

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY  
MARCH 14, 2023  
6:30 P.M.  
RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 was called to order at 6:35 p.m. There was a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were Autumn Allinson, Samuel Carmody, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Christina Tatta, Jason Zandri and Chairman Vincent Cervoni. Councilor Vincent Testa was absent. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Tim Sena, Comptroller and Town Attorney, Gerald Farrell, Sr. were also present.

3. Consent Agenda

3a. Consider and approve Tax Refunds totaling \$48,460.14 (#617-653)  
Acct. #1001001- 41020 - Tax Collector

3b. Acceptance of Federal Taskforce overtime reimbursement funds and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$12,591 to Misc. Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.

3c. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$45,500 – Police Dept.

Amount \$45,500	From: Wage Differential	Acct. #10020050 51450
Amount: \$ 3,500	To: Traffic Maintenance	Acct. #10020050 56135
Amount: \$20,000	To: Maint. of Bldgs. & Grounds	Acct. #10020050 54315
Amount: \$22,000	To: Maint. of Equipment	Acct. #10020050 54325

3d. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$1,100 from Contingency, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Veterans-Capital Computer & Accessories, Acct. #10040200-57000-TBD - Veterans

3e. Budget Amendment in the amount of \$200,000 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #NA to Conservation Expenses, Acct. #40100909-05932 - Electric Div.

3f. Budget Amendment in the amount of \$190,000 from Retained Earnings, Acct. #N/A to Admin-Injuries and Damages, Acct. #925 - Electric Div.

3g. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$20,000 from Contingency, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Professional Services-Lawyers, Acct. #10010300-56710 – Law Dept.

3h. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$640 From Contingency, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Building Maintenance, Acct. #10010550-54325 – Building Dept.

- 3i. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$625,000 – Engineering
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| \$500,000 | From: Rev. – State Grant                               | Acct. #3017003-45100 |
| \$125,000 | From: Cap & Non  | Fund #301            |
| \$625,000 | To: Hall Ave. Streetscape<br>and Town Center Sidewalks | Fund #301 - TBD      |
- 3j. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount \$450 from Rental of Polling Places, Acct. #10010600-54420 to Office Expense & Supplies, Acct. #10010600-56100 – Registrars
- 3k. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$4,462 from Regular Salaries and Wages, Acct. #10010050-51000 to PS – Archive Minutes, Acct. #10010050-TBD – Chairman Cervoni
- 3l. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$13,607 – Town Clerk
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| \$13,607 | From: Election Grant       | Acct. #1001002-45132  |
| \$ 3,000 | To: Overtime               | Acct. #10010650-51400 |
| \$10,607 | To: Office Exp. & Supplies | Acct. #10010650-56100 |
- 3m. Consider and approve a Resolution authorizing an additional \$1,200,000 in federal money be accepted by the Town for the 2021 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant in addition to the previously awarded \$1,500,000 for the project known as Improvements to Ulbrich Heights – Mayor
- 3n. Consider and approve Appropriation in the amount of \$1,200,000 to Revenue, Acct. #2474002-45100 and to Expense, Acct. #24702023 - Mayor
- 3o. Consider and approve Reappointment of Mr. Mike Caruso to continue serving as full member of the Inland, Wetlands & Watercourses Commission with a term expiring March 1, 2025 – Chairman Cervoni
- 3p. Consider and approve Reappointment of Mr. Sean Doherty to the Board of Ethics for a three year term effective immediately and expiring March 1, 2026 - Mayor
- 3q. Consider and approve Reappointment of Ms. Mary Paquette to the Board of Ethics for a three year term effective immediately and expiring March 1, 2026 - Mayor
- 3r. Consider and approve Reappointment of Mr. Jon Paul Venoit to the Board of Ethics for a three year term effective immediately and expiring March 1, 2026 - Mayor
- 3s. Consider and approve Reappointment of Reverend Dean Warburton to the Board of Ethics for a three year term effective immediately and expiring March 1, 2026 – Mayor

- 3t. Consider and approve Appointment of Mr. Laurence Zabrowski to the Public Utilities Commission to fill a vacancy which expires March 1, 2024 - Mayor
- 3u. Consider and approve Job Description for Town Clerk - Human Resources
- 3v. Approve Town Council Minutes of February 28, 2023.

**MOTION WAS MADE to approve Consent Agenda Items 3a.- 3v.**

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

**4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda - None**

**5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Lori C., resident, 10 Pondsides Drive, inquired about bike racks around Center Street and downtown area.

**6. 6:30 P.M. Conduct a public hearing and consider and act on the following ordinance entitled:**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 FOR NORTHFORD ROAD BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF \$1,000,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE" TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION AND BOND AUTHORIZATION THEREIN BY AN ADDITIONAL \$1,030,000.

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**MADE BY: LAFFIN  
SECONDED BY: ALLINSON**

Chairman Cervoni read the ordinance.

Ms. Kapushinski indicated bridge requires high priority for replacement and explained it will alleviate flooding in the area and widen the road. She went on to say this will be an 8 month construction period and bridge will be closed.

Chairman Cervoni asked how long bridge will be closed and Ms. Kapushinski answered 8 months.

Councilor Fishbein inquired about prior bids.

Councilor Fishbein asked if we are doing bonds and Mr. Sena explained we have a grant which gives flexibility if we have to bond.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>ALLINSON: YES</b>	<b>TATTA: YES</b>
<b>CARMODY: YES</b>	<b>TESTA: ABSENT</b>
<b>FISHBEIN: YES</b>	<b>ZANDRI: YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN: YES</b>	<b>CERVONI: YES</b>
<b>MARRONE: YES</b>	
<b>8 -AYE</b>	
<b>1-ABSENT</b>	
<b>MOTION: PASSED</b>	

7. Consider and Approve to opt-in to the National Opioid Settlement Regarding Manufacturers and Pharmacies – Law Dept.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO Approve to opt-in to the National Opioid Settlement Regarding Manufacturers and Pharmacies.**

**MADE BY: LAFFIN**  
**SECONDED BY: ALLINSON**

Attorney Farrell stated that national settlement has been settled and we could choose to opt-in by April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Cervoni inquired about settlement total and how many municipalities were part of it. Attorney Farrell stated he did not know that.

Councilor Fishbein asked if approving narcans for Police Department is separate and Attorney Farrell replied that is his understanding.

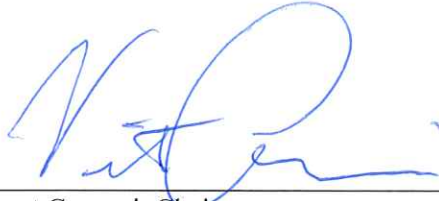
Chairman Cervoni stated this will be back before us for appropriation.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>ALLINSON: YES</b>	<b>TATTA: YES</b>
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<b>MARRONE: YES</b>	
<b>8 -AYE</b>	
<b>1-ABSENT</b>	
<b>MOTION: PASSED</b>	

Lisa Moss  
Council Staff

Meeting digitally recorded



Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

28 MARCH 2023

Date



Deborah McKiernan, Town Clerk  
Tiffany Gordon, Asst. Town Clerk

April 4, 2023

Date

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AT 12:00 p.m. AND RECEIVED BY  
Deborah McKiernan TOWN CLERK