

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

**SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

ROBERT F. PARISI COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**TUESDAY**

**April 11, 2017**

**6:30 P.M.**

**FY 2017 – 2018 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**MINUTES**

The Special Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 was called to order at 7:22 P.M. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John LeTourneau, Joseph A. Marrone and Vincent F. Testa, Jr., Councilor Christopher K. Shortell and Councilors John J. Sullivan and Jason Zandri were absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Corporation Counsel Janis Small and Comptroller, James Bowes were also present at the meeting

**3. BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**LAW DEPARTMENT**

*In Attendance: Janis Small, Corporation Counsel*

Councilor Fishbein inquired about the Insurance Claim line Item.

Attorney Small explained that is used for anything that is not covered by insurance and she doesn't necessarily know if we will use it.

Councilor Fishbein asked when the last time was that we used it and Attorney Small responded that she did not know.

Councilor Fishbein asked how this is different from contingency and Attorney Small responded that she thinks we don't want the item eliminated entirely and that we like to have the line item there to pay small claims.

Councilor Fishbein asked if we pay hourly for our Labor Attorney and Attorney Small responded that we have a contract and pay a monthly price.

Councilor Fishbein inquired about Purchased Services – Lawyers Line item and Attorney Small explained that is used for workers compensation and hiring an expert on pension negotiations.

## **MAYOR**

*In Attendance: Mayor Dickinson*

Councilor Fishbein asked what Purchased Services Negotiations is for and Mayor Dickinson responded that is for hiring pension contracts, managers and arbitration experts.

Councilor Fishbein questioned dues and fees and Mayor Dickinson responded \$28,500 is CCM Membership and the rest is to attend a seminar or two.

Councilor Fishbein questioned Mayor Dickinson if he still wanted to remain a member of CCM after hearing their support of giving cities more money from the State than towns and Mayor Dickinson responded that we don't always agree on CCM's position but they do offer numerous programs that are beneficial to us and our taxpayers.

Councilor Fishbein stated that he remains opposed to being a member of CCM.

## **TOWN COUNCIL**

*In Attendance: Chairman Vincent Cervoni and Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk*

Councilor Fishbein inquired about money for a Charter Secretary and a phone line.

Barbara Thompson responded that since we have closed the Council office, we have maintained a Council phone number and that covers the fee.

## **TOWN CLERK**

*In Attendance: Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk*

Councilor Fishbein questioned why we are not getting a copier and chairs as capital items.

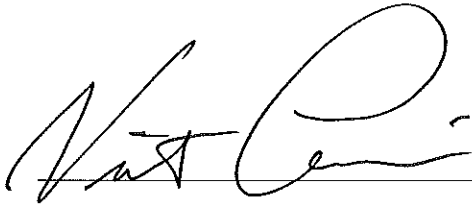
Barbara Thompson replied that per the Mayor, in the Budget Meeting, we should get them now with contingency money. She went on to say that we just approved this item on tonight's Consent Agenda.

Councilor Fishbein questioned the dues and fees line item increase and Barbara Thompson responded that we are hiring a new Assistant Town Clerk and that person will need to take certification classes.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**  
**MADE BY: LETOURNEAU**  
**SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**  
**ALL AYES**  
**MOTION PASSED**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 P.M.

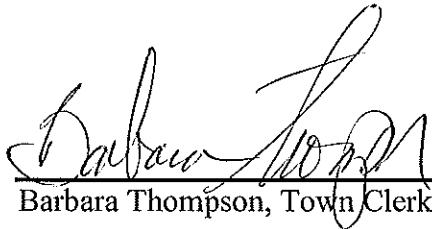
Submitted by: Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk



Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

25 APRIL 2017

Date



Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

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Date

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