

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD REMOTELY  
at GoToMeeting.com**

**TUESDAY  
MAY 12, 2020  
6:30 P.M.  
FY 2020-2021 BUDGET**

**RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Special Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 was called to order at 9:30 p.m. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Craig C. Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Gina Morgenstein, Christopher K. Shortell, Christina Tatta, Vincent F. Testa, Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., and Comptroller James Bowes were also present **(BY TELECONFERENCE)**.

**AGENDA**

1. Moment of Silence
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

**LAW DEPARTMENT**

*In Attendance: Janis Small, Town Attorney*

Attorney Small stated that her budget has been the same over the past four to five years.

Councilor Tatta asked Attorney Small if she had any added costs or savings due to the pandemic and if she could spare 1%. Attorney Small said no she did not have any extra costs or savings and indicated she may have a little extra in the Specialist account but noted that's an important account and it's a very lean budget.

**MAYOR**

No questions.

**TOWN COUNCIL**

Councilor Tatta inquired about the Office Expense line.

Town Clerk Thompson said she will pay the roughly \$1,600-\$1,700 Record Journal Ad for the budget.

Councilor Morgenstein suggested that the Council cut their stipend.

Chairman Cervoni suggested cutting line #51000 by \$75 per person to get a 1% savings.

Councilor Shortell stated he's not giving up a stipend.

Councilor Laffin agrees with keeping the stipend the same.

Councilor Fishbein commented that the Councilors have to print out their own stuff.

### **TOWN CLERK**

*In Attendance: Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk*

Town Clerk Thompson saw no savings and indicated she spent a little extra money to put land records online. She stated she had no money to give back.

Councilor Fishbein asked the Clerk if she agrees with the Mayor that the cost of copies should remain \$1.00 per copy. Town Clerk Thompson replied yes and stated that the price is set by statute.

Councilor Fishbein asked the Town Clerk how much she makes a year on land record copies. Town Clerk Thompson replied \$33,000 to \$35,000 a year.

### **GOV/TV**

*In Attendance: Scott Hanley, Manager, Government Access Television*

Mr. Hanley stated he was looking at a Mission Statement from 27 years ago making local government accessible to the public.

Councilor Laffin asked if the current equipment at town hall can manage going live going forward. Mr. Hanley stated they would need a hard wire. He explained they are replacing equipment at town hall and he's looking into remote access at the meetings at the town hall.

Councilor Laffin asked Mr. Hanley if there is a time savings to him when using YouTube. Mr. Hanley said YouTube yes but livestreaming on GOV/TV still needs to be recorded.

Councilor Tatta asked about the part-timers not working since March. Mr. Hanley said the part-time line maybe can be saved and maybe one capitol item. He remarked it's difficult right now working alone.

Councilor Shortell asked how much it would cost to televise Ordinance Committee meetings. Mr. Hanley said he believes the budget would absorb it as long as it's not four to five hours.

**PROGRAM PLANNING**

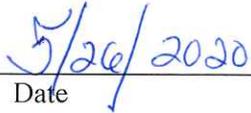
The Mayor gave an overview of what the department handles. He stated he's not aware of any significant savings because of COVID and there is no money to give back.

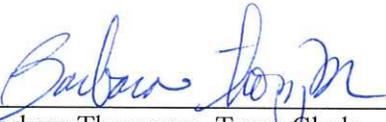
Chairman Cervoni adjourned the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

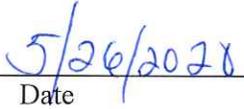
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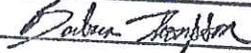
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Council Staff  
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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

  
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Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

  
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