

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

Special Town Council Meeting

APRIL 17, 2012

FY 2012 – 2013 BUDGET WORKSHOP

RECORD OF VOTES & MIINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 P.M. in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall. A Moment of silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were as follows: Vincent Cervoni, Nick Economopoulos, Craig C. Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John LeTourneau, Chairman Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, John J. Sullivan and Jason Zandri. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Comptroller James Bowes were also in attendance at the meeting.

3. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Fire Dept

In attendance: Chief Peter Struble, Deputy Chief Richard Haigard, Fire Marshall Carmen Rao

Chief Struble gave a report on the new direction of the Fire Department; they are looking at a strategic change in implementing the EMS Transport Enterprise. The creation of this enterprise system should allow the town to have additional ambulance and paramedic/EMT service and handle the collection of fees.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET AS PROPOSED.

MADE BY: SULLIVAN
SECONDED BY: RASCATI

VOTE:

LeTourneau	yes;	Laffin	No;	Fishbein	No;
Cervoni	yes;	Rascati	Yes;	Sullivan	yes;
Zandri	yes;	Economopoulos	yes;	Parisi	yes

7 Aye; 2 Nay

MOTION PASSED

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EMS ENTERPRISE FUND AS PROPOSED.

MADE BY: FISHBEIN
SECONDED BY: ZANDRI
VOTE:

LeTourneau	yes;	Laffin	No;	Fishbein	yes;
Cervoni	yes;	Rascati	Yes;	Sullivan	yes;
Zandri	yes;	Economopoulos	yes;	Parisi	yes

8 Aye; 1 Nay

MOTION PASSED

Fire Marshal

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FIRE MARSHALL'S BUDGET AS PROPOSED.

MADE BY: Rascati
SECONDED BY: LeTourneau
VOTE:

LeTourneau	yes;	Laffin	No;	Fishbein	No;
Cervoni	yes;	Rascati	Yes;	Sullivan	yes;
Zandri	yes;	Economopoulos	yes;	Parisi	yes

7 Aye; 2 Nay

MOTION PASSED

Veterans' Service Center

In attendance was Major George Messier

There was discussion as to if the Town of Meriden was splitting the cost of the budget, and yes they are current with their share of the cost.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE VETERAN'S SERVICE BUDGET AS PROPOSED.

MADE BY: SULLIVAN
SECONDED BY: RASCATI

VOTE:

LeTourneau	yes;	Laffin	No;	Fishbein	yes;
Cervoni	yes;	Rascati	Yes;	Sullivan	yes;
Zandri	yes;	Economopoulos	yes;	Parisi	yes

8 Aye; 1 Nay

MOTION PASSED

Registrars of Voters

In attendance were Republican Registrar Chet Miller and Democratic Registrar Samuel Carmody

There was discussion on the possibility of changing polling places during the upcoming Federal primaries, due to lack of turnout. It was brought up that Senator Fasano had brought legislation on the subject, but that it did not go anywhere.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REGISTRAR'S BUDGET AS PROPOSED.

MADE BY: SULLIVAN
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE:

LeTourneau	yes;	Laffin	No;	Fishbein	yes;
Cervoni	yes;	Rascati	Yes;	Sullivan	yes;
Zandri	yes;	Economopoulos	yes;	Parisi	yes

8 Aye; 1 Nay

MOTION PASSED

Health

In attendance were Eloise Hazelwood and Steve Civitelli

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET AS PROPOSED.

MADE BY: RASCATI
SECONDED BY: SULLIVAN

VOTE:

LeTourneau	yes;	Laffin	No;	Fishbein	No;
Cervoni	yes;	Rascati	Yes;	Sullivan	yes;
Zandri	yes;	Economopoulos	yes;	Parisi	yes

Aye 7; Nay 2

MOTION PASSED

Program Planning

In attendance was Don Roe

Discussion regarding the Work Study salary line, and the role of the department with the internet, and website consultant.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PROGRAM PLANNING BUDGET AS PROPOSED.

MADE BY: RASCATI
SECONDED BY: SULLIVAN
VOTE:

LeTourneau	yes;	Laffin	No;	Fishbein	yes;
Cervoni	yes;	Rascati	Yes;	Sullivan	yes;
Zandri	yes;	Economopoulos	yes;	Parisi	yes

Aye 8; Nay 1

MOTION PASSED

Government Access Television

In attendance were Don Roe and Scott Hanley

Discussion regarding purchasing new production equipment

MOTION TO ACCEPT GOVERNMENT TELEVISION BUDGET AS PROPOSED.

MADE BY: SULLIVAN
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE:

LeTourneau	yes;	Laffin	No;	Fishbein	yes;
Cervoni	yes;	Rascati	Yes;	Sullivan	yes;
Zandri	yes;	Economopoulos	yes;	Parisi	yes

Aye 8; Nay 1

MOTION PASSED

Youth & Social Services

In attendance were Don Roe and Craig Turner

Discussion regarding the effect of the economy and many different needs of the citizens, from fuel assistance to mental health guidance for school age children.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE YOUTH & SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET AS PROPOSED

MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE:

LeTourneau	yes;	Laffin	No;	Fishbein	No;
Cervoni	yes;	Rascati	Yes;	Sullivan	yes;
Zandri	yes;	Economopoulos	yes;	Parisi	yes

Aye 7; Nay 2

MOTION PASSED

Economic Development Commission

In attendance were Don Roe, Joe Mirra and Jim Wolfe

Discussion regarding the different incentive programs for new businesses, the commission's biggest increase this year will be advertising in REX. An update was given on the businesses expanding or moving into town.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION'S BUDGE AS PROPOSED.

MADE BY: RASCATI
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU
VOTE:

LeTourneau	yes;	Laffin	No;	Fishbein	No;
Cervoni	yes;	Rascati	Yes;	Sullivan	yes;
Zandri	yes;	Economopoulos	yes;	Parisi	yes

Aye 7; Nay 2

MOTION PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

MADE BY: SULLIVAN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU

VOTE: UNANIMOUS; 9 AYE

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Thompson
Town Clerk

Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date