

4K.

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

**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018
6:30 P.M**

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 was called to order at 6:32 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, Joh LeTourneau, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Gina Morgenstein and Christopher K. Shortell. Councilors Vincent F. Testa, Jr. and Jason Zandri were absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Gerald Farrell, Sr. and Comptroller James Bowes were also present at the meeting.

- 3a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$13,024.15 (#201-268)
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector

- 3b. Acceptance of Donations for Holiday for Giving Program and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,200 to Donations, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS

- 3c. Acceptance of Donation and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$442 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS

- 3d. Acceptance of Donation and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$25 to Revenue Donations – Police, Acct. #2502002-47152 and to Expense Donations – Police, Acct. #25020050-58830-10127 – Police Dept.

- 3e. Acceptance of funds and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$3,276 to Court Motor Vehicle Fines, Acct. #1002001-45124 and to Police Operating Expense, Acct. #10020050-58735 – Police Dept.

- 3f. Acceptance of Overtime Reimbursement funds and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$1,043 to Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.

- 3g. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$909 to CRRA Distribution Revenue, Fund #200 CRRA Rev. and to 40 Ton Traveling Axle Trailer, Acct. #20002019-57000-10047 – Public Works

- 3h. Consider and approve Water and Sewer Divisions National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) License Agreements for Utility Crossings – W&S

- (a) Approve Amtrak Tenant Acct. #06-03-476: 18 inch Sewer Pipe northeast of Chester Avenue – W&S
 - (b) Approve Amtrak Tenant Acct. #06-03-480: 10 inch Water Main east of Allen Avenue – W&S
 - (c) Approve Amtrak Tenant Acct. #06-03-482: 10 inch Water Main at Allnex North Connection – W&S
- 3i. Approve Town Council Minutes of September 12, 2018.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3g. & 3i.

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

4. **Items Removed from the Consent Agenda:**
5. **PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

There were no questions from the public.

6. Discussion and Possible Action regarding United Public Service Employees Union-Wallingford Educational Secretaries Local 424-Unit 31, dated July 1, 2018-June 30, 2021 - BOE

*In Attendance: Dr. Salvatore Menzo, Superintendent, Board of Education
Danielle Bellizzi, Personnel, Board of Education
Michael Votto, Board of Education*

Ms. Bellizzi reviewed the Clerical Contract which is a 68 member unit effective July 1, 2018 through July 1, 2021.

Wage Increase 1st year: 1.75%
 2nd year: 2.0%
 3rd year: 1.25%

Ms. Bellizzi mentioned that 11 people participate in insurance waivers. She spoke about insurance cost reduction and a co-pay increase to 15%.

Councilor Fishbein stated that Article 2 Section II does not comply with the Janus decision and he then asked what is being done about informing employees about that.

Dr. Menzo stated to Councilor Fishbein that he respects what he is saying but we have talked about this to the unions and they have discussed it with their members. Councilor Fishbein stated

that he gets calls all the time almost daily about employees not being aware of how they can or if they can opt out of the union.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE United Public Service Employees Union - Wallingford Educational Secretaries Local 424-Unit 31, dated July 1, 2018-June 30, 2021 contract as presented.

MADE BY: LETOURNEAU
SECONDED BY: MORGENSTEIN

Mr. Gawlak thinks it is a concern to opt out of the union.

The president of the union stated she is in agreement with Dr. Menzo and one no one has questioned this.

Councilor Shortell stated this motion has no consequence and this contract passes unless there is a motion to deny.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	MORGENSTEIN: YES
FISHBEIN: NO	SHORTELL: YES
LAFFIN: YES	TESTA: ABSENT
LETOURNEAU: YES	ZANDRI: ABSENT
MARRONE: YES	CERVONI: YES
6-AYE	
1-NAY	
2-ABSENT	
MOTION: PASSED	

7. Report from the Community Pool Committee – Parks & Recreation

*In Attendance: John Gawlak, Director, Parks and Recreation
David Stein, Architect, Silver, Petrucelli & Associates
Michael Savenelli, Vice-Chairperson, Recreation Commission*

A presentation was given by the Community Pool Committee which is **attached**. After many hours, the Committee focused efforts on a new pool facility.

- 12,000 square foot main pool
- 3,850 of lap pool
- 4,710 square foot splash pad

Mr. Stein stated that their main focus was to look at the pool structure and bath houses. He went on to explain there is plenty of room to expand and make it not just for pool use. Site improvement is most of the cost. The projected range of cost is \$4,500,000 to 6,000,000 and he stated they are open to questions and comments.

Councilor Shortell stated he loves the design and if we do this, he does not want to nickel and dime it. He then asked Chairman Cervoni how this goes to RFP. Chairman Cervoni asked Mayor Dickinson how this happens and Mayor Dickinson responded that we would go out for an RFP for an architect and it would be initiated by the Administration.

Councilor Laffin thinks it looks great. He echo's what Councilor Shortell said. He thinks the layout is great and very thoughtful. He stated he is going to digest the cost because this is a lot of money.

Councilor Laffin asked if they can talk a little more about the survey and if there is still a plan to do the survey.

Mr. Gawlak stated there is still time to do the survey but he does not have the staff to do the survey so for time sake he thought we should get a concept on paper and then see what people have to say.

Councilor Marrone thinks this is a fantastic design and a lot less water than before. He then asked if it is less maintenance cost. Mr. Gawlak answered 2/3 less water but he thinks the equipment and chemicals should cut the cost overall.

Councilor Fishbein stated we have been kept very well informed and he commented to Mr. Stein that he and his firm always do a great job. He then asked where we go next. He wants to move this forward and see this happen.

Councilor LeTourneau commented great job. He asked the question, if we gave you the green light, what is the time period? Mr. Stein explained the RFP takes some time, 6-9 months before you can go out to bid on a contractor.

Councilor Morgenstein stated this is a huge amount of work you have done and she is excited by how much support the Committee is getting from her republican colleagues. She went on to state this is a huge vision and wants to see how we get this going.

Councilor Shortell stated his mind is made up and noted we don't survey for Board of Education projects. He wants to clarify the existing pool is on its last leg and indicated every year we have a chance that this existing pool will die.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Morgenstien, South Main Street, congratulates the pool committee on how open and welcome they have been. He asked if there will be grills and if there will be lighting at night. He also asked what the life expectancy of this pool is.

Mr. Stein stated the life expectancy is a staggered piece. The anticipation is it will last as long as the existing one that is there now.

Mayor Dickinson asked if there is any idea what the pool tag will be. Mr. Gawlak answered not yet but it should cover operational costs.

Gina Morgenstein remarked it would be nice to work in a scholarship program for lower income families.

Kevin, a public speaker, asked what kind of surface the pool will be made of. Mr. Stein responded that the contractor will need to bring in options for the town to look at.

Chairman Cervoni is very impressed with the work that has been done and the design. He is a little worried about the money. He stated if there is general interest, the Council will find money to do this.

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

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:52 P.M.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property.

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:00 P.M.

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

Time of Executive Session 7:52 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Attendance at Executive Session:

FISHBEIN	MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.
LAFFIN	TOWN ATTORNEY GERALD FARRELL, SR.
LETOURNEAU	COMPTROLLER JAMES BOWES
MARRONE	
MORGENSTEIN	
SHORTELL	
CERVONI	

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
MADE BY: MORGENSTEIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
MOTION: PASSED**

The Council adjourned the meeting at 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

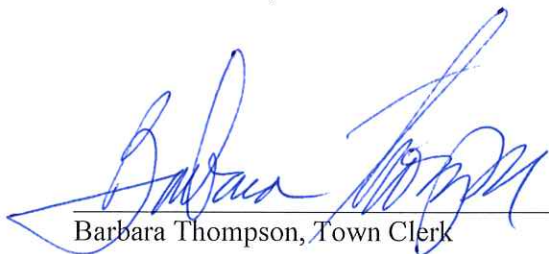
Lisa Moss
Council Staff
Meeting digitally recorded



Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

9 Oct. 2018

Date



Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

10-19-18

Date

RECEIVED FOR RECORD 9-28-18
AT 10:00 AND RECEIVED BY
Barbara Thompson TOWN CLERK