

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Town Council Chambers**

March 11, 2014

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 7:20 P.M. Reverend Douglas Valentine of the First Baptist Church of Wallingford offered the opening prayer, and then the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Councilors in attendance were as follows: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John Letourneau, Christine Mansfield, Robert F. Parisi, Larry Russo, John Sullivan and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Gerald E. Farrell, Sr. and James Bowes, Comptroller were also present at the meeting.

2. Discussion and Possible Action regarding tentative agreement with Local 424-Unit 17, UPSEU Management contract for a wage re-opener for January 1, 2014 and a one-year extension of the current contract until December 31, 2015 – Personnel

*In Attendance: James Hutt, Assistant Personnel Director
Dennis Chiccarillo, Town Labor Attorney*

Mr. Hutt reviewed the highlights of his memo to the Town Council with regard to the agreement. He covered wages with 1.95% increase on 1/1/14 and 1/1/15; Insurance Premium Cost Share increase to 12%; Insurance Co-Pay increases for the two plans that are offered that cover office visits, inpatient and outpatient care, and urgent care. One plan, Blue Care, also has an emergency room increase.

The Town Council learned that overall, the cost to the town for the wage increase will be \$187,581. This bargaining unit did not have a wage increase in 2010. The bargaining was in good faith. This contract will go into effect forty-four days from February 20, 2014. Mr. Chiccarillo stated that all factors were considered including the economy and other unit agreements in surrounding towns.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE tentative agreement with Local 424-Unit 17, UPSEU Management contract for a wage re-opener for January 1, 2014 and a one-year extension of the current contract until December 31, 2015.

**MADE BY: LETOURNEAU
SECONDED BY: SULLIVAN**

There was no further comment from the town Council.

Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle, asked if bi-weekly pay was discussed during contract talks with Local 424-Unit 17, UPSEU Management Union. The response was no.

Roll Call Vote:

Fishbein: Yes NO

Laffin: Yes

Letourneau: Yes

9 8-Aye; 1-Nay

THE MOTION PASSED.

Mansfield: Yes

Parisi: Yes

Russo: Yes

Sullivan: Yes

Testa: Yes

Chairman Cervoni: Yes

3. Consent Agenda

- 3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$4,745.28 (#534-#547)
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector
- 3b.** Acceptance of Donation and Appropriation in the Amount of \$40 from Registration Fees for *Youth and Social Services Special Fund-STEM ACADEMY* to Donations
Acct # 2264002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 22640150-58830
– Youth and Social Services
- 3c.** Acceptance of Donation from Amanda Cerrato for Owl Origami Fundraiser in the Amount of \$230 and appropriation of \$230 to Veterinary Expenses Acct # 10020100-56742 and to Misc. Expenses Acct # 1009052-47040– Animal Control
- 3d.** Acceptance of 2013-14 Comprehensive DUI Enforcement Program grant and Appropriation of \$4,069 to Revenue Highway Safety Acct # 1002001-45208 and to Police Overtime Acct # 10020050-51400 –Police Chief
- 3e.** Acceptance of a Budget Reduction in the Amount of (\$3,265) Town Aid Road Special Revenue Fund with Reduction to State Grant Fund # 229 and Reduction to Program Expenditures Fund # 229 - Comptroller
- 3f.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$102,728 to Various Accts and from Contingency-Accrued Expenses Acct # 1001900-58821 - Comptroller
- 3g.** Approve Minutes of Special Town Council Workshop Meeting of February 19, 2014
- 3h.** Approve Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting of February 25, 2014
- 3i.** Consider and Approve the Appointment of Richard Nunn to the Public Utilities Commission for a three-year term, effective immediately, expiring March 1, 2017
- Mayor

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

3a.-3i.

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY:

9-AYE

MOTION PASSED

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

Withdrawn

5. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, asked if the Mayor is looking into alternate ways to deal with the town's trash rather than using Covanta. He suggested looking into anaerobic recycling, which could generate electricity as a by-product.

Gina Morgenstein, South Main Street, suggested forming a Committee to talk about anaerobic digestion.

6. a. Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$12,000 to Capital & Non-Recurring to Revenues-Transfer In from General Fund – Fund #301-new line TBD and to Expenses – Bus Shelter Replacement – Fund 301-new line TBD

MOTION TO APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION of Funds in the Amount of \$12,000 to Capital & Non-Recurring to Revenues-Transfer In from General Fund – Fund #301-new line TBD and to Expenses – Bus Shelter Replacement – Fund 301-new line TBD

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

In Attendance: John Thompson, Town Engineer

Speaking from his handout showing two illustrations of two bus shelters each with a different roof, Mr. Thompson explained why one was recommended and one was not. He explained how the new shelters would be placed.

Councilor Letourneau wanted to make a motion to add another shelter to the transaction for a shelter to be placed on Rt. 5 at the WalMart location. He explained that this shelter is needed as soon as possible. It was explained that it is inappropriate to add anything to a financial transaction during a meeting. The Mayor explained that work with the state need to be accomplished first.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Fishbein: Yes | Mansfield: Yes | Sullivan: Yes |
| Laffin: Yes | Parisi: Yes | Testa: Yes |
| Letourneau: Yes | Russo: Yes | Chairman Cervoni: Yes |

9-Aye

THE MOTION PASSED.

and

- b. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$12,000 to Capital & Non-Recurring in General Fund-Bus Shelter Replacement Acct # 10080350-59234 from Contingency-Misc. Acct # 10019000-58820 - Engineering

In Attendance: John Thompson, Town Engineer

MOTION MADE TO TRANSFER Funds in the Amount of \$12,000 to Capital & Non-Recurring in General Fund-Bus Shelter Replacement Acct # 10080350-59234 from Contingency-Misc. Acct # 10019000-58820

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

Roll Call Vote:

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| Fishbein: Yes | Mansfield: Yes | Sullivan: Yes |
| Laffin: Yes | Parisi: Yes | Testa: Yes |
| Letourneau: Yes | Russo: Yes | Chairman Cervoni: Yes |

9-Aye

THE MOTION PASSED.

7. Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver request in the amount of \$40,235 for Horizon Software International for maintenance, support, upgrades, training and expansion of the current system for Point of Sale/Food Service Management software
– Board of Education

MOTION MADE TO APPROVE A a Bid Waiver request in the amount of \$40,235 for Horizon Software International for maintenance, support, upgrades, training and expansion of the current system for Point of Sale/Food Service Management software

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

*In attendance: Dr. Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent of Schools
Sharlene Wong, School System Food Service Director*

Ms. Wong explained the history of the Horizon system with the Board of Education since 2001 in her department and that support for this version is being phased out. Horizon has great value to the school system and in its accountability in a variety of areas. It has features already in use that other systems do not offer. Some of the features presented by this system include, interfaces with state and state reporting forms, that it is fully automated and integrated with forms to banks as it relates to student expenses and a parent's ability to 'deposit' to the child's account with the food service department, parent accessibility to a child's account to review even what their child has eaten. The school system has already taken care of any other peripherals to accommodate the Horizon System. Ms. Wong noted that Horizon has 35 other Connecticut customers and one other company has just five. Chairman Cervoni brought up the little bag of cookies provided to the Council. Ms. Wong reported that they were made by students and that it will lead to a student enterprise.

Roll Call Vote:

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| Fishbein: Yes | Mansfield: Yes | Sullivan: Yes |
| Laffin: Yes | Parisi: Yes | Testa: Yes |
| Letourneau: Yes | Russo: Yes | Chairman Cervoni: Yes |
| 9-Aye | | |

THE MOTION PASSED.

8. Consider and Approve a Bid Waiver and Acceptance of Bank of America to provide Procurement/Accounts Payable Discount Program – Comptroller

MOTION MADE TO APPROVE A BID WAIVER AND ACCEPT Bank of America to provide Procurement/Accounts Payable Discount Program

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: MANSFIELD

In attendance: James Bowes, Comptroller

Mr. Bowes reviewed the letter already sent to the Council. The procurement/abatement program was explained and discussed. The Town Council urged Mr. Bowes to seek a higher interest rate. Some were concerned that it wasn't shopped enough.

No comments from the public.

Roll Call Vote:

Fishbein: No

Mansfield: Yes

Sullivan: Yes

Laffin: Yes

Parisi: No

Testa: Yes

Letourneau: Yes

Russo: Yes

Chairman Cervoni: Yes

7-Aye; 2-Nay

THE MOTION PASSED.

9. Consider and Approve a Resolution for the establishment of new funding for the Procurement/Accounts Payable Discount Program – Comptroller

**MOTION MADE TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
of new funding for the Procurement/Accounts Payable Discount Program**

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU

In attendance: James Bowes, Comptroller

Mr. Bowes informed that Council that this would be treated very much like a Cap and Non-Recurring account and that rebate accruals can cross a fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote:

Fishbein: Yes

Mansfield: Yes

Sullivan: Yes

Laffin: Yes

Parisi: Yes

Testa: Yes

Letourneau: Yes

Russo: Yes

Chairman Cervoni: Yes

9-Aye

THE MOTION PASSED.

10. Executive Session pursuant to §1-200(6) (D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor

Withdrawn

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MADE BY: LAFFIN

SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU

VOTE: 9-AYE

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Weekes
Secretary to the Town Council
Meeting digitally recorded

Vincent Cervoni, Chairman Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk Date