

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Town Council Chambers

March 22, 2011

6:30 P.M

MINUTES AND RECORD OF VOTES

Opening Prayer - Deacon Eugene C. Riotte, Most Holy Trinity Church

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 P.M. There was a moment of silence in honor of the passing of George Cooke.

Attendance was taken by the Town Clerk, Barbara Thompson.

Attendance: Councilor Vincent Cervoni, Jerry Farrell Jr., Craig C. Fishbein, John LeTourneau, Rosemary Rascati, John J. Sullivan, Vincent F. Testa, Jr. and Chairman Robert F. Parisi all present, Councilor Nick Economopoulos was absent.

2. Correspondence
None

3. Consent Agenda

- 3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds (#595 - #617) totaling \$13,155.62
Acct. # 001-1000-010-1170 - Tax Collector
- 3b.** Reappointment of Richard Nunn to the Public Utilities Commission for a three-year term effective immediately through March , 2014 - Mayor
- 3c.** Consider and Approve Town of Wallingford Fair Housing Resolution for 2011 - Mayor
- 3d.** Consider and Approve an Agreement regarding the South Central Connecticut Regional Emergency Communications System - Mayor
- 3e.** Consider and Approve Revised job description for Deputy Fire Marshal - Personnel
- 3f.** Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$2,900 to Office Renovations Acct # 001-7050-999-9904 from Desk & Accessories \$1,100 Acct # 001-7050-999-9902 and from Office Expenses \$1,800 Acct # 001-7050-401-4000 - Probate Judge Wright
- 3g.** Approve minutes of Regular Town Council meeting of March 8, 2011
- 3h.** Approve minutes of Special Town Council meeting of March 3, 2011

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA 3a – 3h

MADE BY: FARRELL

SECONDED BY: RASCATI

VOTE: ALL AYE (8) -1 ABSENT

MOTION PASSED

4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda
None

5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER

Public question and answer started at 6:55 PM and ended at 7:10 PM

Bob Gross, Long Hill Rd wanted to know if the communications committee had disbanded, since the committee posted that all future meetings have been canceled. Councilor LeTourneau responded that they have been suspended in order to do more research. Bill Cummerford, Broadview Dr. inquired about the Flood and Erosion Alternate members. Wes Lubee asked about the charges against Mr. Fischer and Mr. Mezzei of the Housing Authority, Attorney Small is still working on it.

MOTION TO MOVE ITEMS # 12, 13 and 14 UP

MADE BY: FARRELL
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE: ALL AYE (8) -1 ABSENT
MOTION PASSED

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A) Appropriation of Funds \$ 910,296 to new fund-BOE CRRA Projects (#311) Project Expenditures line item to be established) and to Revenue from CRRA Distribution Fund (line Item to be established)/Superintendent of Schools

B) Appropriation of Funds \$ 910,296 CRRA Distribution Revenue Acct. #200 1050 050-5001 and to Expenditure Transfer out to BOE CRRA Projects Fund, Acct. #: 200- 800-284-000/Superintendent of Schools

In Attendance Superintendent Salvatore Menzo and Linda Winters from the Board of Education Discussion regarding is this money added to the Board of Education Budget, Mr. Bowes responded that the money is not added to the BOE budget, and we pay the invoices directly. Also Superintendent Menzo was asked why the asbestos had not been removed earlier, and he stated that there is a 3 year plan, and they have taken care of the asbestos before, but at this time there again needs to have the abatement of certain areas, that have deteriorated over time.

MOTION TO APPROVE APPROPRIATION OF \$910,296 TO NEW FUND-BOE CRRA PROJECT EXPENDITURES LINE ITEM TO BE ESTABLISHED AND TO CRRA DISTRIBUTION FUND AND APPROPRIATE \$910,296 CRRA DISTRIBUTION REVENUE ACCT #200 1050 050 5001 AND TO EXPENDITURE TRANSFER OUT TO BOE CRRA PROJECTS FUND ACCT # 200 2800 284 000.

MADE BY: FARRELL
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE: ALL AYE (8) – 1 ABSENT
MOTION PASSED

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A) A appropriation of funds \$341,975 to new fund-BOE Asbestos Removal (#305) Project Expenditures (line items to be established) and to Revenue from CRRA Distribution Fund/Superintendent of Schools

B) Appropriation of funds \$341,975 to CRRA Distribution Revenue, Acct. #200 1050 050 5001 and Expenditures-Transfer out to BOE Asbestos Removal Fund, Acct # 200 2800 284 000/Superintendent of Schools

In Attendance Superintendent Salvatore Menzo and Linda Winters from the Board of Education

MOTION TO APPROVE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS 341,975 TO NEW FUND BOE ASBESTOS REMOVAL PROJECT EXPENDITURE AND TO REVENUE FROM CRRA DISTRIBUTION FUND AND APPROPRIATE 341,975 TO CRRA DISTRIBUTION REVENUE 200 1050 050 5001 AND EXPENDITURES-TRANSFER OUT TO BOE ASBESTOS REMOVAL FUND ACCT # 200 2800 284 000.

**MADE BY: FARRELL
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE: ALL AYE (8) – 1 ABSENT
MOTION PASSED**

14. Approve Three Resolutions to:
 Authorize the Wallingford Board of Education to apply for grants for asbestos removal projects
 Establish a Building Committee
 Prepare schematic drawings and outline specifications
- Superintendent of Schools

MOTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE WALLINGFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION TO APPLY FOR GRANTS FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL PROJECTS AND ESTABLISH A BUILDING COMMITTEE AND TO ALSO PREPARE SCHEMATIC DRAWINGS TO OUTLINE THE SPECIFICATIONS.

**MADE BY: FARRELL
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
ROLL CALL VOTE:
 CERVONI-YES; ECONOMOPOULOS-ABSENT; FARRELL-YES;
 FISHBEIN-YES; LETOURNEAU-YES; RASCATI-YES; SULLIVAN-YES;
 TESTA-YES; CHAIRMAN PARISI-YES
MOTION PASSED**

6. Conduct a Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the 2011 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program- State and Federal Grants Administrator

In Attendance was Don Roe, Steve Nere of the Housing Authority and Consultant Peter Testa of Wagner & Associates

There was discussion regarding that this is the third grant in a 4 year period ,the first grant was completed and we are still finishing the 2nd grant which scope was to repair side walks at Housing Authority properties. Mr. Testa of Wagner & Associates oversees the projects, and is compensated from the grant money,

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AT 8:32 PM

MADE BY: FARRELL
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE: ALL AYE (8) – 1 ABSENT
MOTION PASSED

7. Consider and Approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to make application for the 2011 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program and to execute an assistance agreement as may be required - State and Federal Grants Administration

MOTION TO ALLOW THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR THE 2011 SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE AN ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

MADE BY: FARRELL
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
ROLL CALL VOTE:
CERVONI-YES; ECONOMOPOULOS-ABSENT; FARRELL-YES; FISHBEIN-YES; LETOURNEAU-YES; RASCATI-YES; SULLIVAN-YES; TESTA-YES; CHAIRMAN PARISI-YES
MOTION PASSED

8. Consider and Approve an Appropriation of Funds in the Amount of \$4,500 to Professional Services Small Cities Grant Consultant Acct # 001-1302-901-9002 from Contingency- General Purposes Acct # 001-7060-800-3190 - State & Federal Grants Administrator

Discussion from the council on if these grant funds are available each year, Don Roe stated that yes they are, but you must complete one project in order to apply for a new grant, once this grant is approved we will have finished the sidewalk grant program. Bob Gross, Long Hill Rd asked if the Emergency Shelter would be eligible for this grant and Mr. Testa of Wagner & Associates implied that yes it would be.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPROPRIATION OF \$4,500 TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SMALL CITIES GRANT CONSULTANT ACCT# 001 1302 901 9002 FROM CONTINGENCY-GENERAL PURPOSES ACCT# 001 7060 800 3190

MADE BY: FARRELL
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE: ALL AYE (8)-1 ABSENT
MOTION PASSED

9. Consider and Approve a Transfer Budget Amendment of Funds in the Amount of \$1 0,000 to Employee Pension and Benefits Acct # 461-8920-926 from Outside Services \$5,000 Acct # 461-8920-923 and from Transportation Equipment \$5,000 Acct # 463-9012-392 - Sewer Division

Mr. Roger Dann and Mr. George Adair were there to answer questions from the council

MOTION TO APPROVE A TRANSFER BUDGET AMENDMENT OF \$10,000 TO EMPLOYEE PENSION & BENEFITS ACCT# 461 8920 926 FROM OUTSIDE SERVICES \$5,000 ACCT# 461 8920 923 AND FROM TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT \$5,000 ACCT # 463 9012 392

**MADE BY: FARRELL
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE: ALL AYE (8)-1 ABSENT
MOTION PASSED**

10. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$5,000 to Maintenance of Treatment Equipment Acct # 431-8640-652 from Outside Services Acct # 431-8920-923 - Water Division

MOTION TO APPROVE TRANSFER OF \$5,000 TO MAINTENANCE OF TREATMENT EQUIPMENT ACCT #431 8640 652 FROM OUTSIDE SERVICES ACCT #431 8920 923

**MADE BY: FARRELL
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE: ALL AYE (8)-1 ABSENT
MOTION PASSED**

11. Consider and Approve a Transfer of Funds in the Amount of \$42,500 to Office Furniture & Equipment Acct # 391 from Station Equipment Distribution Acct # 362 - Electric Division

ITEM 11 WAS REMOVED

15. Discussion & Action regarding Town audit - Comptroller

Mr. Bowes presented a price quote from Blum, Shapiro to conduct the annual town audit for the next three years, this quote is substantially less than the June 2010 audit.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THIS PRICING AND ALLOW THE COMPTROLLER TO PROCEED FORWARD WITH A CONTRACT WITH BLUM, SHAPIRO

**MADE BY: FARRELL
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE: ALL AYE (8)-1 ABSENT
MOTION PASSED**

16. 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

Withdrawn

*March 22, 2011
Minutes*

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:50 P.M.
MADE BY: FARRELL
SECONDED BY: RASCATI
VOTE: ALL AYE (8)-1 ABSENT
MOTION PASSED**

Respectfully Submitted
Barbara Thompson
Meeting digitally recorded

Robert F. Parisi, Chariman

Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date

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