

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

Special Town Council Meeting

APRIL 22, 2015

Town Council Chambers

FY 2015 – 2016 BUDGET WORKSHOP

MINUTES

The Special Budget Workshop Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:33 P.M. It began with a Moment of Silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni and Councilors, Tom Laffin, John Letourneau, Christine Mansfield, Robert F. Parisi, Larry Russ, John Sullivan and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Councilor Craig Fishbein was absent from the meeting. Mayor Dickinson and Comptroller Bowes were at the meeting.

3. BUDGET WORKSHOP

PERSONNEL

In attendance:

James Hutt, Personnel Director

Rick Livingston, Assistant Personnel Director

Kurt Treiber, Risk Manager

Councilor Sullivan inquired about Line 56812, which is used for labor related issues. It was noted that the Law Department budgets for the Town's labor attorney. Line 56774 are funds to be used for computer software improvements. The talked about outside mediation and outside investigations.

PENSIONS

Councilor Mansfield asked about Line 52165. The Town pays 1.5% payroll tax towards Medicare.

Councilor Parisi inquired about Line 52300, a pension line with ten people on it.

Councilor Testa asked why the Mayor approved \$100,000 less than requested. It was reported that the budget was adjusted after personnel figures were set.

RISK MANAGEMENT

No inquiries.

EMPLOYEE INSURANCE/BENEFITS

Councilor Mansfield inquired about longevity (Line 51700) and about Health Insurance (Line 55955) noting that there is a 7.1% increase due to higher claims this fiscal year.

Councilor Letourneau asked about Line 55955.

Councilor Sullivan asked if anyone was in the program of tuition reimbursement (Line 52962) and what the rules are. No one currently enrolled and it has to be job related was the response.

INSURANCE PROPERTY/CASUALTY

No inquiries.

WALLINGFORD FIREWORKS FUND

In attendance: Jason Zandri, Fireworks Fund Coordinator

Chairman Cervoni called upon Mr. Zandri to allow him to speak briefly. Councilor Letourneau objected saying that it was not proper. Chairman Cervoni allowed Mr. Zandri to speak this one time because he is not a department head and has no budget line.

Again Councilor Letourneau objected, and he made a motion to adjourn.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

MADE BY: LETOURNEAU

SECOND: NO ONE SECONDED.

MOTION FAILED.

Mr. Zandri reported that \$6,408 has been collected. There are reserves from last year totaling \$1,176. It was reported that \$16,500 is the bid for the show which would occur on **July 11**, one week after the Fourth of July.

Last year Town Services expenditures were as follows:

Police	\$9,004
Fire	\$2,400
Fire Marshal	\$ 950
Board of Education	\$ 480
Port-O-Potty	\$ 200
Sound	No Estimate

This year's estimate for services totals approximately \$15,000. With less than thirty (30) days to go, the fund is short.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

MADE BY: PARISI

SECOND BY: RUSSO

8 AYE; 1-ABSENT (FISHBEIN).

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Weekes
Secretary to the Town Council
From notes submitted by the Town Clerk
Meeting digitally recorded

Chairman Vincent Cervoni

Date

Town Clerk, Barbara Thompson

Date