

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY  
JUNE 27, 2023  
6:30 P.M.  
AMENDED RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Samuel Carmody, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Christina Tatta, Vincent Testa and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Brian Naples Assistant Comptroller, Assistant Town Attorney Janis Small and Town Clerk Kristen Panzo were also present.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$103,692.77 (#856-#879)  
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector
- 3b. Consider and approve Merit Reviews (2) – Human Resources
- 3c. Acceptance of Donation from the Louis F. and Mary A. Tagliatela Family Foundation and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$200 from Miscellaneous, Acct. #2502002-47152 to Miscellaneous Donations, Fund 250 Acct. #TBD – Fire Dept.
- 3d. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$770 from Regular Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10050050-51000 to PS-Software Support, Acct. #10050050-56718 (FY 2023-2024) – Parks & Recreation
- 3e. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$89,500 - Finance
  - \$89,500 From: Contingency-Accrued Expenses Acct. #10019000-58821
  - \$16,000 From: Exp-Contractual Clothing Acct. #10020150-56190
  - \$65,000 From: Exp-Regular Salaries Acct. #10020150-51000
  - \$ 8,500 From: Exp – Other Pay Acct. #10020150-51900
- 3f. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$2,500 from Contingency-Accrued Expenses, Acct. #10019000-58821 to Exp – Regular Salaries, Acct. #10010700-51000 - Finance
- 3g. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$700 from Outside Services Employed, Acct. #43100923 to Engineering and Miscellaneous Expense, Acct. #43100665 – Water/Sewer
- 3h. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$12,500 from Transmission-Load Dispatch, Acct. #561 to Transmission-Station Expenses, Acct. #562 - Electric Div.
- 3i. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$7,500 – Electric Div.

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|  | \$7,500 From: Retained Earnings              | Acct. #N/A |
|  | \$7,500 To: Distribution-Station Expenses    | Acct. #582 |
|  | \$7,500 From: Station Equipment-Distribution | Acct. #362 |
|  | \$7,500 To: Retained Earnings                | Acct. #N/A |
- 3j. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$18,000 – Electric Div.
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|  | \$18,000 From: Retained Earnings              | Acct. #N/A |
|  | \$18,000 To: Dist-Maintenance Station Equip.  | Acct. #592 |
|  | \$18,000 From: Station Equipment-Distribution | Acct. #362 |
|  | \$18,000 To: Retained Earnings                | Acct. #N/A |
- 3k. Consider an approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$10,000 – Electric Div.
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|  | \$10,000 From: Retained Earnings                 | Acct. #N/A |
|  | \$10,000 To: Distribution-Overhead Line Expenses | Acct. #583 |
|  | \$10,000 From: Station Equipment-Distribution    | Acct.#362  |
|  | \$10,000 To: Retained Earnings                   | Acct. #N/A |
- 3m. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$43,500 from Revenue, Acct. #227-TBD to Expenditures, Acct. #227-TBD for Special Funds Youth Summer Program – Y&SS
- 3n. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$317,273 to Revenue-Federal Grant, Acct. #2391002-45200 and to ARPA-Nonprofits, Acct. #23940300-58830-TBD – Law Dept.
- 3o. Consider and approve Revised Job Description for Fire Marshal – Human Resources
- 3p. Consider and approve Revised Job Description for Superintendent - Sewer
- 3q . Approve Town Council Minutes of June 13, 2023.

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve Consent Agenda Items 3a.- 3k, 3m, 3p, 3q.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN  
VOTE: ALL AYE  
MOTION: PASSED**

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve Consent Agenda Items 3n.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**  
**VOTE: 8 AYE, 1 NAY**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

**4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda:**

- 3l. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$50,000 from Revenue-Federal, Acct. #2391002-45200 to Exp-Administration, Acct. #23910401-58590 – Finance

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve Consent Agenda Item 3l.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: TESTA**  
**VOTE: ALL AYE**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

**5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

6. 6:30 p.m. Hold a Public Hearing to consider and act on establishment of Fair Rent Commission Ordinance – Chairman Cervoni

Michael Glidden discussed making an amendment to Section 1 of the Fair Rent Ordinance. He wanted the amendment to state that a licensed realtor or a licensed appraiser be on the Fair Rent panel of members. All of the council members weighted in on this topic.

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve Item 6.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: CARMODY**  
**VOTE: 4 AYE, 2 NAY**  
**MOTION: FAILED**

7. Discussion and action regarding Agreement for a successor pension contract with Local 1570-Police Union AFSCME, Council 4 for a three year extension from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026 – Human Resources

Jim Hutt Director of Human Services and John Ventura Police Chief discussed the changes to the pension contract proposed by the Town Attorney.

8. Consider and approve New Job Description for Armed School Security Officer – Human Resources

Police Chief John Ventura stated that the armed school security office will report to him. The funding for this position will be coming out of the police Dept. budget. The bases of

this position it to hire retired police officers or police officers who have at least 5 years' experience. They would need to have the proper certified training to be able to be qualified for this position.

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve Item 8.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: TATTA**  
**VOTE: ALL AYE**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

9. Discussion and action regarding Bid Waiver in the amount of \$5.9 million for Motorola Solutions for the design and purchase of necessary components to improve the Town-wide radio system – Police Station Steering Committee

No discussion on this topic.

10. Discussion and action regarding use of Request for Proposal Process for hiring of new bond counsel – Law Dept.

Attorney Small stated that because the Town of Wallingford's bond counsel is retiring, she wanted to look into other firms to see what the best options are for the town.

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve Item 10.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: CERVONI**  
**VOTE: ALL AYE**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

11. Discussion and possible action regarding ARPA funds for Gaylord Hospital, Inc. – Law Dept.

The original motion was made to grant Gaylord Hospital \$350,000 but after discussed from the council it was amended to \$500,000. Leonard Geosha talked about his time at Gaylord Hospital and how wonderful everyone was that helped him out in his time of need. Jesse Reynolds stated that the council should give Gaylord Hospital all of the ARPA money they had asked for because of the great work they do for the community.

**1<sup>st</sup> MOTION WAS MADE to approve Item 11 to grant Gaylord Hospital \$350,000.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: CARMODY**  
**VOTE: ALL AYE**  
**MOTION: PASSED**

**2<sup>nd</sup> MOTION WAS MADE to approve Item 11 to grant Gaylord Hospital \$500,000.**

**MADE BY: FISHBEIN  
SECONDED BY: TESTA  
VOTE: 5 AYE, 1 NAY  
MOTION: PASSED**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Panzo  
Town Clerk

Meeting digitally recorded

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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

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Kristen Panzo, Town Clerk

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