TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

<u>JUNE 25, 1996</u>

<u>6:30 P.M.</u>

<u>AGENDA</u>

Blessing - Rev. Frederick Dibble - Calvary United Pentecostal Church

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve and Accept the Minutes of the May 28, 1996 Town Council Meeting
- b. Approve and Accept the Minutes of the June 11, 1996 Town Council Meeting
- c. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#334-339) Totalling \$976.12 - Tax Collector
- Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$4,000 from Electricity, Gas & Misc. Utilities Acct. to Power Purchased for Pumping Acct. - Water & Sewer Division
- Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$625.00 from Xerox Copier Acct. to Air Conditioner Acct. - Public Works
- f. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$3,032 from Health Insurance Acct. to Unemployment Compensation Acct. - Personnel
- g. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds Totalling of \$931 from Various Accounts Within the Town Clerk's Budget to the Office Supplies Account - Town Clerk
- h. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$690 from Telephone Acct. to Office Supply Acct.
 - Probate Court
- i. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$93 from Overtime Acct. in the Finance Department's Budget to Transportation Reimbursement Acct. in the Health Department's Budget - Health Department

- 3. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda
- 4. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD
- 5. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,400 from Office Supplies & Expense Acct. to Regular Salaries and Wages Acct. - Comptroller

- Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$999 from P.P.S. Catholic Family Services Acct. to Youth Projects Acct. - Youth Service Bureau
- Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,245 from Health Insurance Acct. to Health Actuary Acct.
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- Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid Request Regarding the P.O.S.T. (Police Officer Stress Team) Employee Assistance Program - Personnel
- 9. Consider and Approve a Four (4) Year Extension to the Town's Pension Plan Effective 2/5/95 to 2/4/99 - Personnel
- 10. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,550 from Registrar of Voters Salary Acct. to Land Records Examiner Payment -Town Clerk
- 11. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$10,000 from Registrar of Voters Regular Salaries & Wages Acct. to Engineering/Roadway Improvements Research Parkway at Skyline Drive - Mayor's Office
- 12. Consider and Approve Changing the Title of the Phase II Improvements Acct. to Read, "Central Business District Beautification Phases II & III Account" in the Capital and Non-Recurring Budget of the Town
- 13. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$60,000 from the Self-Financed Yalesville School Roof Acct. to the Central Business District Beautification Project Phases II & III Acct. - Mayor's Office

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6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was held on Tuesday, June 25, 1996 in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall and called to Order by Chairman Robert F. Parisi at 6:31 P.M. All Councilors answered present to the Roll called by Town Clerk Rosemary A. Rascati with the exception of Councilor Papale who was home recuperating from minor eye surgery. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. arrived at 6:49 P.M.; Corporation Counselor Adam Mantzaris and Comptroller Thomas A. Myers were also present.

A blessing was bestowed upon the Council by Reverend Frederick Dibble of the Calvary United Pentecostal Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the Flag.

Chairman Parisi took a moment to extend congratulations on behalf of the entire Council to Mary Alice Petrucelli Timek, Director of Welfare Services, who was the recipient of the General Assistance Administrator of the Year Award given by the Connecticut Association of Local Administrators of General Assistance.

<u>ITEM #2</u> Consent Agenda

<u>ITEM #2a</u> Approve and Accept the Minutes of the May 28, 1996 Town Council Meeting

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<u>ITEM #2g</u> Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$931 from Various Accounts Within the Town Clerk's Budget to the Office Supplies Account - Town Clerk

<u>ITEM #2i</u> Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$93 from Overtime Account in the Finance Department's Budget to Transportation Reimbursement Account in the Health Department's Budget - Health Department

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Approve the Consent Agenda as Presented, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

ITEM #3 Withdrawn

PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street stated that he recently witnessed a Public Works crew working on Saturday at Wallace Park. He asked if the employees were being paid overtime for Saturday work?

Mr. Renda stated that there was a problem at the park with regards to "spikes" protruding approximately 6" out of the ground as a result of removal of wooden posts surrounding the park area. He was told by a member of the public that the crew arrived for work at the park at 6:00 a.m. but did not begin work until 8:00 a.m.

Henry McCully, Director of Public Works stated that due to the very wet spring the department has fallen behind on maintaining the grass at the parks. We needed to bring this crew in on Saturday to accomplish this job to free them up during the week to concentrate on other projects. Every once in a while a crew is scheduled for weekend work but it is not a regular occurrence. It was not an emergency, however, the department was getting backlogged with work.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, why are Public Works employees emptying trash pails in Simpson Court and N./S. Main Street on Sunday mornings?

Mr. McCully responded, during the summer the department schedules two men every Saturday and Sunday to clean all the parks; we have picnics on Saturdays and Sundays, and they check all the parks, the downtown area, clean the restrooms in the parks to make sure that they are ready before the picnics start.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, when will the trash bins be cleaned out? They are full of crud. There are no covers on the bins nor liners in them.

Mr. McCully responded, we did not provide lids for them because it will only be a matter of time before they disappear for one reason or another. The receptacles will be monitored closely.

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Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville asked, how is the Town following up on this crises situation we are in regarding the electricity?

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Mr. Parisi responded, there will be a one hour presentation on the public access television channel tomorrow evening that will provide a great deal of information on just that subject. It involves answering many good questions that have been posed to the Mayor, Council and Public Utilities Commission surrounding such matters as coverage for hospitals and nursing homes, how long food will stay in the refrigerator upon the loss of electricity, etc., etc. Representatives of our Electric Division have met with local nursing home and hospital personnel as well as industry to quell any fears they may have with regards to the impending electricity shortage. The Electric Division has exhibited a pro-active effort to keep everyone informed and this will be their presentation to the public sector. It will prove to be very informative.

<u>ITEM #5</u> Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,400 from Office Supplies and Expense Account to Regular Salaries and Wages Account - Comptroller

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Correspondence from Deputy Comptroller Eva Lamothe states that this transfer is being requested due to the fact that a long term employee of the Finance Department with a chronic long term illness is on an extended sick leave. The department would like to utilize the services of one of their part time employees currently budgeted for twelve (12) hours per week, on a full time basis for the remainder of the summer or approximately ten (10) weeks.

Mr. Centner asked, is a recovery from the illness expected?

Mr. Myers responded, it is questionable, he plans to continue monitoring and evaluating the situation.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

<u>ITEM #6</u> Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$999 from P.P.S. Catholic Family Services Acct. to Youth Projects Account - Youth Service Bureau

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Centner.

Susan McLaughlin, Youth Service Bureau Director gave a brief description of the Wilderness Program, a twenty day program consisting of backpacking, hiking, trail restoration, rafting experiences, etc. for youths between the ages of thirteen (13) and seventeen (17) which is conducted in east heartland, CT. and offered several times during the course of the summer. It also offers, as part of the tuition, twelve (12) week end opportunities

the course of an academic year where they have other over challenges such as a two day caving experience or a family rafting challenge, etc. Over the course of the twenty day period the youths are group in crews of sixteen who conduct small group process, engage in a roping course and a variety of outdoor challenges. They also set aside one day to perform a community service project on the trail and are responsible for all their own cooking, etc. The cost for the program is \$1,600 per youth. The State subsidizes \$800 towards the tuition and the family of the youth is responsible for the remaining balance of the cost, \$800. The Jeanette Jankowski Memorial Scholarship Fund was established at the Wilderness School four years ago and is used to help defray some of the cost to the families. Last year the Youth Service Bureau was unable to send any students although a few candidates were selected; they were unable to participate in the program. A total of twelve (12) students have participated in the program over the past several years. There are three youths that are all set to go this summer and there is one gentleman on the course as we speak and we may have a fourth participant by the end of the summer. The program has been in effect for twenty-five (25) years.

Mr. Centner asked, how will this \$999 be appropriated? Will it be split between families?

Mr. McLaughlin responded, that money will be transferred from our projects account directly to the Wilderness School and it will depend upon the other two applicants, how much money they will be able to afford and then we will make a decision on an individual basis. We have given scholarships in various amounts from \$50 to the entire \$800. If we fail to expend all of the dollars this summer the remainder of the funds will be held over until next year.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

<u>ITEM #7</u> Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,245 from Health Insurance Acct. to Health Actuary Acct. -Personnel

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Correspondence from Terrence Sullivan, Personnel Director explains that the Town owes the Segal Company, the Town's Health Insurance Consultant, a total of \$3,250 which represents six months consultant fees. The reason being that the Town received the second-half 1994-95 invoice in September of 1995 and did not receive an invoice for the first six months of the 1995-96 fiscal year until this past Friday. While the invoice was dated November 6, 1995 there is no evidence we actually received it. Since two payments have been made out of the current budget covering the second-half of 1994-95 and the second-half of 1995-96 there is a

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need to transfer funds to cover this invoice.

Mr. Centner suggested that language be written into the upcoming contract with the Segal Company which states that services rendered must be billed in the same year the services were provided. This may help expedite the billing process on the part of the Segal Company.

Mr. Sullivan will take the suggestion into consideration.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

<u>ITEM #8</u> Consider and Approve a Waiver of Bid Request Regarding the P.O.S.T. (Police Officer Stress Team) Employee Assistance Program - Personnel

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Centner.

Terrence Sullivan, Director of Personnel informed the Council that the Police Department utilizes the P.O.S.T. program for employee assistance services to all its employees. It is a specially designed service which addresses the needs of police officers. The 1995 Annual Utilization Report of the P.O.S.T. Program (Appendix I) is comprised of data collected from many agencies due to the fact that the nature of the program is confidential and many police departments are very small in size; this compilation of data helps to protect the identity of those seeking or receiving assistance.

Mr. Doherty asked if the Town has any way of knowing how many Wallingford employees utilize this service?

Mr. Sullivan responded, no, there is no break-out of statistics specifically for Wallingford.

Mr. Parisi felt that there should exist a report of the usage the program receives from Wallingford employees.

Mr. Sullivan reassured the Council that the Chief of Police is extremely satisfied with the service rendered through the program.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

<u>ITEM #9</u> Consider and Approve a Four (4) Year Extension to the Town's Pension Plan Effective 2/5/05 to 2/4/99 - Personnel

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Centner.

Mr. Doherty asked if the extension will apply to retired individuals as well?

Terrence Sullivan, Personnel Director explained that the four year

extension will result in no change in benefits, therefore no increase cost to the Town. Yes, the extension applies to the current retirees of the unions this extension pertains to which are; Local 1183 (public works, clerical and engineering), Local 1303 (B.O.E. custodians, secretaries and cafeteria workers) and CSEA/SEIU Local 760 (B.O.E. paraprofessionals) and B.O.E. nurses.

VOTE: Papale was absent; Farrell abstained due to the fact that his mother is a B.O.E. nurse; Centner abstained due to the fact that Mr. Centner is related to a B.O.E. cafeteria worker; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

<u>ITEM #10</u> Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$1,550 from Registrar of Voters Salary Acct. to Land Records Examiner Acct. - Town Clerk

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Farrell.

Mr. Knight asked, what is the function of the Examiner of Indices?

Rosemary A. Rascati, Town Clerk explained that he has to examine the index system which records every deed of the land records. State Statute dictates that the system must be examined yearly. The index system was entered onto computer in 1984. The index from years 1979 to 1983 was added to the system and that had to be examined as well resulting in additional work and additional invoicing by the examiner, hence the need for the \$1,550 transfer as payment for additional services rendered.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

<u>ITEM #11</u> Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$10,000 from Registrar of Voters Regular Salaries and Wages Acct. to Engineering/Roadway Improvements Research Parkway at Skyline Drive

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Centner.

Mayor Dickinson explained that the Town has an ongoing partnership with F.I.P with regards to the industrial park. Skyline Drive is a project of F.I.P. and is a new access road off of Research Parkway. F.I.P. is also the developer of a new building for Novametrix that will be accessed by Skyline Drive. A duct bank or bunker containing electrical lines has been located close to the surface of the present roadway due to the proximity of rock ledge. This has resulted in an inability to construct Skyline Drive without elevating the roadway. Given that the Town, through the Electric Division, installed the duct bank pursuant to the new substation construction several years ago, Mayor Dickinson is of the opinion that the Town has some responsibility with regard to the reconstruction of Research Parkway. He has been informed that

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duct bank was properly constructed provided that it would not be crossed by a highway at that location. Unfortunately, topography results in the need for a road. The Electric Division will pay \$10,000 of the \$20,000 estimated cost and the Mayor is asking for a transfer of \$10,000 to make up the difference. F.I.P. would be responsible for the costs associated with changes in the construction of Skyline Drive. One of the lots located in the area in question will be utilized by an existing town business, Novametrix, they are expanding. There is a time constraint which there often is with construction projects; they need to be in by August. In the interest of Economic Development, Mayor Dickinson felt that we should participate in this in order to see that it moves forward and the business continues and the park develops in the way that it ought to.

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Ted Schaeffer, Vice President of F.I.P., 10 Key Place, Cheshire was present for this topic of discussion.

Mr. Zappala asked, who is responsible to take care of this problem?

Mayor Dickinson was not entirely sure what Mr. Zappala was asking but answered that the Town could decide that if F.I.P. does not want to do this than we don't either but then Skyline Drive would not be constructed and there would not be a facility for Novametrix. Typically, without the interest of the industrial park involved, we have required developers to do work on Town roads and we could take that position now. He feels confident that it is in the interest of the Town to participate in this and have a working relationship with F.I.P. because of the factors that he mentioned earlier. Who's responsibility is it? A little bit of everyone's because we will all benefit from having that piece of property utilized and this additional road service several other lots that will then be available for development.

Geno Zandri, 37 Hallmark Drive stated that the Mayor mentioned that F.I.P. has a working relationship with the Town, however, Mr. Zandri wanted to remind the Council that F.I.P. did not hesitate to sue the Town when we had the problem with the Thurston property. F.I.P. won that case which cost the Town in excess of \$500,000. F.I.P. is the one who wants to develop this land and we require other developers to construct any road improvements, any improvements to the sewer system that would have to be extended, water lines, etc., it is the burden of the developer, not a cost to the Town. This electric conduit was constructed and located properly, it is stated in your correspondence, Mayor, and if it was installed properly then it is not the fault of the Town at all. At that time there was no roadway going through the area. It is F.I.P. that wants this road, it should be their responsibility for all costs associated with it.

Mr. Centner asked, will there be any other future curb cuts?

Mayor Dickinson responded, by elevating the road we will provide for sufficient depth over the duct bank so that there should not be a problem in the future. There will not be a road in this immediate area given that this access road will serve several lots that have been created as a result of Planning & Zoning Approval. He did not think that there would be a future problem, the duct bank is in this one area.

Mr. Centner asked, was Research Parkway scheduled for re-paving at the same time?

Mayor Dickinson responded, I don't believe that we have anything planned out there for this year. An entire section would have to be rebuilt and then paved.

Mr. Doherty asked Mr. Schaeffer, since the Town has already put in this particular duct as part of its part of the project, why should it again, spend another \$10,000 to do work on this?

Mr. Schaeffer responded, the duct bank which is the cause of this problem is not related to Research Parkway. It is unrelated to anything that F.I.P. has done solely or jointly with the Town. It is exclusively related to the substation that is located adjacent to this particular site. When the duct bank was constructed for all intensive purposes it runs along Research Parkway but it serves a greater portion of the south and easterly portion of the Town. F.I.P. is bearing the cost for engineering fees for raising Skyline Drive above the level that was initially planned as well as additional costs related to underground utilities that are being built there as well. It is costing F.I.P. close to \$300,000 to build this road.

Mr. Doherty asked, is Novametrix the only company to occupy land on this road?

Mr. Schaeffer responded, at the present time, yes. There are other sites, it is a fifty-five acre tract that this road will access. It is a very valuable tract of property.

Mr. Doherty asked, will this work cover everything that needs to be done with Skyline Drive as far as the Town is concerned?

Mr. Schaeffer responded, yes.

Mr. Parisi stated, I hope in the future that we attempt to use a little more imagination...the people who make these decisions are supposed to be specialists in their line of business. I would think that this situation would have been anticipated and avoided.

Mayor Dickinson asked, how long has this issue been under consideration?

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Mr. Schaeffer responded, two and one-half months.

Mayor Dickinson stated, there were many designs brought forth and were being considered. The original decision to place the bunker on top of rock ledge; there is an effort usually to avoid blasting and that decision was made right, wrong or indifferent. It, unfortunately, has not worked out.

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Mr. Knight agreed with the Mayor in that the Town has a certain amount of culpability in this issue. In view of the fact that this and all the other projects that F.I.P. has put into Research Parkway has brought the Town a tremendous amount of taxable property. It is well within our purview to accept that responsibility.

Mr. Parisi stated, I don't wish to continue to debate this issue for I can go back in history a long, long way. I think we are at a good point right here.

Mr. Centner asked, will the structure be able to handle the stress of the traffic since it is not located as deep as it should? Will there be modifications to it at all?

Mr. Schaeffer responded, the structure is significant, reinforced concrete that has cells within it that holds the electrical lines. We have been assured by both the Electric Division and the Town Engineer that eighteen inches of cover over this concrete duct bank is sufficient to protect it.

Mayor Dickinson stated, the total cost of the work on Research Parkway is \$20,000. The Electric Division is paying \$10,000 and we are transferring \$10,000 tonight. The additional work is on Skyline Drive.

VOTE: Papale was absent; Zappala, no; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

<u>ITEM #12</u> Consider and Approve Changing the Title of the Phase II Improvements Acct. to Read, "Central Business District Beautification Phases II & III Account" in the Capital and Non-Recurring Budget of the Town.

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Knight.

Correspondence from Mayor Dickinson states that bids have been received for Center Street Phase III and the bid to be awarded is for \$483,465. An additional \$60,000 is required to cover a 10% contingency and wiring, signage, painting and plantings. The contingency would amount to \$49,335 of the \$60,000. Currently there is a balance of \$484,780 from Phase II Improvements account. A request to change the title of the account would allow for the

transfer into the properly identified account and the expenditure of the funds for the project.

Mr. Centner was uncomfortable with a 10% contingency account.

Mayor Dickinson explained that the amount is the typical contingency amount allowed for and is recommended by the Engineering Department. Fortunately, the low bidder is the firm that did the other work in Phase II so we are familiar with their product and methodology. I would anticipate that Engineering would be keeping a very tight fist on the purse strings. It is risky to enter the project with no contingency. Everyone should be aware that this project does not include all that was talked about with Phase III. This includes the street improvements, i.e., period lights, trees, brick accents, etc., from Route 5 and Center Street up through Fair Street. The area from Fair Street to Elm Street will not be covered because we have to wait to coordinate work requests with the telephone company. There is also area along Route 5 that is not included as well. They may be the subject of a future bidding or project. It is a good message to send, the contingency fund should not be looked at as some kind of slush fund that has to be spent. It is there for the unforeseen circumstance where you become aware in the field of a given quality of product is not what you need or want and you change the quality because of new information, etc. If anything significant should happen I will make sure that you (the Council) are informed of it.

Mr. Knight stated, with Phase II there was a great deal of disruption to existing businesses, has that been taken into account with regards to this next phase?

Mayor Dickinson stated, the members of Wallingford Center Inc. has taken that into consideration and have made efforts to adopt a work schedule which will effect one block at a time. It will not be torn up all at once.

Beverly Belliveau, Executive Director of Wallingford Center Inc. stated that questionnaires were forwarded to all merchants with approximately 75% being returned. They will work closely with the contractor so as not to have the main or sole entrance to the building blocked to the public.

Mayor Dickinson stated that there are no plans for evening construction and I don't believe that there will be any lengthy disruption to the merchants. We are doing nothing in the street, itself, so there are no water or sewer repairs. That was not the case with Main Street and heavy equipment ended up blocking the street areas and parking. That is not the case along Center Street.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 North Orchard Street asked, if you have all

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this money left over from Phase II why is the Electric Division footing the bill for refinishing the lights on Main Street? Why doesn't Phase II funds pay for the defective equipment that will amount to close to \$20,000 if I am correct? The lights have to be taken down and scraped and painted.

Mayor Dickinson responded, the re-painting of the period lighting on Main Street is a maintenance item. The money that is in this account is for capital items. We are still pursuing the manufacturer of the lights for a reimbursement on that issue. The matter is not over yet and the Law Department is looking into it.

Mr. Wasilewski stated, it is not a maintenance problem, the lights were poorly prepared before painting. The Electric Division should not foot that bill. We should take the funds out of the remaining \$480,000.

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Avenue asked, how much money do we have in the "Self-Financed Yalesville Roof" account that we are transferring out of?

Mayor Dickinson responded, approximately \$100,000. before this transfer tonight.

Mr. Sheehan stated, this account was set up for the new school project and then we ran into problems with the contractor over the materials that were to be used, is that correct?

Mayor Dickinson responded, there were questions around the contract but also by having it as part of the school project we receive reimbursement.

Mr. Sheehan asked, are all of our bills paid for Yalesville School? Are we going to be incurring any additional costs over there?

Mayor Dickinson responded, I don't know if they have completed all the expenditures there but there is no additional money appropriated for Yalesville School.

Mr. Sheehan stated, I am not against the \$60,000 transfer but I would think that if you set up an account for a specific use and you did not use it and it has been over one year's time, why wasn't that account was not dissolved and put back into the general fund? If there are any bills to come from Yalesville School you should use that money first to pay them rather than dispersing it among other accounts for anything else.

Mayor Dickinson clarified that the money was in the capital budget therefore it does not fall out into the general fund for operational costs. That is part of the capital and non-recurring fund and the money would have to be used for a capital use.

Geno Zandri, 37 Hallmark Drive asked, is there a time frame when a capital account lapses?

Mayor Dickinson answered, if there is no activity on the account for three years it lapses.

Mr. Zandri asked, how many years has it been since Phase II has been completed?

No one could provide an immediate answer to Mr. Zandri's question. Comptroller Thomas Myers left the meeting to research this information in his office files.

Mr. Zandri asked for a more detailed explanation of exactly what is going to be done on Phase III. Will all the sidewalks be replaced, what concrete work will be done? Are the dollars stated this evening the total cost for the entire project?

Mayor Dickinson answered, yes, it is the total amount for the benches, tree plantings, brick accents, period lights, similar to up here on Main Street and down at the railroad station, both sides of the street except for the Center Street Cemetery wall side of the street which will exhibit a taller type of period lighting fixture.

Mr. Zandri asked, are we doing any work along Colony Street as was part of the original plan?

Mayor Dickinson stated, that work is not part of this project.

Pasquale Melillo, 15 Haller Place, Yalesville stated that this beautification project is a way of subsidizing big business and he is opposed to such action.

Mayor Dickinson stated, with regards to Mr. Zandri's previous question as to when the Main Street project was completed, under our rules, if nothing is spent out of a capital account within three years, a project is deemed to have been abandoned and would lapse, however, money was spent on the project so that money would not lapse therefore we are requesting a change in the title of the account. Once money is spent from the account it will not lapse unless there is an administrative decision to say that it should be appropriated somewhere else.

Frank Wasilewski, 57 N. Orchard Street stated that the Council appropriated funds to put a new roof on Yalesville School before the new building project. The project was halted when it was decided to rebuild Yalesville, however, the Town had signed a contract for the installation of the roof. Did the contractor release the Town from the contract?

Mayor Dickinson Responded, yes.

Mr. Wasilewski then asked, what will you do with the \$100,000 that was appropriated?

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Mayor Dickinson responded, \$60,000 is being transferred tonight.

Mr. Wasilewski asked, will that money go to the school building committee?

Mayor Dickinson responded, no, it will not.

Mr. Wasilewski was satisfied that the funds were not going to be turned over to the committee. He suggested earmarking it for a new senior center.

Mr. Doherty asked, how can we take money out of an account that has specifically been earmarked for one purpose and now spend it on another?

Mayor Dickinson responded, that is why I am seeking approval from the Council to transfer the money from one account to another.

Mr. Farrell stated, the money that we are investing in this project is worthwhile since our downtown area is one of the key components of our town. It has a major impact on the entire town, particularly our tax revenues. We want a town that looks good, is very attractive to both people who live here and those coming into town. It will be helpful to have this project go forward because ultimately more tax revenue will come back to the Town. It is a good investment.

Robert Sheehan, 11 Cooper Place asked, when is all of this supposed to take place?

Mayor Dickinson responded, it will begin July.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

<u>ITEM #13</u> Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$60,000 from the Self-Financed Yalesville School Roof Acct. to the Central Business District Beautification Project Phases II & III Acct. - Mayor's Office

Motion was made by Mr. Rys, seconded by Mr. Centner.

Mr. Doherty referred to the Town Charter, specifically Section 4, page 30, <u>Duties of the Council on the Budget</u>, pertaining to the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund it reads, "The Council shall have the power to transfer from time to time to this fund any portion of the general fund cash surplus not otherwise appropriated.

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Appropriations for construction or for other permanent improvements, from whatever source derived shall not lapse until the purpose for which the appropriation was made shall have been accomplished or abandoned." This Council has not taken any action to say that the building has been completed nor has the Council accepted the building as being completed. The Council also has not taken any action to abandon the account, we did not even know that it existed. He could not understand how the Council could authorize a transfer without taking one of the two actions listed above.

Mayor Dickinson stated, Council action appropriated the monies for their purposes and at that point that money continues for the purpose so stated. If no money were spent within three years then it would lapse, according to the Charter. Money was spent and once that occurs the money remains, as designated, until such time as another action is taken. Tonight another action has been taken to rename one account authorizing expenditure for Phase III and transferring money from the Yalesville Roof account to this Phase III purpose. The roof account originally exhibited a balance of approximately \$300,000 of which \$222,000 was removed from that account to finance the Prince Street purchase and demolition.

Mr. Doherty asked that the Comptroller provide the Council with a list of each Capital and Non-Recurring Account which have balances in them. We should abandon some of these particular accounts if this is the case, they are just slush funds here to be used for different things as they come along. We are not using them specifically for what they were set up for.

Mr. Myers pointed out that the monthly financial statements forwarded to the Council by the Finance Department lists each account that Mr. Doherty is referring to.

Mr. Parisi asked for a specific listing of the capital and nonrecurring accounts.

Mayor Dickinson stated, please understand that this is all part of capital and non-recurring therefore the money would remain in the capital and non-recurring fund, it does not become money that is part of the general operating budget. It is not part of the general fund.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Rys to Adjourn the Meeting, seconded by Mr. Centner.

VOTE: Papale was absent; all others, aye; motion duly carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

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Meeting recorded and transcribed by: Kutry J. Willow Kathryn F. Milano Town Council Secretary

Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

Approved by:

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23-96 Date

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POST PROGRAM

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ANNUAL UTILIZATION REPORT January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995

PROBLEM TYPE					
Chemical Dependency				29	
Marital/Family				112	
Emotional/Stress				124	
Financial/Legal				6	
Other				4	
Total Cases Opened				275	
REFERRAL SOURCE					
Self				161	
Management/Job Related				46	
Management/Voluntary					
Other				57	
Total				275	
PRIMARY CLIENT					
				004	
Employee Family Manhae				226	
Family Member Total				49	
				275	
SEX					
Male				100	
Female				197	
Total					
				275	
WAGE CLASSIFICATIO	N				
Sworn				181	
Civilian				45	
Family Member				49	
Total				275	
				<i>41</i>	
DISPOSITION*			•		
EAP Counselor				281	
Inpatient Treatment				6	
Outpatient Treatment				2	
Self Help				5	
Other					
Total				298	
'may entail more than one referral per c	lient			270	
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