

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

Special Town Council Meeting

APRIL 26, 2012

Town Council Chambers

FY 2012 – 2013 BUDGET WORKSHOP

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. A Moment of Silence was observed and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were as follows: Vincent Cervoni, Nick Economopoulos, Craig C. Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John LeTourneau, Chairman Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, John J. Sullivan and Jason Zandri. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Comptroller James Bowes were also in attendance.

4. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Public Works

*In attendance: Henry McCully, Director Public Works
Steve Palermo, Foreman
Rayline Hendricks, Executive Secretary*

Discussion focused on equipment replacement-aging, replacement program; maintenance of old equipment; projects- painting, brick re-pointing at Senior Center and Carriage House; collective bargaining; street work; town cars; storage of Christmas decorations; band stand setup for fire works.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR PUBLIC WORKS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

MADE BY: CERVONI

SECONDED BY: RASCATI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

CERVONI - YES; ECONOMOPOULOS - YES;

FISHBEIN - NO;

LAFFIN - NO; LETOURNEAU - YES;

RASCATI - YES;

SULLIVAN - YES; ZANDRI - YES;

CHAIRMAN PARISI – YES

MOTION PASSED.

Capital Appropriations

*In attendance: Henry McCully, Director Public Works
John Thompson, Town Engineer*

Discussion with regard to Center Street Cemetery; wall repairs; Public Works involvement at the cemetery; parking lot millings v skim coat; renewal of parking lots at Meadow Street; Meadow and Williams; Brothers lot all with regard to surfaces, signs and lighting; making a plan; signal lights; Whirlwind Hill striping;

Engineering

In attendance: John Thompson, Town Engineer

The Council inquired about the loop detector repair program; guardrails; sidewalk repairs; new sidewalks; and cap & non-recurring projects.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR
ENGINEERING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013**

MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE CALLED OUT:
8-Aye; 1-Nay
MOTION PASSED

**Capital & Non-Recurring
Capital Appropriations Reserve**

Discussion for Capital & Non-Recurring and Capital Appropriations Reserve was incorporated into the reviews of Public Works and Engineering

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR
CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013**

MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE CALLED OUT:
8-Aye; 1-Nay
MOTION PASSED

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR
CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS RESERVE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013**

MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE CALLED OUT:
8-Aye; 1-Nay
MOTION PASSED

Parks & Recreation

*In attendance: John Gawlak, Director Parks & Recreation
Michelle Bjorkman, Superintendent of Programs*

The Town Council asked about Ice rink rental; computers; internet access at Government TV daily; R Band

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED FOR
RECREATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013**

MADE BY: CERVONI

Comptroller Bowes stated that the information presented by Mr. Gawlak tonight and in the packet is updated for bids that were received for Port-O-Lets so that he is reducing his budget by \$6,000 in the Port-O-Let line item, Line 56782, from \$16,500 down to \$10,500.

**MOTION WAS RE-PRESENTED MADE TO APPROVE THE BUDGET AS
PRESENTED BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT SUBJECT TO \$6,000 BEING
REMOVED FROM LINE 56782 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013**

MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE CALLED OUT:
8-Aye; 1-Nay

MOTION PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE TO AMEND THE MOTION TO REDUCE LINE 56782 BY \$6,000 AND TO INCREASE 56746 BY \$5,000 WITH THE INTENT OF RESTORING THE R-BAND TO THE FIREWORKS EVENT BASED UPON TESTIMONY AT THIS MEETING TO THE BUDGET FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MADE BY: FISHBEIN

SECONDED BY: SULLIVAN

VOTE CALLED OUT INDIVIDUALLY FOR THE AMENDMENT:

CERVONI - NO; ECONOMOPOULOS - YES; FISHBEIN - YES;

LAFFIN - NO; LETOURNEAU - YES; RASCATI - YES;

SULLIVAN - YES; ZANDRI - YES; CHAIRMAN PARISI - YES

7-Aye; 2-Nay

MOTION PASSED.

VOTE CALLED OUT INDIVIDUALLY FOR THE AMENDED MOTION:

CERVONI - YES; ECONOMOPOULOS - YES; FISHBEIN - YES;

LAFFIN - NO; LETOURNEAU - YES; RASCATI - YES;

SULLIVAN - YES; ZANDRI - YES; CHAIRMAN PARISI - YES

8-Aye; 1-Nay

MOTION PASSED.

3. Presentation & Possible Action with regard to the bids received on the School Roof Replacement Project and, if necessary, setting a Public Hearing on amending the funding Ordinance.

In attendance: Mike Brodinsky, Chairman, School Roof Committee

David Stein, Project Architect

Gene Tyrone, Owner's Representative

Also in attendance Superintendent of Schools, Salvatore Menzo;

Committee members Robert Prentice, Laurence Zabrowski, Chris Pisani,

John Lynch, J. P. Venoit, Robert Crostin

The Council and the Committee reviewed that the Committee is an earlier meeting voted 6-1 to recommend solar for the four schools. Mr. Prentice voted no, favoring only 2 schools to have solar. They voted unanimously to award to the lowest bidder; for 2-ply with a 25 year guarantee. The advantages of having solar were presented. They talked about reimbursement and the interpretation of reimbursement and how solar is viewed within this context. Dr. Menzo remarked on the educational value to having solar in a particular school and how it ties into many subjects, especially science-math curriculum. It presents a lab environment from which all students derive benefits. It sets a standard. Payback was discussed as well as the stance of the Board of Education on the solar issue. Maintenance was addressed in reference to heavy winters. Councilor Fishbein remarked that the Covanta fine funds held by DEEP be requested for this solar project; they talked about the difference if 2-ply and 3-ply and the current construction of 2-ply 'fabric' that likens itself to 3-ply.

MOTION WAS MADE TO DIRECT THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT TO AWARD THE BID BASED UPON THE 25-YEAR ROOF TO THE LOWEST RESONSIBLE BIDDER

MADE BY: CERVONI

SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**CERVONI - YES; ECONOMOPOULOS - YES; FISHBEIN - YES;
LAFFIN - YES; LETOURNEAU - YES; RASCATI - YES;
SULLIVAN -YES; ZANDRI - YES; CHAIRMAN PARISI – YES
9-Aye; 0-Nay
MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION WAS MADE TO DIRECT PURCHASING TO AWARD THE BID FOR SOLAR PANELS AT SHEEHAN HIGH SCHOOL AND LYMAN HALL HIGH SCHOOL AND THAT THE ADMINISTRATION LOOK TO DEEP FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE PORTION WHICH REMAINS THE TOWN'S RESPONSIBILITY AFTER THE GRANT REIMBURSEMENT; HOWEVER, IF DEEP SHOULD FAIL TO COME FORWARD WITH THOSE FUNDS THAT SHOULDN'T BE A CONDITION PREVENTING THE SOLAR PANELS BEING AWARDED.

**MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

MOTION WAS MADE TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THE OTHER TWO SCHOOLS, DAG AND MORAN.

**MADE BY: ZANDRI
SECONDED BY: ECONOMOPOULOS
ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT:
CERVONI - NO; ECONOMOPOULOS - YES; FISHBEIN - NO;
LAFFIN – NO ; LETOURNEAU - NO; RASCATI - NO;
SULLIVAN -NO; ZANDRI - YES; CHAIRMAN PARISI – NO
7-Nay; 2-Aye
MOTION PASSED.**

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION:

**CERVONI - YES; ECONOMOPOULOS - YES; FISHBEIN - YES;
LAFFIN - YES; LETOURNEAU - YES; RASCATI - YES;
SULLIVAN -YES; ZANDRI - YES; CHAIRMAN PARISI – YES
9-Aye; 0-Nay
MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

**MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE: 7- Aye; 2- Absent
THE MOTION PASSED.**

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15 P.M.

AT 9:23 THE CHAIRMAN RECONVENED THE MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING.

MOTION WAS MADE TO RECONVENE THE MEETING.

**MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE: 7- Aye; 2- Absent
THE MOTION PASSED.**

MOTION WAS MADE TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 8, 2012 AT 8:00 P.M. ON FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING AN ORDINANCE FOR THE SYSTEM WIDE SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO \$9,352,000 AN INCREASE OF \$1,352,000.

MADE BY: CERVONI

SECONDED BY: RASCATI

ROLL CALL VOTE:

CERVONI - YES; ECONOMOPOULOS - YES; FISHBEIN - YES;

LAFFIN - YES; LETOURNEAU - YES; RASCATI - YES;

SULLIVAN - YES; ZANDRI - YES; CHAIRMAN PARISI – YES

9-Aye; 0-Nay

MOTION PASSED.

9- AYE; 0- NAY

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

MADE BY: CERVONI

SECONDED BY: ZANDRI

VOTE: 9- AYE; 0- NAY

THE MOTION PASSED.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Weekes
Town Council Secretary

Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date