

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 1990

7:00 P.M.

1. Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance
2. Presentation of the CAER Award to the Town of Wallingford and the Local Emergency Planning Committee
3. Spacial Needs Committee Update
4. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD - 7:30 P.M.
5. Consider and Approve a Recycling and Anti-Litter Ordinance - SET A PUBLIC HEARING
6. Acceptance of a Gift of \$1,500.00 from the Estate of Frances Fredericks for Scholarship Funds - Comptroller's Office
7. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Name the Town Hall Auditorium - Councilor Gouveia
8. Consider and Approve a Request to Name the Kondracki Lane Fire Station in Honor of Former Mayor Rocco J. Vumbaco - E. Wlfd. Vol. Fire Dept.
9. Consider and Approve Resolutions Pertaining to the State Grant for the 1990-91 Budget, 148-CDC-20, of the Wallingford Community Day Care Center, Inc.
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12. Discussion and Possible Action on Reviewing Bonding Ordinances
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  - a. The Purchase of Land from Connecticut Light & Power Company for the Purpose of Construction of a New Bulk Power Delivery Substation
  - b. Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$65,000.00 for the Purchase of a 3 acre (+/-) Parcel of Property from the Connecticut Light & Power Company for Construction of a New Third Bulk Power Substation
  - c. A Waiver of Bid to Authorize Connecticut Light & Power Company to Perform Transmission System Planning, Licensing, Engineering & Construction Services with regards to the New Bulk Power Delivery Substation

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7:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, September 11, 1990 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers and called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Chairman Albert E. Killen. Council Members answering present to the Roll called by Kathryn J. Wall, Town Clerk, were Bradley, Duryea, Gouveia, Killen, Papale and Zandri. Councilor Solinsky arrived at 7:11 P.M., Councilor Holmes arrived at 7:14 P.M. and Councilor Parisi arrived at 7:17 P.M. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Janice Small and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to move the following items to the Consent Agenda to be voted upon by one unanimous vote. Seconded by Ms. Papale.

Mr. Solinsky arrived at 7:11 P.M.

ITEM #17 - Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$1,286.00 from Acct. #001-2016-100-1300, Clerk's Wages to Acct. #001-2011-100-1300, Clerk's Wages - Police Department

ITEM #19 - Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$2,250.00 from Acct. #8050-800-3190, Contingency - Reserve for Emergency to Acct. #2035-100-1620, No Sick Time Incentive, \$1,500.00, and to Acct. #2035-100-1680, EMT Bonus, \$750.00, respectively - Fire Marshall

ITEM #24 - Approve and Accept the Minutes of the 6/19, 6/26, 7/10, and 8/14/90 Town Council Meetings

VOTE: Holmes & Parisi were absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Mr. Holmes arrived at 7:14 P.M., Mr. Parisi arrived at 7:17 P.M.

ITEM #2 - Presentation of the CAER Award to the Town of Wallingford and the Local Emergency Planning Committee (L.E.P.C.)

Mr. Tim Richardson representing the Chemical Manufacturer's Association in Washington D.C. presented the L.E.P.C. Award to the Town of Wallingford's local L.E.P.C. and also Chemical Manufacturer's Association's Certificate of Outstanding Community Average Activities to American Cyanamid.

CAER is an acronym for Community Awareness and Emergency Response.

Mr. Richardson read the plaque and certificate to all present. He personally commended Mayor Dickinson, Fire Chief McElfish, all the industrial members of the L.E.P.C., the Police Department for all their work and outstanding implementation of an Emergency Awareness Plan and also congratulated them on a successful drill. He then asked the Mayor and the members of the L.E.P.C. to step forward and presented the respective awards.

Mayor Dickinson asked that the representatives from American Cyanamid stand and be recognized and extended thanks on behalf of the Town for their activities with the L.E.P.C. as well as other activities in the Town. He also asked the other members of the L.E.P.C. in the audience to stand and be recognized.

The recorder experienced a malfunction at this point in time.

Mr. Gouveia asked the representative from the Chemical Manufacturer's Association to give the Council some background on the organization.

The recorder once again malfunctioned.

Mr. Gouveia asked Mr. Richardson (C.M.A. Rep.) if he (the company) lobbied in Washington to relax regulations on handling and treatment of chemicals?

Mr. Richardson stated that his organization does lobby on all issues relating to the chemical industry. His company's stand is pro-reasonable, tough regulations, not relaxed ones.

ITEM #5 - Consider and Approve a Recycling and Anti-Litter Ordinance - SET A PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Bradley made a motion to Set a Public Hearing on September 25, 1990 at 7:45 P.M. Seconded by Ms. Papale.

VOTE: Parisi was absent; all others, aye. Motion duly carried.

ITEM #6 - Acceptance of a Gift of \$1,500.00 from the Estate of Frances Fredericks for Scholarship Funds - Comptroller's Office

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to accept the gift, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Solinsky asked if this was 3 scholarship funds in one year?

Mr. Cretella explained that it was 1 \$500.00 scholarship per year over the course of 3 years.

Mr. Myers explained that the interest earned on the investment may possibly provide a fourth scholarship.

Mr. Killen asked if stipulations were made as to how the scholarship would be granted?

Mr. Cretella answered, yes. A scholarship committee reviews applications each spring to determine the candidates.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD - 7:30 P.M.

Tim Cronin, 47 S. Ridgeland Road complained about the process of notifying the public of Public Hearings held by the Planning & Zoning Commission. In Monday's Record Journal (9/10/90) it states that the P & Z Commission plans to discuss the items on their agenda. It did not mention anything about holding a Public Hearing. In Tuesday's Record Journal it stated that the P & Z Commission held a Public Hearing on Monday (9/10/90) at which no one from the public spoke. He felt the public was misled on this subject.

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He stated that everyone cannot visit the Town Clerk's Office to check the agenda.

Mayor Dickinson stated that a legal notice was printed in the paper.

Mr. Cronin responded that not everyone looks at them. A larger ad similar to the one by the Revaluation Committee or slightly smaller should have been placed.

Mayor Dickinson pointed out that the article in Monday's paper did indicate the nature that the discussion was to involve. Anyone who was concerned with the cluster subdivision should have been in attendance.

Mr. Cronin pointed out that Town Attorney Janice Small has not received a new sign in the Council Chambers, Adam Mantzaris's nameplate is still intact.

ITEM #7 - Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Name the Town Hall Auditorium as requested by Councilor Gouveia.

Motion was made by Mr. Gouveia to Name the Town Hall Auditorium in Honor of Robert H. Earley, seconded by Mr. Bradley.

Mr. Gouveia read the Resolution into the record.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gouveia asked the Council Secretary to forward thank you notes to the three individuals listed in the correspondence for this agenda item expressing thanks for their assistance in providing historical information to the Town Attorney's Office for the purpose of naming the Auditorium in Robert H. Earley's honor.

ITEM #8 - Consider and Approve a Request to Name the Kondracki Lane Fire Station in Honor of Former Mayor Rocco J. Vumbaco - East Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Bradley asked if this request should be in the form of a Resolution or taken in the form of a straight vote?

Mr. Killen responded that the Town Attorney should draft a Resolution similar to the previous agenda item's Resolution. Mr. Killen asked Atty. Small to do so.

Mr. Zandri asked if there exists any procedure for making recommendations such as this so that no individual who has served the Town has been overlooked?

Mr. Killen responded no.

Mr. Zandri's concern centered around the fact that individuals who have occupied a Councilor position over a substantial amount of time have the history and knowledge to vote in favor of the recommendation. A new Councilor, however, may not be aware of the contributions an individual has made to the Town and therefore may vote in opposition of the recommendation. He felt that perhaps a cover letter should accompany future requests listing the contributions that individual made to the Town.

Mr. Killen agreed that there should be criteria supporting the requests to assure that no one individual is being slighted or forgotten.

Mr. Tom Wall, 963 Northrop Road stated his support in favor of naming the Kondracki Lane Fire House in honor of Former Mayor Vumbaco. He asked that Council to vote in favor of a Resolution.

Ms. Papale felt that if the East Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department felt that strongly to request this agenda item, than enough criteria must be present.

Mr. Killen reiterated that Mr. Zandri's suggestion of supporting, documented criteria should accompany the request.

Mayor Dickinson urged the Council not to delay this evening's request and to apply Mr. Zandri's suggestion to future requests.

Mr. Parisi pointed out the Council's knack for making something so simple so difficult once again. He concurred with Ms. Papale's comments.

Mr. Killen agreed.

Mr. Gouveia also agreed with Mr. Zandri's suggestion and felt that it was not necessary to request the criteria for this agenda item since the former mayor was well known for his actions and deeds.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #9 - Consider and Approve Resolutions Pertaining to the State Grant For the 1990-91 Budget, 148-CDC-20, of the Wallingford Community Day Care Center, Inc.

Mr. Killen asked if the F.Y. '90-91 Budget was available?

Ms. Kathleen Queen, Exec. Dir. of the Wallingford Community Day Care Center responded that a proposed draft was before the Council. No award letter had been received yet and therefore the numbers before the Council were "make believe" numbers based on last year's numbers. No word has come down from the Department of Human Resources yet as to what the Center's award will be, therefore, a budget cannot be written.

Mr. Bradley read the first resolution into the record.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Approve the Resolution permitting the Wallingford Community Day Care Center, Inc. to borrow from the Town of

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Wallingford amounts necessary to meet the essential operating expenses of the Center between the time that the Center's program is approved by the State of Connecticut and the actual funding received, but in no case to draw more than the amount approved and budgeted by the State for the period of operation as set forth in the 1990-91 Budget. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Holmes was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Approve the Resolution authorizing the Town of Wallingford to make application to the State in order to Undertake a Child Day Care Program and to Execute a Grant Action Request therefor. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Kathleen Queen gave a detailed report on the operation of the Day Care Center and its lack of much needed funds since the State has consistently increased the number of slots to be made available, yet has decreased the funding repeatedly.

Mr. Zandri asked if the funds that will be borrowed from the Town to operate the facility will be on a "as needed" basis?

Ms. Queen responded yes.

Mr. Bradley asked how many day care centers are currently operating in the Town?

Ms. Queen responded that there are 20 licensed centers.

Mr. Bradley asked if there were enough day care centers presently?

Ms. Queen stated that the Town is in need of infant/toddler care desperately. They are in the process of trying to build a facility to meet this need.

Mr. Bradley asked how many children are currently serviced by the center?

Ms. Queen answered, almost 100 families on a daily basis.

Mr. Bradley asked who determines salary increases?

Ms. Queen: The Board of Directors. We have not kept pace with the cost of living.

Ms. Duryea asked what is being done to meet the need of the infant/toddler population under 3 years of age?

Ms. Queen stated that the center has a lease with the Town for property behind Lyman Hall High School, a good solid bid has been solicited, the low bids were within \$7,500. of each other resulting in 2 good responsible bids that can be considered. There is no money, however, to start construction.



Mr. Killen asked if there is a minimum amount that the State must give to the center?

Ms. Queen stated, I hope this is it.

Mr. Killen was looking for a guideline in entering into this piece of business. The amount borrowed cannot exceed the amount budgeted by the State, which does not exist.

Ms. Queen stated that in looking at the first sheet of last year's budget the four quarters refer to the funding restriction of the first quarter. The amount of money borrowed cannot exceed that first quarter payment. The State's check must come in before the start of the next quarter.

Mr. Killen was very upset with the games the State has been playing. He feels that perhaps drastic action such as refusing the loan to the center may be what is needed to get the State to stop playing games. He would not resort to that action tonight, but it will be considered for the future.

Mr. Parisi asked Ms. Queen if the Town has hurt her organization by helping her with the advancement of the funds?

Ms. Queen stated, no, otherwise she would have to apply to the bank for funding and then have to organize fund raisers to pay for the interest which the State will not pay.

Mr. Roger Appell, 88 Pine Street complimented Ms. Queen, he had a relative who was a participant of her facility and found it to be outstanding. He was part of a ad hoc committee in the Town, of which Ms. Queen was also a member. A poll was taken of the elementary schools, and he came up with 700 families who needed the day care center and was willing to pay for it. There were no facilities available, however. He felt that the Town needs to start thinking seriously about the situation, it is getting worse everyday. Everyone in Town needs to address it as well as the country.

VOTE: All ayes. Motion duly carried.

ITEM #10 Update on the Town Hall Parking Problem as requested by Councilman Bradley.

Mr. Bradley wanted an update from the Mayor, hence the placement of this item on the agenda. Since his request he has been in touch with the Mayor's Office and the next agenda item is proof that progress is moving forward.

Mayor Dickinson stated that the American Legion has the issue of the sale of a portion or all of the property. Correspondence was forwarded, copies are available. It is under consideration by the Legion. It is believed that the issue will be taken up by the Legion sometime in October.

Mrs. Duryea spoke with the Commander of the Legion. Monday, September 10, a vote was taken on which proposal by the Town will be taken to the full membership. A public notice will be posted and by the end of September a decision should be available.

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Mr. Zandri asked if a timeframe could be placed on this issue with the American Legion?

Mayor Dickinson felt that the Legion has expressed interest and seem to be moving forward and as long as this is the case, it does not appear as though it will be a long time to wait.

Mr. Zandri felt that both parties need to be reasonable as far as timeframe and that an agreement to that effect should be reached. He stated that if no agreement with the Legion is reached by the end of October with regards to a purchase/lease, then he will make a recommendation to the Council that it go in a different approach than this one and take a vote on it.

Mrs. Duryea agreed with Mr. Zandri. She felt that there are other options, i.e., 88 South Main Street, that we may lose out on if we don't move quickly. She had previously asked the Town Attorney to research the 88 South Main St. property and asked her to report out this evening.

Ms. Janice Small, Town Attorney reported that the property is still available and there is currently a renewed offer for a parcel that was previously ruled out. Ms. Small will make this information available to all interested Councilors.

Mr. Killen feels that very few employees are concerned with the fact that the Town is in violation of Planning & Zoning but are more concerned with finding a parking place. He feels that the Town would still experience a problem with parking if the additional spaces are produced then those employees parking off-site will acquire those spaces, leaving a shortage of parking spaces for residents of the Town.

ITEM #11 Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$6,000.00 to Town Hall Parking Lot Improvements from Contingency Reserve for Emergency Acct. - Engineering

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Ms. Papale.

Mr. Zandri asked why the Town went out to bid on the project? Why couldn't our own employees perform the work?

Mr. Steven Deak, Director of Public Works stated that his employees could not remove the parking lines since they were not equipped with a grinding machine or a painting machine.

Mr. Zandri asked about the asphalt work, curb work, etc.?

Mr. Deak responded that he cannot interrupt his work schedule to perform this work. Someone will be angry. He stated that the cost is very expensive.

Mr. Zandri felt that the price on the painting seems high to him, was there any other work done similar to what the Town requires so that a comparison can be made?

Mr. Costello stated that the removal of 5 spaces to make way for handicapped parking cost approximately \$350.00 to use the grinder.

Mr. Zandri asked if the lines can be painted over?

Mr. Costello responded that the lines will come through eventually, it is not effective.

Mr. Zandri asked how critical was it? Even if it has to be repainted on a few occasions, it should still be less expensive in the long run.

Mr. Solinsky asked if this work being voted on involves changing Prince Street into a one-way street?

Mr. Costello: No.

Mayor Dickinson: There is space for two-way traffic but it will be very tight with parking along the curb.

Mr. Costello: There is room for nine parking spaces along Prince Street. The parking spaces will not extend as far out into the road as the curb does west of the carriage house. An additional 5 spaces will be obtained by restriping.

Mr. Parisi asked if the entire parking lot will be restriped? Is an additional row of cars being added?

Mr. Costello: Yes, yes.

Mr. Parisi: Are we moving the existing line of parking out?

Mr. Costello: Yes we will be within 4' of the curb. The sidewalk will be reduced to a 4' width. The parking will be on an angle.

Mr. Parisi: If we angle the parking and made Prince Street one-way, wouldn't we obtain more spaces?

Mr. Costello: We would get more than 9 spaces but would lose the spaces across the street. There would not be room for parking on both sides.

Mr. Parisi: Does that parking across the street account for solving the problem?

Mr. Costello: No, that is existing parking. The most efficient way to achieve maximum parking space is at 90° angle.

Mr. Parisi asked why we could not designate a row of parking specifically for compact cars?

Mr. Costello: I don't think that Planning & Zoning will go along with angle parking on Prince Street.

Mr. Parisi asked how much additional space can be gained by taking out the sidewalk?

Mr. Costello responded that no space would be gained.

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Mr. Zandri: You will only gain driveway area.

Mr. Parisi: If you move the curb toward the parking lot you will pick up more spaces.

Mr. Costello: You will pick up more on the street. I don't think that Planning & Zoning will allow angle parking on the street. They would not allow a private developer to do so.

Mayor Dickinson: We will have to resolve this before we award the contract.

Mr. Costello: Yes, but we can go ahead with the paving.

Mr. Parisi: I don't want to hold this up, but tomorrow or whenever you have the time, I would like to go out there and check it out again.

Mr. Killen: Mr. Costello, are you talking about putting spaces on the north side and leaving those on the south side and having two-way traffic?

Mr. Costello: Yes, the parking spaces on the north side, which there are none today, would not extend as far out into the street as the curb does west of the carriage house.

Mr. Killen: But the curb itself would allow a plow to go by, whereby the cars parked there will not, since the plow is higher.

Ms. Papale: What would be gained by making Prince Street one-way?

Mr. Costello: You would have a smoother, safer traffic flow.

Mayor Dickinson: If we find out that it is not feasible, two-way, we can make it one-way. If traffic can flow two-way we can find out. Unless the Council tonight decides to make it one-way, I think that we will gain experience by leaving it two-way. I think that we should go ahead and paint the lines.

Mr. Zandri was concerned and felt that the residents should be allowed to voice their opinion on the issue of making Prince Street one-way or not. Especially those residents in the vicinity.

Everyone agreed.

Mr. Bradley read the Transfer into the record.

Mr. Tim Cronin, 47 S. Ridgeland Road stated that he hoped that the Town will have a public hearing on this. He felt this issue was taking too long to resolve and it was becoming quite a comedy.

Norman Fishbein, 104 South Main Street felt that the Council was creating another traffic problem in the area before deciding what is going to be done with the parking lot. If next month, the Council decides to buy the Legion, why put more spaces on Prince Street? What is going to happen is you will never get into or out of Prince Street. He felt it was a poor plan and was going to create more of a problem than solve it.

Mayor Dickinson: We are not widening Prince Street, the plan is ultimately to widen Main Street.

Mr. Zandri: The curb is not moving in?

Mr. Costello: No.

Mr. Zandri was under the impression that it was.

Mr. Costello: Prince Street will be approximately 2' wider. The curb line does not change.

VOTE: Duryea & Killen, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #3 Spacial Needs Committee Update

Ray Rys, Chairman of the Spacial Needs Building Committee gave a detailed report of the progress of this group.

He reported that the buildings are 98% complete. A checklist was compiled of all items that needed repair and/or replacement. One item is most critical. It involves handicapped parking at Stevens School. At this point it is in the architect's hands for advice. Tom Chichowski, a member of the Handicap Committee recommended either repair the problem or ask for a waiver from the State. Mr. Rys felt that request should come from the builder or the architect. The Town should not have to worry about it. Two payments totaling approximately \$600,000.00 have been paid to Williams Company. The remainder of the funds owed the builder will be withheld until the problems and/or repairs are corrected.

The committee held a special meeting last evening to interview the low bidder for the Yalesville Feasibility Study. The bids ranged from \$6,700.00 to \$85,000.00 which was quite a difference and therefore the respondents were interviewed to achieve a process of elimination. A total of 14 firms responded. Out of the 14, the top 4 were selected. Those 4 firms were questioned regarding abilities, available resources, etc. The committee would have been satisfied with any of the 4 firms. Due to the substantial difference in bid the committee wanted to be sure that the low bidder was able to provide the committee with the information and study that is required. The low bidder was re-interviewed last evening and the committee was very pleased with every aspect of his company. The committee voted at that point to award the bid to DeCarlo & Doll Inc. of Hamden, CT. for the architectural study. It should be conducted and completed within a 30-60 day span and the committee anticipates reporting back to the Council by the end of this year with a final report.

Mr. Bradley asked what the spread was on the bids of the top 4 firms chosen to be interviewed?

Mr. Rys reminded the Council that \$1,300.00 is involved for Asbestos Study that may not be necessary. He was not sure what the Town has instructed as far as studies and/or abatement programs for the Yalesville School. The span ranged from \$5,400.00 to \$30,000.00.

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Mr. Bradley asked Mr. Rys if the items requiring repair and/or replacement were small items or of substantial size?

Mr. Rys stated that they were all small items. The handicap accessibility is the item of most concern. One particular school is requesting additional windows. Williams Company has offered to donate them to the school. They will not provide the labor since it was not in the original plan, but they are more than happy to give the windows to us.

Mr. Bradley toured the Cook Hill School facility a few weeks ago and noticed that quite a few doors had been misdrilled for the wrong type of hardware. It appeared as though the doors were being filled in, resanded and about to be redrilled and refinished.

Mr. Rys assumed that since the doors can swing either way it should not matter, but he will check into the matter with the builder.

Mr. Bradley extended his personal thanks to the committee for the excellent job in meeting the timeline.

Mr. Rys was very pleased with the committee. He felt all the members worked very hard, the architect worked closely and the builder cooperated 100%. Had 24 hours expired without any work performed, the schools would not have been completed on time. The committee was not under the impression that school would begin prior to Labor Day. The actual, original due date on the buildings was September 1, 1990. The contractor was not obligated to complete the project prior to that time. The individuals utilizing the classrooms are enjoying them very much.

Mayor Dickinson asked Mr. Rys to explain the option regarding the asbestos abatement.

Mr. Rys explained that in the DeCarlo & Doll Inc. bid a separate bid exists if an asbestos study needs to be performed. The reason Mr. Rys required it in his specifications was due to the fact that if a feasibility study is being performed and an office has to be moved, causing walls to be taken down, this work may effect some areas that have asbestos.

Mayor Dickinson stated that a report was compiled earlier this spring and a management plan that has been sent to State authorities. That information should be forwarded to DeCarlo & Doll, Inc. so as to avoid duplication of studies.

A subcommittee of the Spacial Needs Building Committee has been formed and would very much like the public to view the modular classrooms. An Open House is currently being planned for this purpose.

The Council extended its thanks to Mr. Rys and his committee and the fine job that they have done.

#### ITEM #12 Discussion and Possible Action on Reviewing Bonding Ordinances

A copy of the modified public hearing procedure has been distributed to all individuals receiving agenda packages. The intent is to shorten the reading of the bonding ordinances so as not to put the public and the reader to sleep.

Mr. Bradley read the procedure into the record.

Mr. Myers, Comptroller stated that the procedure was reviewed by the Town's Bond Counsel, Attorney Fasi, who has advised him that it is strictly a local procedural matter as to whether we wish the full ordinance read or not each time.

Mr. Killen stated that in the past the Council would consult the Bond Attorney who is present in the audience for his advice on whether or not the ordinance should be read. He felt it was not up to the Council to decide.

Mr. Myers stated that it is not a requirement to read the full ordinance each and every time. He has suggested, in this case, that the Council adopt a procedure and read in its entirety Section I. This would eliminate reading the rest of the entire document. If the Council decides not to shorten the reading, it can proceed along the practice it has done in the past.

Mr. Killen felt that as far as he was concerned he felt the ordinance should just be appended to the minutes.

Mr. Myers pointed out that with this new procedure it will be a requirement.

Mr. Holmes supported the opportunity to have the ordinance information available to the public and at the same time have Council business move quicker and more efficiently.

Tim Cronin, 47 South Ridgeland Road wanted reassurance that the ordinances will be available at the Town Council Meeting at the Town Clerk's desk.

Mr. Bradley made a motion that the Council Adopt as Part of the Town Council Procedure a Public Hearing Procedure Bonding Ordinances, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #13 Consider and Approve the following items for the Electric Division:

ITEM #13a The Purchase of Land from Connecticut Light & Power Company for the Purpose of Construction of a New Bulk Power Delivery Substation

Mr. Bradley read correspondence into the record.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to grant the Electric Division approval to purchase the land, seconded by Ms. Parisi.

Mr. Solinsky asked how long the negotiations have been going on?

Mr. Holmes, Assistant General Manager responded that the need for an additional substation site was identified approximately 2 years ago at which time funds were allocated to purchase the property. A preliminary assessment of the transmission corridor was performed and this particular parcel was identified as being a prime location. Contact was first made with CL&P for the purchase in the later part of 1989. In January or February of this year an asking price of \$165,000.00 was determined by CL&P.

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Since that time all the legal documentation as well as various other types of preparation have been taking place. At this point in time the final draft of the filing to the CT. DPUC is in the Electric Division's hands.

Mr. Solinsky asked if any other locations were considered?

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div., stated that four other locations were formerly considered. All of them along the existing 115kV transmission line corridor running generally west to east across the northern section of Town. Two of the sites, this one included, were the property of CL&P, the remaining two sites were private property that was not investigated. The reason being that they eliminated in the screening process due to less than optimum conditions, i.e., residentially zoned, poor access, poor integration into the existing distribution system, etc.

Mr. Solinsky asked if the land was dry?

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div., there appears to be no problems with Wetlands. The final purchase will be contingent upon all purchase and sales agreements be in a form satisfactory to us and the Town Attorney. A draft purchase/sales agreement between the companies now exists, it has been reviewed by the Town Attorney, it is very extensive. It reserves and protects a lot of things on behalf of the Town and the Electric Division. If a problem is detected once the Division gets on the property, then an escape clause exists for us not to purchase. If 3-4 months down the road, for some reason the State does not approve our application, we have a way out of the contract. An appraisal was done through the Town Attorney's Office and the appraisal was substantially more than the asking price.

Mr. Solinsky did not feel that this purchase was a bargain. He estimated the cost to be approximately \$53,000.00/acre with limited use of the land due to the transmission lines running over it.

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div., explained that it was prime location in Town relative to commercial zoning.

Mr. Solinsky asked how close can the Town go to the power lines? How much use can you get out of the land for another purpose?

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div., stated that he had a conceptual design for Mr. Solinsky to view.

Mr. Solinsky asked again, if someone else were to purchase it for other commercial use, how much use would they get out of this property?

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div., responded that roughly 50% of the property can be built upon. The Town would be building in conjunction with the transmission lines which transgress the property. We would have to reserve back to CL&P an easement for those lines. We can indeed site the substation and have adequate room to do that according to our preliminary designs.



Mr. Killen asked Mr. Holmes why money was not put into this year's budget to purchase this land if the purchase price was obtained in January or February?

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div., stated at that point in time it was preliminary. They were not yet confident that this piece of property was going to be the final choice and felt it was premature to place funds aside for it.

Mr. Killen asked how the Electric Division thought they would be able to purchase any of the other two private sites for a lesser price if they were absent of the transmission lines?

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div., stated that all the properties considered had transmission lines on them.

Mr. Killen asked if appraisals were obtained on all of the properties considered?

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div., responded, no, because in the detailed study with the engineering firm, the 3 potential sites were eliminated due to other reasons. They were not as good a site as this one is.

Mr. Killen asked, with only \$100,000.00 in their kitty, did the Electric Division think they were going to be able to purchase land for this price, what led them to believe they would be able to?

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div.: At the time the money was allocated, the Division had no idea of a site, the need to construct a third substation was identified. We did not have any concept two years ago of where the site would be, or how much it would cost us. In the overall project we did allocate in this year's budget, \$2 million for construction of a substation. We won't know the final cost until we get into the detail design, equipment procurement, etc. It is my feeling today that it is reasonable to transfer \$65,000.00.

Mr. Killen stated that he was still seething over the fact that the Council never did get to change the Electric Division's Budget the way that they wanted to. He saw no reason to change his thinking now. The Division's Budget was so flexible that there would have been no harm done if the Council were allowed to change it. It is very apparent in this issue this evening exactly how flexible the budget is. He felt cheated and feel that he is cheating the taxpayers.

Mr. Gouveia felt that information should be readily available for the Council such as, what is the property assessed for, what type of land use is the property suited for, how much of the land is buildable, what other properties of this type are selling for (percentage of their assessment), etc., when the Council must vote on action such as this. He felt that Mr. Solinsky's questions were right on target and that the Council should not just take the Electric Division's word that this is a bargain. All the above-mentioned information should be made available to the Council.

Holmes, Elec. Div., felt that perhaps the better approach would have been to go into Executive Session.

Dickinson stated that the Council could proceed into Executive Session if a copy of the appraisal is available this evening. He did not feel it would be proper to make copies of the appraisal and start distributing them.

Gouveia did not feel comfortable with the fact that no back-up material is present to substantiate the assessed value.

M. Holmes, Elec. Div., listed the many items of consideration in determining the best site. A thorough evaluation of the properties on this site was conducted.

Raymond Smith, Director, Public Utilities Commission: One of the things that are missing here is the cost of the facilities relative to other properties. The second parcel of property located behind the landfill in Meriden was my second choice. The problem was that the construction cost associated with that parcel would far outweigh any difference in price here if you would think that this piece of property was overpriced. We wanted to minimize the transmission cost.

Mr. Killen still believed that additional funds could have and should have been put away for this.

Mr. Smith stated that all the funds will be at that site. Part of it will be booked and capitalized under account #360 and the bulk of it will be under account #362.

Mr. Killen asked what would happen if the Division runs out of money in the Station Equipment Account?

Mr. Smith responded that he would have to appear before the Council again. Until the bids are taken and the actual project undertaken, there is no way of knowing what the bottom line is. He warned everyone on the Council that today, this is his best guess, it could change.

Mr. Tim Cronin, 47 S. Ridgeland Road: Last month the Division appeared before the Council for three new positions of which they had the money in their budget for. This month they are doing just the opposite. It is time to nail the Electric Division down. These people need to be held accountable for their actions.

VOTE: Zandri abstained; Gouveia & Killen, no; all others, aye. Motion duly carried.

ITEM #13b Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$65,000.00 for the Purchase of a 3 acre (+/-) Parcel of Property from the Connecticut Light and Power Company for Construction of a New Third Bulk Power Substation. The transfer is from Acct. #362, Substations to Acct. #360, Land & Land Rights.

Mr. Bradley made a motion to Approve the Transfer, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Gouveia pointed out that there was a discrepancy between the correspondence accompanying the transfer and the comptroller's report regarding balances in the same account, acct. #362. The correspondence states a balance of \$2,108,000 and the Comptroller's report states \$2,337,248.

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div.: I believe the figures from the Comptroller are correct relative to our current year budget for Acct. #362 that is comprised of monies for the substation and other capital equipment for substations. What I was referencing in my correspondence was funds allocated for the total project over several budget years.

VOTE: Zandri abstained; Killen, no; all others, aye. Motion duly carried.

ITEM #13c Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid to Authorize Connecticut Light and Power Company to Perform Transmission System Planning, Licensing, Engineering and Construction Services with regards to the New Bulk Power Delivery Substation

Mr. Bradley read correspondence into the record.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Approve the Waiver of Bid, seconded by Ms. Papale.

Mr. Parisi asked why the bid was waived, why not go out to bid?

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div., stated that these are proprietary services that only CL&P can provide because the Town is connecting into CL&P's transmission system.

Mr. Parisi asked if anyone else can connect into CL&P's system?

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div.: The work necessary for engineering services between our engineering firm has to be in conjunction with CL&P's engineering people.

Mr. Parisi: That is not my question. Can anyone else connect into that system or provide the service of connection?

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div: Physically connect, rebuild the structures, it certainly can be done by people other than CL&P. Contractors have done transmission line work, but it is not for the Electric Division to dictate to CL&P how they are going to perform work on their respective lines to accept our substation into their system. Basically, it is a proprietary service that CL&P will provide whether they do it themselves, or they contract out.

Mr. Parisi: Aren't they in essence dictating to the Town what it will cost to perform this work?

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div.: Not directly, no.

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Mr. Parisi: I disagree. If they are telling us that this project is going to cost \$2,470,000 we have no way of knowing if we can have the work performed for more or less. I believe they are dictating the cost to us.

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div.: That is our estimate of the total substation project.

Mr. Parisi: Is this the first time that CL&P is doing this or have they done this before? You are telling me that this is their estimate and I would think that they could bid this and be very exact with the cost unless this is the first time that they have done this and there is no history on this.

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div.: We are trying to make our best estimate of approximately \$150,000.00. We do have an estimate from CL&P for this project for engineering services only at a cost of \$66,000.00. The balance to make up the \$150,000.00 is a reasonable estimate of what it is going to take to reconstruct the transmission system to accept the substation.

Mr. Parisi: Will they (CL&P) take part in any other phases of this project, building of the substation, etc.?

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div.: Their participation is mainly in engineering on their system to accept into the transmission system, and the actual reconstruction of the transmission line to connect the substation.

Mr. Parisi: Will the approved budget allocation of \$2,470,000 for work, will that work go out to bid?

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div.: For our engineering services we do have an engineering firm on board now, has been for some time, that went out to bid when we do the design engineering specifications, all of that will go out to bid from the procurement of the equipment, transformers, construction, etc., all of that is going out to bid.

Mr. Killen: Do we have a contract with CL&P to provide us with electricity over a long period of time?

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div.: Yes, for the next 10 years. Whether or not we purchase from them thereafter, has little relation to this transmission line. Ultimately, if we purchase power from another entity, it would be transmitted over the same transmission lines after 10 years.

Mr. Killen: My point is if over the next 10 years, the needs of Wallingford expands and we have to build substations, are we to be held captive by prices set by CL&P?

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div.: We basically must, in this case, deal with CL&P because they own the transmission line. We are asking to connect into their system.

Mr. Killen: That leaves us captive to whatever figures they set down whether reasonable or not.

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div.: We are attempting to address that with our discussions and letter of agreement with them, that we all agree in effect to use our best efforts to minimize the costs and do things productively and efficiently. What more can be done to protect ourselves beyond that, I don't know. At the point that we get to final design, we will certainly be investigating those costs. We are estimating them at this point.

Mr. Killen: The problem is that we have to waive the bid this evening and I have no idea whether this is within the ballpark or not.

Mr. M. Holmes, Elec. Div.: If this Council wishes, it could cap it at an amount they feel comfortable with.

Mr. Raymond Smith, Director, P.U.C.: The purpose of the money is two-fold. We are asking CL&P to disrupt their system so that we can break in, that will cost them money, and it is their line so we must do things their way. Unfortunately, that is the way things are done, typically, in the utility industry. In the last case, they did overestimate, but I can't say that will happen again.

Mr. Killen: I just don't want to be captive to them.

VOTE: Parisi & Solinsky were absent; Zandri abstained; all others, ayè; motion duly carried.

ITEM #14 Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment of \$180,000.00 to Resolve Surcharging Problems of the South Elm Street and South Hartford Turnpike Sanitary Sewers - Water & Sewer Division

Mr. Bradley read correspondence from Roger Dann, General Manager of the Water & Sewer Division into the record.

The Budget Amendment of \$180,000.00 will increase both the Connection Charges for Maintenance Reserve Acct. #473-000 and the Net Income Acct.

Mr. Bradley made a motion to approve the first Budget Amendment, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Zandri asked why both accounts were increased?

Mr. Dann explained that the account that the funds are being moved from contains funds that are provided through the connection charges paid by individuals or developers connecting to our system. Those charges as established in the assessment regulations by the PUC are then placed into a maintenance reserve account to be utilized for unusual or emergency circumstances for the Sewer Division. In any given year in our budgeting we show an income amount, projected revenue which we will receive from connection charges during the course of the year, we may, and typically

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do also show a corresponding expense in the 404 account. At the end of any given year we look at the amount actually received vs. what was actually expended, and the difference, whether it is positive or negative, is added to or subtracted from the connection charge reserve fund. In this case over the past several years we have built up the connection charge reserve. We have intended to utilize that money through a planned three year program for infiltration. Subsequent to that gameplan, we entered into a consent order with the State relative to these two surcharge problems. In order to resolve those problems, I am recommending that we utilize that same scheduled \$900,000.00 amount from the connection charge reserve, but we expedite the work within the problem areas by appropriating more funds in the current year and then, of course, less in subsequent years. That will allow us to do, over a three year period, the same amount of infiltration and inflow work and will also allow us to accomplish a faster resolution in the problem areas.

Mr. Zandri: You are working in one budget year. How can you take what you anticipate receiving 2 years from now and place it in this year's budget?

Mr. Dann: This is money that has already been collected. This is money which is already in collection reserve.

Mr. Zandri: Aren't you increasing that amount by \$180,000.00?

Mr. Dann: We are increasing the amount of money that is being withdrawn from the connection reserve account and increasing the level of expenditures to correspond. We are actually bringing additional revenue into the current year's budget and then we are looking to appropriate that for additional infiltration, inflow work.

Mr. Zandri: You are increasing the reserve account by \$180,000?

Mr. Dann: We are looking to increase the amount of money that we are bringing from the connection charge reserve account into the current year's budget by \$180,000.00.

Mr. Zandri: The piece of paper in front of me says that the connection charges for maintenance reserve acct. #473-000 is being increased by \$180,000.00.

Mr. Dann: That is correct. It is being increased as a revenue account.

Mr. Zandri: That means that you are putting money into that account. Where is this money coming from?

Mr. Dann: From the connection charge reserve. Over the past several years we have accumulated funds as the result of connection charges paid to us as various developers or individuals....

Mr. Killen: If I may interrupt you, Roger, where are those monies kept? You said that you are getting those funds from the connection charges for reserves and that is where you are putting them back in, sounds like you are taking and putting back in the same account, please be more specific.

Mr. Killen: You have an outside fund, in other words, the dollars you are taking from have not been entered into this year's budget as I understand it. This \$180,000 is outside your present budget. But you do have monies available to you in this other fund?

Mr. Dann: Yes.

Mr. Zandri: I follow it, but this bothers me. I don't understand where out of nowhere, you get \$180,000.00, if there is more out there, please let me know.

Mr. Dann: There is money collected, the differential between what we take in, in revenue, in any given year, and what we expend from that account in any given year. If there are funds remaining in any given year is placed into a reserve account specifically designated for this purpose. That has occurred and we do have a reserve account with a balance of approximately \$1,100,000 at this time. We had looked at that and scheduled utilization of that available fund for the purpose of doing infiltration and inflow work over the next three years as well as for any other unanticipated problems which may occur over the next several years. The funds are already collected and available and we are looking at a scheduled utilization of those funds for those particular purposes.

Mr. Zandri: Does that fund have an account number?

Mr. Dann: No, it does not have an account number.

Mr. Zandri: Does that fund show up in your annual report?

Mr. Dann: Yes, it does.

Mr. Zandri: But it does not fall into any account number?

Mr. Dann: That is correct.

Mr. Zandri: How is it tracked?

Mr. Dann: By virtue of the fact that during any given year we know the amount of funds which are either entered into or deducted from the reserve. It is a separate entity in of itself.

Mr. Myers: It is Retained Earnings in the Sewer Division. The money is collected by the Sewer Division and is placed into Retained Earnings. It is extracted from Retained Earnings by the Town Charter, it is required to be budgeted and is done so as Revenue and an offsetting expenditure, like a wash item. The reason it is accounted for that way is, originally, when the \$750.00 connection fee was instituted it was done so by a resolution by the Public Utility Commission which restricted the use of those funds. It was not instituted as an ordinary revenue item, but for system improvements. Because of that resolution it had to be restricted.

Mr. Zandri: So it is just lumped into Retained Earnings for that particular Division.

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Mr. Dann: But it is restricted and called out separately within the Retained Earnings Summary. It can only be utilized for this particular purpose.

Mr. Zandri: I don't know how a budget process can allow you to start segregating in a business what you can do with certain funds. I can understand you receiving those funds from contractors.

Mr. Myers: It is money that the Sewer Division possesses. It is being removed from Retained Earnings, shown as a revenue and then there is an offsetting expenditure item for it. If the revenue and the expenditure were not approved in the budget process, there would be no authority and no way that the Sewer Division could spend those funds.

Mr. Zandri: If those funds were going to be locked into a specific account you could take the money coming in from the outside source and place it in a separate line item for expenditures for whatever it is being spent for.

Mr. Myers: In essence that is what we do except for the fact that for quite a while the money was collected and not used.

Mr. Zandri: It could still stay in that account for future use.

Mr. Dann: Yes, you are correct, it could stay in that dedicated account. We are suggesting that we utilize it for a specific purpose, that is the reason that we are here tonight.

Mr. Zandri: I don't see a transfer out of an account into another account. I see \$180,000.00 coming out of nowhere. The way I see it is that it is coming out of the Retained Earnings account and going into a line item account.

Mr. Killen: Yes, but it is not an unrestricted Retained Earnings account. I don't agree with you, but that is how it is done.

Mr. Gouveia: Do you expect to spend in excess of the \$300,000?

Mr. Dann: Yes, we have already received bids in excess of that amount.

Mr. Bradley: What is in the Consent Order of the State Department of Environmental Protection, what has happened there?

Mr. Dann: Over the last several years, particularly associated with the heavy rainfall we have had, we have experienced surcharge, an overflowing of a specific manhole at both locations listed above. In each case as it has occurred we have reported it to the State as required. In looking at those cases, made a determination that, in fact, it represented a problem. They looked to issue a consent order for resolution of those problems. After some negotiation, as well as explanation of the problems we did enter into and sign a consent order that requires us to, in a progressive manner, first identify the causes of the problems and then to propose how we will resolve the problems and ultimately, to resolve the problems. Whether that is done through infiltration and inflow removal, or the determination is that the sewers are undersized and a new sewer would need to be installed, we would need to proceed until the problem is resolved. There are other areas in Town, although we are not surcharging in this manner, we will need to watch very closely. We need to monitor the individual flows of each of the drainage area.



This way we can begin to identify and record wet flows and dry flows and by looking at the ratios of the two, start to establish some order of prioritization by which we can address the real problem areas that we do have out there, but first they need to be determined specifically where they are.

VOTE: Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #14 - Second Budget Amendment

Mr. Bradley made a motion to Consider and Approve a second Budget Amendment in the amount of \$180,000.00 to Increase the Expenditures from Connect. Chg. Reserve Acct. #404-000 and Decrease the Net Income Account by \$180,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: Zandri, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #15 Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment of \$145,000.00 affecting the Cafeteria Fund Expenditure & Revenues Budgets - Board of Education

Mr. Bradley read the correspondence on this item into the record.

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Approve the Amendment of \$145,000.00 to the Original Budget request of \$1,328,627 to a new Amended Budget total of \$1,473,627; on the Expenditure side of the Budget, the Original Expenditure Budget was \$1,326,576 with the \$145,000.00 Amendment is adjusted to a new Total of \$1,471,576; the Original Net Income was \$2,051.00 and remains the same with the Budget Amendment. Seconded by Ms. Papale.

Mr. Holmes asked how much the freezer cost to purchase?

Mr. Tom Golanski, Director of Food Services responded, \$71,295.00.

Mr. Holmes asked if this was an anticipated expense at the start of the year?

Mr. Golanski: No, it was not.

Mr. Holmes asked what the higher payroll expenses were attributed to?

Mr. Golanski: Due to the higher contracted wage that was anticipated when the budget was done as well as substitutes being utilized during the course of the year more so than in previous years.

Mr. Holmes: You are also raising your requested Revenue Budget by \$145,000 how will you recapture that money?

Mr. Golanski: The money was given to us by the Board of Education. \$75,000 was for the freezer and \$70,000 was in lieu of, to offset our shortfall for the last school year.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #16a Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$488.00 to Utility Trailers Acct. #001-5031-999-9921 from the Payloader w/ Bucket Acct. #001-5040-999-9903.

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Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

ITEM #16b Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$4,010.00 from Acct. #001-5040-999-9909, Street Sweeper to Acct. #001-5130-500-5100, Maintenance of Building - Public Works Department

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Gouveia asked if equipment was purchased from the Street Sweeper Acct.?

Mr. Stephen Deak, Director of Public Works: We purchased a 1990 model at a \$10,000.00 savings.

Mr. Gouveia asked if all the requests made by the Police Department regarding the building on Washington Street?

Mr. Deak: Yes.

Mr. Gouveia: Including the alarms?

Mr. Deak: No. My feeling is that the alarms are good just for the companies. When you need the alarm they are never working.

Mr. Gouveia: Have you taken care of the doors?

Mr. Deak: I have worked in this Town for 30 years. When the alarms go off, no one appears, you sometimes have to wait 2-3 hours.

Mr. Gouveia: Have you acted upon the Police Department's recommendation to remove the slats from the chain link fence?

Mr. Deak: The chain link fence is not our responsibility, it is the Housing Authority's. We have notified them.

Mr. Gouveia: Has the sodium light fixture been installed?

Mr. Deak: We are leasing the inside of the building only. We cannot install this since we are not responsible for the outside of the building.

Mr. Gouveia: Someone should make the Housing Authority aware of these items. Are we insured, are they paying for any of this?

Mr. Deak: The insurance company is not paying for any of this. No such insurance exists.

Mr. Bradley: What is our involvement with this building?

Mr. Deak: We lease the gym for recreational purposes.

Mr. Gouveia: The Town in turn allows the Boy's Club to use the gym.

Mr. Bradley: Can't we wash our hands of this? Why does the lease have to be through the Town?

Mayor Dickinson: We are using the gym. The Housing Authority has no interest in it. The Boys & Girls Club has no other facility other than the gym. They are the principle users. We pay a proportionate charge for the utilities for the gym.

Mr. Bradley: Are any other gyms available to them?

Mayor Dickinson: In my opinion we don't have enough gyms. The school gyms are not readily available to the Recreation Department.

Mr. Zandri asked if the Boys & Girls Clubs were the only groups using the gym?

Mayor Dickinson: Other organizations may use it now and then but mainly it is the Boys & Girls Clubs that use it.

Mr. Zandri asked if there was any way that the clubs could have a direct lease?

Mayor Dickinson felt that the clubs did not have the funds to do so.

Mr. Zandri: If and when they build a new facility, what do you anticipate happening at that time?

Mayor Dickinson: I don't know that we will have to continue the maintenance and the responsibility for that gym. It also is used for voting. If the Housing Authority decided they did not want the gym, then the issue of where voting is to occur must be addressed if the gym is torn down.

Mr. Killen: Can we get a price from the Electric Division to have the light installed? That light will do more for the building than any of the other recommendations.

Mr. Deak: The light will be no problem, we will take care of that.

Mr. Killen: We need someone in charge signing people in and out of the building as a safety precaution.

VOTE: All ayes. Motion duly carried.

ITEM #16c Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$6,000.00 from Acct. #001-5040-999-9909, Sweeper to Acct. #001-5200-500-5201, Maintenance HVAC System - Public Works Department

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley to Approve the Transfer, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

Mr. Gouveia stated that he is still getting calls from residents stating that their streets are not swept and especially chip seal from projects completed over 1 year ago. He suggested that money be used from accounts that are specifically to pay for the actual sweeping of the streets after snowstorms. He failed to realize that these accounts at issue this evening were capital accounts.

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Mr. Killen asked if the air conditioning was operating due to the temperature of the room.

Mr. Deak pointed out that at the meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission the night before, someone had broken the thermostat controls for the air conditioning/heating off the wall.

Mr. Zandri recommended that a locked cage be placed over the controls.

Mr. Killen felt that perhaps only Town Council meetings should be held in the Town Council Chambers.

VOTE: All ayes. Motion duly carried.

ITEM #18 Consider and Approve a Request to Purchase Capital Equipment - Fire Chief

Mr. Bradley read correspondence into the record.

Mr. Killen asked Steve Hacku, Assistant Fire Chief if he had a problem with the equipment at budget time?

Mr. Hacku stated no.

Mr. Killen asked why no transfer was necessary?

Mr. Hacku stated that the maintenance account is specifically used to maintain equipment. His rationale was that the purchase was necessary to maintain equipment.

Mr. Killen stated that a transfer is required to take the funds out of a maintenance account and place it into a capital account. He asked Mr. Myers if the Council can approve the transfer tonight and Mr. Myers take care of the paperwork?

Mr. Myers stated that if the Council made a motion to approve a transfer of \$995.00 from Maintenance of Equipment - Fire Department to Capital Rescue Saw, then he will take care of the paperwork.

Ms. Papale made the motion, seconded by Mr. Parisi.

VOTE: All ayes; motion duly carried.

Mayor Dickinson announced that at 4:30 P.M. this evening Chief McElfish announced that he was leaving his position for employment in Georgia.

ITEM #20 Consider and Approve Awarding Bids to Other Than the Lowest Bidders for the Purchase of a Copier and Computer - Town Council Secretary

Motion was made by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Solinsky.

Mr. Parisi: As unaccustomed as I am to vote for waiving of a bid, Mr. Chairman, I have to say that I was impressed with the reasons given by the Council Secretary for her choice of equipment. I will vote in favor of it.