seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Smith explained that this project was unknown to them, at the time of the budget preparation. We were notified in late May, by the State, that in order to comply with the regulations section 25-32D1, that we had to submit a water supply plan by May, 1988. Out of 6 engineering firms, we received 3 responses. Out of those 3, Whitman and Howard submitted the lowest proposal. The cost of this project will probably range in the neighborhood of \$35,000 to \$55,000. I think the \$28,000 is resonable and I would recommend that you make the budget transfer and award the contract to Whitman & Howard.

Mr. Holmes asked what type of water study was done about 3 years ago and Mr. Smith explained that this is a different type of plan. There is a handbook about 2 inches thick that we will have to comply with and the specification responds exactly to that outline submitted by the State. Some of it is taking information that is already there.

Mr. Polanski asked Mr. Smith, if paragraphs 6, 7 & 8, of the Individual Water Supply Plan Study, tells us if we can build new reservoirs or dig for new wells and Mr. Smith replied yes and added that they have had that addressed to some extent. The real intent of the State here, is to try to force some of the municipals

and utilities into this study.

Regarding the \$28,000.00, Mr. Gouveia asked Mr. Smith, how many proposals were received and Mr. Smith replied, 6. Mr. Smith explained that 6 were sent out and 3 responded. The prices ranged from \$28,000.00 to \$62,000.00. Mr. Gouveia added that his concern is that if they bypass the Purchasing Agent and they are asked to waive the bid and award this, it would be nice to have those proposals. Mr. Smith said that he could make those available.

Mr. Rys asked Mr. Smith if he is recommending the firm of Whitman & Howard and Mr. Smith replied yes. Mr. Smith added that they have a better price.

Mr. Gouveia commented that the City of Meriden was taking 1 million gallons of water (a day) from one of the wells and I think it was the Department of Health Services that found out about 4 months later and rather than fine them, they gave them a permit. Was this ever brought to our attention?. Mr. Smith explained that the Paug-Lincoln Well was an existing well that got refurbished, and we were aware of it. You still need a permit, just as any time you put any changes to the water system. For example, if we get the Greensand Filter put on that well, we have to have that approved and permitted by the DOHS. People are restricted to what their former applications or their former usage was. Meriden has another well that they are not using, so there has not been an increase in draw.

Mr. Rys commented that he is concerned about the report because it indicates, that if we do the necessary treatment to the Paug Pond, the Obert and the MacKenzie that a new reservoir is not needed.

Mr. Smith explained that this is one of the conclusions that they have arrived at.

Mr. Rys stated that they also mention alternatives and one of the alternatives is the Catlin Brook would provide 2.85 square miles of watershed area to Simpson Pond. Mr. Smith explained that they just looked at watersheds and this could have some significance in our ultimate plan. They are doing an estimate on land and drainage area. If you use that as a reservoir, you also have to build a major transmission line back up into Paug Pond, to get the water from that location out. Mr. Smith added, that if you build a reservoir, you have to have something to fill it and the increase safe yield is not significant when you build that fourth reservoir, because you are already getting this from the MacKenzie Dam down to that site.

Mr. Rys asked if there was a possibility that the Town of Wallingford, eventually, can have a well in a particular neighborhood and added that the report mentions several alternatives for secondary sources of water. Mr. Smith explained that even with the secondary sources, you have to go through a permitting process.

Mr. Adams asked Mr. Smith how they arrived at the figure of \$28,000.00 and Mr. Smith explained that he asked for a lump sum figure. There was a certain guideline that they had to follow.

Mr. Adams asked what long-range demands means and Mr. Smith explained that they will make suggestions on what conservation programs are effective, how to deal with industrial customers for example, compile all of this information and then it is up to us to implement it.

Mr. Adams asked if any of the people that submitted bids were brought in and interviewed or if it was just based on their proposals on paper and Mr. Smith replied that it was based on their response to the proposal. Mr. Smith added that he did interview 4 of them before they came to that point. Mr. Adams added that he is concerned with the possibility of considering the future, and added that he thinks that the Council Members should be involved in this because communication between department heads and the Council is very important. This is a consideration of the future, that whenever a bidding process comes in or a proposal where we have a study, if availability could be made to a Council Member, if it is a situation that would be possible, it is a consideration that I would like to have the PUC give to us.

Mr. Smith explained that that might be difficult because they do not do a number of bids on a daily basis. This happened to be an informal so that is why this has come to your attention. If you

reject this, then we can go back and go through the whole procedure and go through the formal bidding process and advertise. That takes time and we do not have a lot of time, because of the May, 1988 target date. 738

Mr. Gessert suggested that if the Council liaison were notified a week ahead of time, that is an option. Mr. Smith felt that this should be directed to the Commissioners. Mr. Killen wanted to know why RFB's were sought in this particular instance and Mr. Smith wanted to qualify people who he felt were capable of performing the task at hand since he had experience in the 1980's where a firm used the town as a training ground and low balled the water treatment plant and the price has been paid ultimately. Mr. Killen indicated that the bidding must be waived only when in the best interests of the town and because we were burned once. . . we have the power to award to other than the lowest bidder. Mr. Smith explained that writing a specification and writing an RFP are a lot different and you write a specification for what you don't want, not for what you want because you must preclude all the people who find fault in the specification and give you what they want to give you rather than what you want. Mr. Killen felt that Mr. Smith should have come forward to the Council and suggested obtaining RFP's and given his reasons and requested permission to waive the bidding procedure and Mr. Smith felt that this gets to be a chicken and egg routine, too. Mr. Killen said he is bound by the rules and he must be told in advance why the bidding procedures must be waived.

Mr. Gessert asked how long it will take to perform this study and Mr. Smith felt five months and the bidding procedure itself would probably have taken four weeks, the mechanical process and preparing the specifications would take three or four more weeks. Mr. Gessert felt that it is in the best interests of the Town of Wallingford to get this done.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen commented that he would have liked, when the department is fully staffed, to have as many of these things done in-house as possible since this is being done for the benefit of the State and he feels that 50% of this is already in-house and the other information which comes along will be shunted aside. Mr. Smith said that this study could not be done in-house and it is his belief that this should be used as a long-term planning tool.

ITEM 9(b). Mr. Holmes approved waiving the bidding procedure for Individual Water Supply Plan Study, Water Division, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Mr. Killen voted no; all other Council Members voted aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM 10. Mr. Rys moved an appropriation of \$4,826 to Proportionate Charges Utilities Commission (Income) to PUC Personal Services (Expense), seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Gessert explained that since the department has been short staffed, Mr. Smith has been going above and beyond and he has not been able to take his vacation. Mr. Gessert commented that he would normally not be enthusiastic about this type of request but with the lack of manpower, the Council understands the reason. Mrs. Bergamini echoed this statement and wants it known that a precedent is not being established but no other department has been in the situation that Water & Sewer has been in the past year and one half and she intends to vote yes on this and hopes it's a one-time thing.

Mr. Killen commented that the account is income the PUC should be giving the town for proportionate charges. Mr. Nunn explained that the appropriation of funds is listed on the submittal on the letter and Mr. Killen said that the problem is the \$4,826 is part of the town's revenue budget now--part of the money the PUC is using to offset the B Budget and you can't use it twice--that time and in this particular case and you must have an infusion of funds and the PUC has to make another \$4,826 available to the town to offset this since you can't use the money twice.

Mr. Nunn explained that Mr. Smith's salary and vacation time are shared between the various departments that he directs-- Electric, Water and Sewer and these monies are in the utility budget, not in a division budget and that's where the money is to come out of and the suggested method comes from the respective office manager. Mr. Killen explained the situation to Mr. Myers and Mr. Myers explained that revenue would be increased by \$4,826 and expense would be increased by the same amount and this will be recovered through the PUC.

Mr. Holmes has personal concerns with this type of transfer, realizing the workload Mr. Smith is under, but he also realizes that this is inherent in positions such as Mr. Smith's and he is concerned about setting a precedent and he is not sure this is a proper thing to do in view of our other departments.

Mrs. Papale asked if Mr. Holmes would feel better if Mr. Smith took his vacation time and Mr. Nunn said that is the alternative. Mr. Beaumont explained that Mr. Smith was allowed to carry over 15 days from last year.

VOTE: Mr. Holmes voted no; all other Council Members voted aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM 11. Mr. Rys moved a transfer of \$25,000 from Council Contingency to Retiree Sick Leave, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini, for discussion.

Mrs. Bergamini asked Mr. Myers if this was always taken out of Council Contingency and Mr. Myers said \$50,000 was provided in the 1987-1988 budget and it has all been expended for this purpose. Mrs. Bergamini preferred to see this come out of salary accounts which have open positions and Mr. Myers felt that this was the Council's prerogative but if it is charged to a salary account, the department will not be able to replace that person for 90 days.

Mrs. Bergamini asked how much was in Council Contingency, before this deduction, and Mr. Myers replied \$88,000. There was some discussion about open patrol positions and the Mayor added that there is a transfer to replace a police cruiser and light bar which will be taken from General Wages, on this agenda.

Mrs. Bergamini asked if Chief Bevan has hired the three new patrolmen and Chief Bevan explained that the department is down about three or four people. Mrs. Papale explained that the Council does not want to take this \$25,000 out of Council Contingency and she asked if money was available elsewhere. Chief Bevan did not have his print-outs since he did not expect this question. Mr. Polanski said that Mr. Myers verified that the money can come from Deputy Chief salary account and Mr. Myers said that if it is taken out of the salary account, the department cannot hire someone for that 90 day period since you have paid out in advance and you are strapping the department. Mr. Gessert asked how long the Deputy Chief has been out and Chief Bevan said he has been out since the last week of May, paid out of workmen's compensation--not the full amount but 1/3 - 2/3. Mayor Dickinson said that a lot of time is being spent to come up with the money from various accounts but this is contractually obligated and if money is needed later on, it can be found. Mr. Killen concurs but he feels that this is a personnel matter and there is money being taken from wages to go toward the police cruiser and he felt that this should have been taken from manpower accounts first, to keep apples and oranges together.

VOTE: Adams and Holmes voted yes; all other Council Members voted no; motion did not carry.

Mr. Gessert suggested that this can be taken up at the next meeting if some homework is done. Mr. Seadale said his department has filled over 100 positions this year; 81 all of last year and the average runs from date of getting the authorization about five weeks until the position is filled and some go out twice because everyone fails and he does not want to think everyone is three months--some are filled in a week and some take six months.

ITEM 12. Mr. Holmes moved approval of request to change item called Prairie Cabin to Swing Set, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini (Park and Recreation Department).

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Holmes moved to consider addendum, discussion and action regarding pavillion at East Center Street fields and authorization to negotiate since no bids were received, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

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VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Polanski asked Mr. Shepardson to check into any other items on the playgrounds which may be dangerous and Mr. Shepardson explained that they are now going through Hartford Insurance and the Risk Manager.

Addendum: Mr. Rys moved authorization to negotiate pavillion at East Center Street fields since no bids were received, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Shepardson said Purchasing put out 66 bids and nothing came in and Mr. Gessert asked if local contractors were on the list--Mr. Shepardson said locals were included and bids were put out in two phases.

Mr. Rys asked if the equipment would be stored and Mr. Shepardson said it has already been stored and if nothing is done within the next couple of weeks, the beams will also be removed and stored. Mr. Polanski suggested contacting trade schools for construction and Mr. Shepardson said this was a good idea. Mayor Dickinson asked if we were waiting for someone to work on the field house at Doolittle and Mr. Shepardson said that is Wilcox Technical School and Mayor Dickinson preferred to see that work done first rather than getting them going on another project. Mrs. Bergamini commented on the vandalism being done at Doolittle right now. Mr. Killen does not know what we would gain by negotiations that we wouldn't get by bidding and he wanted to know what authorization is being given and Mr. Shepardson said he would work closely with the Engineering Department and specs would have to be followed and he would try to get two or three prices. After the slab is installed, perhaps volunteers can be used to erect the building, continued Mr. Shepardson. Mr. Gessert felt that if the concrete slab can be installed, there may be volunteers to erect the pavillion.

VOTE: Mrs. Bergamini voted no; Mr. Holmes passed, all other Council Members voted aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM 13. Mr. Rys moved a resolution for financial assistance from the Department of Transportation for local road survey, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation of the State of Connecticut has offered to the Town of Wallingford financial assistance for State Project No. 573.120 170-665 22; and

WHEREAS, Town staff has conducted the required study of Town roads that are the subject of the above project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file application and agreements on behalf of the Town of Wallingford with the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation and to execute any amendments, recisions, and revisions thereto, that may be necessary for receipt of payment and to act as the authorized representative of the Town.

Mr. Roe explained that DOT was required by the State Legislature in this past session to do a mammoth survey of all roads, including local roads and they realized they could not do it in house and could constrict towns to assist, literally rating roads based on a rating system generated by DOT and rated pavement surface. DOT is required to submit to the legislature a report due in January or February of 1988 and if we did not participate in the survey and the Legislature appropriates funds for local road improvement, only those towns who participated would get the money. Mr. Roe continued that part of the agreement requires showing the expenditures of those funds for that project and a line item must be established in both the A & B budget to show it as revenue and then transferred to whatever.

VOTE: Mr. Gessert was not present for the vote; all other Council Members voted aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM 14. Mr. Holmes moved to authorize Comptroller to loan funds from the General Fund to Social Service Block Grant Program and Community Service Program, until such time as State funds are received, seconded by Mrs. Papale. 741

Mr. Holmes asked when the funds were expected and Mr. Roe said eminently but the program year began October 1 and the advance is generally needed. Mr. Myers explained that it is simply a cash advance, the same thing as is done with Day Care.

VOTE: Mr. Gessert was not present for the vote; all other Council Members voted aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM 15. Mr. Rys moved to approve participation in program in connection with a mass mailing of the U.S. Surgeon General's report regarding Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Gouveia commented that he brought this up to the Council's attention several meetings ago when he found out that the State Legislature made money available for this and this report is the most authoritative report put together on AIDS and he felt it was a good idea to go ahead with the mailing.

Mr. Roe said that reasonable costs would be paid--printing and mailing and dissemination--but reasonable costs are not defined. Mr. Roe said the material will have to be printed in both English and Spanish and they are looking at an in-house mailing list and the other option is to go with a professional mailing company and utilize their services or just buy the mailing labels. Mr. Roe felt that an outside page could include a return address and a statement that this is also available in Spanish and offer it through the Library or by contacting an address on the document.

Mr. Adams said his school system came across a video called AIDS IS HARD TO GET and this is an excellent program and for anyone who has concerns, he can get some more information on it and this can be put on Public Access and be simpler to perceive. Mr. Adams also suggested making arrangements to have this pre-viewed. Mr. Roe felt that the Library could make this available through their video service. Mayor Dickinson said the Surgeon General has a program on HBO which is very educational also.

Mr. Polanski asked if multiple towns can have the printing done together to reduce the cost and Mr. Roe has not touched base with any towns but this can be discussed. Mr. Gessert felt that labels can be generated from the tax list which is on a computer and Mr. Roe said this is for residents and we are looking more at the Electric list. Mr. Roe wants everyone to know that the State is operating the program on a reimbursement basis which means that the Town Council would have to front the money, up front, and then be reimbursed from the State. Mr. Killen felt that this system is a hit or miss and he would prefer to see something more refined.

Mayor Dickinson agreed that it could be expensive but it is a public health issue and right now, we are dealing, to our knowledge, with no real exposure in town but that could happen in the future and if only 25% of the homes look at this brochure, even 10%, we are a better educated community as the result of that and given the public health issue and national concern, the dollars are well worth spending. Mrs. Bergamini wished that it could be published more in layman's terms.

Mr. Roe said the state must be notified by November 15 and funds are not being committed at this point in time but interest indicated to the State.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Papale moved to place item 20 in this position, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 20. Mr. Roe said interviews were conducted yesterday but interviews are not complete at this point. Mr. Roe felt that

we really need to move ahead to get approval of this before the State Committee because that will take one to two months and to keep the ball rolling, the proposal is to have the Council consider the passing of a new resolution. This project, continued Mr. Roe, was approved on February 24, 1987 and the development of the RFP ensued and also the consultant selection process.

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Mr. Killen interrupted Mr. Roe to make a motion on this item.

ITEM 20. Mr. Killen moved approval of a submission of a new application and resolution regarding proposals for the self-insurance feasibility study, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

(Resolution follows on page 21.)

Municipal Liability Trust Fund Certification

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY TOWN COUNCIL OF WALLINGFORD
(Legislative Body) (Public Entity)

THAT William W. Dickinson, Jr., Mayer
(Name of Incumbent) (Official Position)
is hereby authorized to execute for and in behalf of the Town of Wallingford, a public entity established under the laws of the State of Connecticut, this application and to file it with the Municipal Liability Trust Fund Committee (MLTFC) for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance under the Municipal Liability Trust Fund Program established under Public Act 86-350.

THAT (1) the project listed below for which grant assistance is requested is a municipal liability survey or activity (2) the project was authorized by the Town/City of Wallingford on _____. The project is:
A Liability Risk Study

Name of Municipal Liability Project: _____

Location and Description of Project:
A feasibility study to establish a self-insurance program for general, property and auto liability in tandem with implementation of risk management program. Town of Wallingford (feasibility plan and implementation State Grant Requested: \$44,100 study)
Local Match (if required): \$4,000

THAT ten percent of the project cost will be provided from non MLTF sources for any activity that is not a pollution liability risk survey or a pollution loss control activity;

THAT if the project is cancelled or if a project costs less than estimated, unused funds must be returned to the MLTFC immediately. If grant funds remain unexpended 6 months after a project's estimated completion date, the unused funds should be returned to the MLTFC or an application requesting extension of the project should be made accompanied by a project status report.

THAT each grantee will be required to maintain a detailed accounting record of the project listed above and ensure that clear and concise audit trails are maintained at all times. It is not necessary that a separate bank account be maintained for each project.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 19____.

CERTIFICATION

I, _____, duly appointed Town/City Clerk
of _____, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed and approved by
the _____ of _____
(Legislative Body) (Public Entity)

Signature

Mr. Roe continued that the application at that point estimated project costs to be \$41,422 which was the balance of funds available in the MLTF Fund at that point. Based on solicitation of proposals and the interviewing done, both of those proposals will cost in excess of that amount which leads to the new resolution with a bottom line of \$49,000 of which \$44,100 would come from State MLTF Fund and \$4,900 from local sources and this compares to the \$4,142 in local sources previously approved, an increase of \$760 to the town in order to move ahead.

Mr. Adams commented that he sat in on the interview for the proposal, along with Mark Wilson, Don Roe, Tom Myers and Glenn Klocko and this is an opportunity for Council input and also for Council knowledge as to what is being offered and he has a good understanding of what is trying to be accomplished and he has confidence that these four men are doing a good job and working for the best interests of the town and he complimented them on the professional way in which this was handled and he wanted to mention this.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 16. Mr. Rys moved a resolution to amend General Fund Revenue and Expenditure Budgets for Police Information Systems Federal Grant and Crime Prevention Federal Grant, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Be it resolved to amend the 1987-88 General Fund revenue budget as follows:

\$10,000.00	Account #:	001-1050-050-5880
	Titled:	Police Information Systems Federal Grant
<u>5,000.00</u>	Account #:	001-1050-050-5881
	Titled:	Crime Prevention Federal Grant
\$15,000.00		

Amend the 1987-88 General Fund expenditure budget as follows:

\$10,000.00	Account #:	001-2011-900-9002
	Titled:	Computer Programs - Federal Justice Administration Grant
<u>5,000.00</u>	Account #:	001-2013-400-4091
	Titled:	Crime Prevention - Federal Justice Administration Grant
\$15,000.00		

Mr. Polanski asked what the computer program would involve and Chief Bevan said it would involve various computer programs throughout the department and Mr. Polanski would like to see a list.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Chief Bevan will have the list to the Council by the next meeting.

ITEM 17. Mr. Holmes moved approval of Community Crime Prevention Project Budget, Police Department, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Gouveia questioned supplies, Federal \$4,110 and Match \$3,100 and Thomas Curran said that in preparing this, it was only necessary to make the two dollar amounts match and the \$4,110 comes from line item appropriation and the balance of that used part of Mr. Curran's salary for a total of \$5,000 to meet the match of the federal grant. Mr. Gouveia asked what the \$3,100 will buy--Mr. Myers responded by saying that in the regular Crime Prevention Budget in the Police Department, he has an account called Crime Prevention Program where there is a \$4,000 budget and in order to get this grant, \$3,100 of that \$4,000 will be used to match the grant and the pamphlets and the programs that he runs out of his office are acceptable to use as that match.

Mr. Polanski asked how much of Mr. Curran's time is spent on Crime Prevention and Mr. Curran said full time, 40 hours per week. Mr. Polanski pointed out that Mr. Curran's salary is paid out of

the town budget and from this federal grant, \$3,500 is being taken which is theoretically going toward his salary. Mr. Curran explained that an in-kind match is allowed for this particular grant and he was fortunate to be able to use a part of his salary as the in-kind match which means that ultimately, you have \$5,000 coming in which will be expended on new programs and will have nothing to do with his salary. Mr. Polanski's point is that some of this federal money is coming into the town which should be used to pay for his salary, not to be used someplace else in this department's budget as a \$3,100 bonus to the Police Department. Mr. Curran said that in order to get these programs off the ground, he could not do them with the money which was appropriated in the line item and he can further the goals of the program with this money. 744

Mr. Holmes questioned the Robbery Instruction Handbook and Mr. Curran said that pertains to specific measures that employees should and shouldn't do before, during and after a robbery and the dead-bolt locks are hoped to be provided to senior citizens. Mr. Curran said the Robbery Prevention Kits will go for the commercial robbery program and the Robbery Instruction Handbook will be part of the teller training program which he hopes to get off the ground to provide some type of crime prevention services to the banks in Wallingford.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 18(a). Mrs. Bergamini moved a transfer of \$6,264 from Police General Wages to Replacement of Police Cruiser, and to establish account #001-2015-999-9923 Replacement Police Cruiser, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Rys noticed this money is being taken from General Wages and under Police Cruisers account there is \$1,700 left over. Mr. Rys noted that \$19,166.68 was encumbered for Janitorial Services and there is \$3,833 unencumbered and Chief Bevan said some of that is left to buy other necessary supplies throughout the year. Mr. Rys mentioned the 100 watt radio with antenna, \$1,670 expended and unencumbered \$1,100 and Chief Bevan thought that two units were purchased. Mr. Rys felt that there could be money there rather than using wage accounts.

Chief Bevan had originally requested that this come out of Council Contingency Reserve for Emergency.

Mr. Polanski asked what happens to the Deputy Police Chief's Car and Chief Bevan said it has remained over there but it is a second line vehicle used for supervisors. Mr. Gessert said that the Council felt \$13,000 should be spent for a cruiser for the Chief which would be available if another cruiser was needed and Mr. Gessert suggested getting a commuter car at budget time. Mr. Gessert felt this could be made a cruiser and a commuter car purchased to go back and forth to work. Mr. Gessert asked if the new cruisers were on order and Chief Bevan expects them to be delivered in December and this will replace the one car which was damaged. Mr. Gessert asked if Chief Bevan made his car a first line car and he took over the Deputy's Car, would they be covered? Chief Bevan said the same process would take place again when a Deputy is hired, in a very short period of time.

Mr. Gouveia said before a budget is a statement of needs and this was approved because it was felt necessary and the Chief is just asking to replace what he had. Mr. Polanski said the point is that there is a first line car available for patrol and there is a second line car available and he can't see spending \$7,000 for a car we don't need right now.

VOTE: Messrs. Gessert and Polanski voted no; all other Council Members voted aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM 18(b). Mrs. Bergamini moved a transfer of \$564 from Police General Wages to Replacement Cruiser with Light Bar, seconded by Mr. Rys. (amended to transfer from A/C 999-9903 on page 25.)

Mr. Myers explained that the recovery from insurance for this cruiser is in a revolving account and that will be supplemented with the additional funds appropriated here tonight.

Mr. Killen would like to vote for this but he rarely sees the lights

on the cruisers and he sees cars all over town without lights on and he would like this put back in force. Chief Bevan said that the single individual lights on top of the cars are not conducive to the type of electronics in the light bars and he has talked to Whelan in Deep River where light bars are purchased and it is difficult to keep these light bars on with the circuitry and the only time the emergency equipment is used is when there is a need. Chief Bevan said the bars across the top are not supposed to be on since that is an emergency light and only the single green light should be on. Chief Bevan said that in certain situations, the emergency lights are used; otherwise, they are not used and most of the time it is strictly one small green light. Mayor Dickinson suggested that if a car is seen which does not have the green light on, the Police Department can be called and that vehicle must have permission to have that light off.

Mrs. Bergamini asked why these bars were purchased if they don't work and Chief Bevan said it is not the bar--the circuitry in the bars have changed and they do not accept the small lights that the town is used to seeing and modifying the existing bars does not work.

Mr. Rys suggested taking the funds from the extra money in the cruiser account in A/C 999-9903 (for the light bar) and he also suggested that if there are problems with retrofitting the green light, it should be made known. Chief Bevan said that would be a budget item for next year, six or seven light bars. Mr. Gessert mentioned that this problem came up pertaining to the green lights several years ago and the Council went along with it. Chief Bevan agreed with the Council but added that technology has outstripped them and they can only put on what they can buy. Mr. Polanski asked to be provided with the schematic for the light bar.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM 19. Mr. Rys moved, for discussion and approval, separate air conditioning units for the Communications Room and the Equipment Room in the Police Station (estimated cost \$7,451), seconded by Mr. Polanski.

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Mrs. Bergamini wrote a letter to the Town Attorney two weeks ago because she understands that OSHA has not approved the catwalk there either, and the Chief agreed that it will never be approved the way it has been constructed. Mrs. Bergamini also mentioned the special \$6,000 locks that disappeared and were never installed. 740

Mrs. Bergamini asked if Attorney Mantzaris would want an addendum included in the motion and Attorney Mantzaris asked about the building plan. Mr. Polanski felt that the reason this was removed should be justified by the architect who designed the building. Chief Bevan said that what was taken out were the mechanical and equipment rooms under the main desk and the main desk area. Attorney Mantzaris agreed to write the letter but wanted to know what to write. Chief Bevan said that Mr. Betts explained that the reason why these compressors blew was that these rooms were calling for too much cool air and they were sending a liquid back through the lines, over the top of the roof, back to the compressors when it should have been a vapor and this is what caused the compressors to seize since they are not made to compress a liquid but to compress a vapor gas and there was too much load on the system. Mr. Polanski felt that the architect is responsible for this situation. Attorney Mantzaris visited the Police Station with Mike Papale and Rick Doll and discussed the four or five items mentioned, including the two compressors that blew out, and those compressors had a one year replacement warranty and they went through two full seasons and he does not see legally how we have a claim for replacement since the extended warranty was not purchased and he was told by Mike Papale and Justin Williams that we are stuck.

Mrs. Bergamini asked if there wasn't a responsibility when an item such as this is designed to provide a compressor that will handle the area and Attorney Mantzaris felt that they will respond by saying you should have purchased a more expensive unit. Mayor Dickinson felt that testimony is needed that the design is improper--the failure of equipment does not prove that the design is improper and an indication is needed, from an expert ideally, that the design is improper. Mr. Killen felt that if this solves it, it proves that the design was improper in the first place. Mr. Polanski felt that the architect has to prove that he designed it right and we don't have to prove that it was designed wrong and Mayor Dickinson disagreed and said we have the burden of proof as the plaintiff. Attorney Mantzaris did not feel that Mr. Betts' letter was evidence--Mr. Killen said you had to refer to the July 28, 1987 minutes when this was discussed with Mr. Betts and he told us what the problems were. Mayor Dickinson felt that we should look to see what information we need to make that a complaint and present the count on it and this cannot be done on the face of what we have tonight. Mrs. Papale reminded everyone that Kaestle Boos said several times that they could do the work for the funding available. . .no problem.

Mr. Gessert said that if this item is approved, someone will have to write up specifications and go out to bid and there is no request for bid waiver and there must be an appropriation and bids, if approved. Chief Bevan expects this to go out to bid.

VOTE: Mr. Killen passed; all other Council Members voted aye; motion duly carried.

Chief Bevan added that one unit costs \$3,497 and the other \$3,954, for a total of \$7,451.

Chief Bevan said this would air condition two rooms--the main desk area and the basement equipment room which generates a great deal of heat.

ITEM 21. Mrs. Bergamini moved approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes dated October 13, 1987, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Mr. Killen passed; all other Council Members voted aye; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini wanted to commend the young lady from the Wallingford Post--Monday night there was a meeting with Planning and Zoning and four Legislators--Mary Fritz, Mary Mushinsky, Mr. Robertson and Tom Sullivan and she was the only newspaper reporter who came to listen about the problems on Route 68 with the traffic. Mrs. Bergamini thanked her very much. (APPLAUSE)

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A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:47 p.m.

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Approved *David A. Gessert*
David A. Gessert, Chairman

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Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk

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