

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town Council Chambers

February 9, 2010

The following Minutes are a record of the Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council held in the Robert Earley Auditorium of the Wallingford Town Hall on Tuesday, February 9, 2010. The Meeting was Called to Order at 6:38P.M. Responding present to the Roll Call given by Town Clerk Barbara Thompson were Councilors Vincent Cervoni, Jerry Farrell, Jr., John LeTourneau, Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, John J. Sullivan and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Councilors Nick Economopoulos and Craig C. Fishbein were excused from the meeting due to travel outside of the state. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., Town Attorney Janis Small and Comptroller James Bowes were also present.

The meeting began with an Opening Prayer, led by Reverend Dean Warburton, First Congregational Church; and then the Pledge of Allegiance and the Roll Call.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#546 - #562) totaling \$6,649.39
Acct. # 001-1000-010-1170 - Tax Collector
- 3b.** Consider and Approve an Appropriation of \$700,000 to Small Cities Community Development Block Grant – 2009 (CDBG-09) to State Grant Revenue-CDBG-09 Acct #247-1040-050-5000, and establish expenditure line items accounts: \$641,500 Construction/Activity Acct #247-7700-783-7991, \$3,500 Program Costs Acct #247-7700-783-7992, \$55,000 Administration Acct #247-7700-783-7993
- Program Planning
- 3c.** Consider and Approve Merit Review Increase for Michael Ciaszki – Personnel
- 3d.** Approve Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting of January 26, 2010

Mr. Farrell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda 3a to 3d. Ms. Rascati seconded.

There were no comments. All Councilors present (7) voted Aye. Councilors Economopoulos and Fishbein were excused from the meeting.

The motion passed.

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

None

5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER

Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle, said that of the three things he is concerned about that two of them remain. He said that they are the issue with regard to fire hydrants and the Planning and Zoning regulation having to do with condominiums.

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill road, asked about sending self insurance out to bid to save “thousands of dollars”, and he renewed his question of which of the appointed commissioners and board members and individual appointed positions of the town receive payment.

Jack Krol, Yalesville, talked about the ‘Mortgage Lenders’ foreclosure.

6. Consider and Approve a Resolution for the Wallingford Health Department to enter into a contract with Southern Connecticut State University, Department of Public Health, to permit the Health Department to serve as a host site for college interns- Director of Health

Mr. Farrell made a motion to Approve a Resolution for the Wallingford Health Department to enter into a contract with Southern Connecticut State University, Department of Public Health, to permit the Health Department to serve as a host site for college interns as requested by the Director of Health. Ms. Rascati seconded.

Mr. Farrell read the correspondence (*part of the record of this meeting*) that attended this item.

There were no comments from the public.

All Councilors present (7) voted Aye. Mr. Economopoulos and Mr. Fishbein were excused from the meeting.

The motion passed.

7. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$75,000 to Materials & Supplies Acct #001-5015-401-4100 from Contingency-General Purposes \$45,000 Acct #001-7060-800-3190 and Class 8 Plow Truck w/Equipment and Accessories (2) \$30,000 Acct #001-5015-999-9111 – Public Works

Mr. Farrell made a motion to Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$75,000 to Materials & Supplies Acct #001-5015-401-4100 from Contingency-General Purposes \$45,000 Acct #001-7060-800-3190 and Class 8 Plow Truck w/Equipment and Accessories (2) \$30,000 Acct #001-5015-999-9111 as requested by the Director of Public Works. Ms. Rascati seconded.

In attendance: Henry McCully, Director Public Works

Mr. Farrell read the correspondence (*part of the record of this meeting*) that went with this item.

Mr. McCully noted that this transfer is for two (2) plow trucks at approximately \$159,000 per truck.

There were no comments from the public.

All Councilors present (7) voted Aye. Mr. Economopoulos and Mr. Fishbein were excused from the meeting.

The motion passed.

8. Consider and Approve Bid Waiver for volunteer firefighters' gear from Firematic Fire Equipment Company in the Amount of \$32,285 –Fire Chief

Mr. Farrell made a motion to approve a bid waiver for volunteer firefighters' gear from Firematic Fire Equipment Company in the Amount of \$32,285 as requested by the Fire Chief. Ms. Rascati seconded.

Mr. Farrell read the correspondence (*part of the record of this meeting*) that accompanied this item.

In attendance: Fire Chief Peter Struble

Mr. Struble said that there are 30 firefighters in medical training. He said that they are always looking for ways to attract and retain volunteers in order to cover and maintain 24/7 coverage.

There were no comments from the public.

All Councilors present (7) voted Aye. Mr. Economopoulos and Mr. Fishbein were excused from the meeting.

The motion passed

9. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$32,285 to Fire Operating Expenses Acct # 001-2030-401-4100 from Volunteer Tax Abatement \$4,307 Acct # 001-2030-101-1800 from 5" Supply Hose \$1,231 Acct # 001-2030-999-9013 and from General Contingency \$26,747 Acct # 001-7060-800-3190 – Fire Chief

Mr. Farrell made a motion to Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$32,285 to Fire Operating Expenses Acct # 001-2030-401-4100 from Volunteer Tax Abatement \$4,307 Acct # 001-2030-101-1800 from 5" Supply Hose \$1,231 Acct # 001-2030-999-9013 and from General Contingency \$26,747 Acct # 001-7060-800-3190 as requested by the Fire Chief. Ms. Rascati seconded

In attendance: Fire Chief Peter Struble

Mr. Farrell read the backup correspondence (*part of the record of this meeting*) for this item.

There were no comments from the public.

All Councilors present (7) voted Aye. Mr. Economopoulos and Mr. Fishbein were excused from the meeting.

The motion passed

10. Acceptance of Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the Amount of \$495,000 – Fire Chief

Mr. Farrell made a motion to Accept the Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the Amount of \$495,000 as requested by the Fire Chief. Ms. Rascati seconded.

In attendance: Fire Chief Peter Struble

Mr. Farrell read the backup materials (*part of the record of this meeting*) for this item.

Mr. Struble said that the old truck may be sold but that it is required that it not be used as an in-use fire truck.

There were no comments from the public.

All Councilors present (7) voted Aye. Mr. Economopoulos and Mr. Fishbein were excused from the meeting.

The motion passed

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

Mr. Farrell made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to §1-200 (6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property as requested by the Mayor. Ms. Rascati seconded.

All Councilors present (7) voted Aye. Mr. Economopoulos and Mr. Fishbein were excused from the meeting. The motion passed. The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:06 P.M. Mr. Farrell made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Ms. Rascati seconded.

All Councilors present (7) voted Aye. Mr. Economopoulos and Mr. Fishbein were excused from the meeting. The motion passed. The Council exited Executive Session at 7:15 P.M.

Mr. Farrell made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rascati, to adjourn from the meeting.

All Councilors present (7) voted Aye. Mr. Economopoulos and Mr. Fishbein were excused from the meeting. The motion passed. The Town Council meeting of February 9, 2010 adjourned at 7:15 P.M. with no further business to pursue.

Respectfully submitted,

Wallingford, Connecticut
February 9, 2010
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Minutes

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Sandra R. Weekes
Town Council Secretary
Meeting digitally recorded.

Robert F. Parisi, Town Council Chairman

Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date