

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

*REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING*

Town Council Chambers

**September 24, 2013**

**RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Regular Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:32 P.M. The Opening Prayer was offered by Reverend Dee Ann Dodd, St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Wallingford, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were as follows: Vincent Cervoni, Nick Economopoulos, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John Letourneau, Chairman Robert F. Parisi, Rosemary Rascati, John Sullivan and Jason Zandri. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and Town Attorney G.E Farrell, Sr. were present at the meeting.

**2. Correspondence – None**

**3. Consent Agenda**

- 3a.** Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$5,678.29 (#62 - #112 )  
Acct. # # 1001001-41020 - Tax Collector
- 3b.** Appropriation in the Amount of \$20 to *Youth and Social Services Special Fund-Babysitting Course Registration* to Fees Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3c.** Appropriation in the Amount of \$20 to *Youth and Social Services Special Fund-Babysitting Course Registration* to Fees Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3d.** Appropriation in the Amount of \$30 to *Youth and Social Services Special Fund-Babysitting Course Registration* to Fees Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3e.** Appropriation in the Amount of \$30 to *Youth and Social Services Special Fund-Babysitting Course Registration* to Fees Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3f.** Appropriation in the Amount of \$40 to *Youth and Social Services Special Fund-Babysitting Course Registration* to Fees Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3g.** Appropriation in the Amount of \$40 to *Youth and Social Services Special Fund-Babysitting Course Registration* to Fees Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3h.** Appropriation in the Amount of \$400 to *Youth and Social Services Special Fund-STEM Academy Registration* to Fees Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3i.** Appropriation in the Amount of \$160 to *Youth and Social Services Special Fund-Babysitting Course Registration* to Fees Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3j.** Appropriation in the Amount of \$25 to *Youth and Social Services Special Fund-STEM Academy Registration* to Fees Acct # 2134002-47152 and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3k.** Acceptance of Donation and Appropriation in the Amount of \$7,346 to *Youth and Social Services Special Fund-WECARE Program* to Fees Acct # 2134002-47152

- and to Expenditures Acct # 21340100-58830 – Youth and Social Services
- 3l. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the Amount of \$7,500 to Maintenance of Structures & Improvements-Treatment Acct # 43100651 from Employee Pension & Benefits Acct # 43100926 – Water Division
  - 3m. Consider and Approve a Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$45,000 to Maintenance of Pumping Equipment Acct # 46100633 from Appropriation to Cash – Sewer Division
  - 3n. Consider and Approve a Transfer FY 2012-2013 in the Amount of \$4,570 to Loss on Disposition of Plant Acct # 411-7 from Depreciation Expense Acct # 403 – Electric Division
  - 3o. Consider and Approve a Transfer FY 2012-2013 in the Amount of \$65,300 To Uncollectible Accounts Expense Acct # 904 from Customer Records & Collections Acct # 903 – Electric Division
  - 3p. Consider and Approve the addition of the following to the Fire Department's Bid Waiver List for FY 2013-2014: *Valenti Auto Sales, Plaza Service Center, E.J. Boughton Co., LLC* – Fire Department
  - 3q. Consider and Approve authorization for execution of the Localized Costs Responsibility Agreement (LCRA) between the Northeast Utilities Service Company (NUSCO) and the Wallingford Electric Division – Public Utilities
  - 3r. Approve Minutes of Regular Town Council meeting of August 13, 2013

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a. – 3r.**

**MADE BY: CERVONI**  
**SECONDED BY: RASCATI**  
**VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-NAY (ECONOMOPOULOS)**  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**4. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda - None**

**5. PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD**

Geno Zandri, 9 Balsam Ridge Circle, inquired about the fourteen decorative street lamps that are out on Center Street and asked when repair could be expected.

Robert Gross, 114 Long Hill Road, asked the Town to be sensitive when scheduling town meetings on holy days. He also remarked on the cost of removing what was dumped on Rt. 150 and asked when they town will change dumping sites that are in watershed areas. He included Garden Road in this request.

Gina Morgenstein, 177 South Main Street, stated that a rabbi should be invited to say a prayer and then agreed with Mr. Gross that a *Moment of Silence* would probably be best. She inquired of the Mayor about the letters from WCI president with regard to the recommendations for the street trees.

Larry Morgenstein, 177 South Main Street, also asked of the Mayor if his thinking had changed after reading the suggestions put forth by WCI and the Greening Committee established to address street trees. He also asked about a tree maintenance plan. He then complimented WCI and the Greening Committee for all of the hard work they have done on this issue.

6. Consider and Approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Wallingford for submittal of a Sub-Application to the State of Connecticut under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's *Hazard Mitigation Grant*, including appropriating money for the local share – Fire Department

**MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Wallingford for submittal of a Sub-Application to the State of Connecticut under the Federal Emergency Management Agency's *Hazard Mitigation Grant*, including appropriating money or the local share (Fire Department).**

**MADE BY: CERVONI**  
**SECONDED BY: RASCATI**

*In attendance: Fire Chief, Peter Struble*

Chief Struble described the FEMA grant is issued to regions where the President has declared a disaster. New Haven County qualifies for the post-disaster mitigation grant, which has a November deadline. Chief Struble stated that this grant is a long shot since it is very competitive considering the disaster ridden shoreline area. He explained that winning the award of this grant will allow for a generator at M.T. Sheehan High School thereby creating a shelter for the community, or possibly for the region. The goal is to be able to provide for ten percent (10%) of the population or about 4,500 people. He said the local share for the generator is \$112, 121 of the total project cost of \$448,485. He explained that the Board of Education will bear the cost of maintenance and many factors were considered in selecting the location. He said that two locations were not approached because then two grants would be needed in addition to the fact that the town does not have enough staff to run two emergency locations. He discussed the location of the generator as outside the school building near the diesel fuel supply.

Councilor Sullivan stated that this is a great grant. Councilor Zandri discussed 'black star' plant; co-generation; asked about a dual-fuel system. Councilor Economopoulos commented that in his experience teaching that there are emergencies other than weather-related ones. Councilor Cervoni thanked Chief Struble for all he has done to make it possible to qualify for the grant and in the application itself.

Councilor Economopoulos left the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

<b>CERVONI:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>RASCATI:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>ECONOMOPOULOS:</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>SULLIVAN:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>FISHBEIN:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>ZANDRI:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>LAFFIN:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN PARISI:</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>LETOURNEAU:</b>	<b>YES</b>		
<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>8-AYE; 1-ABSENT (ECONOMOPOULOS)</b>		
<b>MOTION PASSED.</b>			

7. 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*

8. Executive Session pursuant to §1-225(f) and §1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding strategy and negotiations with respect to the following tax appeal matter of *Huowitz v. Town of Wallingford* - Law Department

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO:  
§1-225(f) and §1-200(6)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes regarding  
strategy and negotiations with respect to the following tax appeal matter  
of *Hurowitz v. Town of Wallingford***

**MADE BY: CERVONI  
SECONDED BY: RASCATI  
VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT (ECONOMOPOULOS)  
MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**MADE BY: CERVONI  
SECONDED BY: RASCATI  
VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT (ECONOMOPOULOS)  
MOTION PASSED.**

**TIME OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: 7:40 P.M. TO 7:50 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ATTENDANCE**

**EIGHT (8) COUNCILORS (COUNCILOR ECONOMOPOULOS WAS ABSENT),  
MAYOR DICKINSON AND TOWN ATTORNEY G.E. FARRELL, SR.**

9. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the matter of *Hurowitz v. Town of Wallingford*  
tax appeal matter as discussed in Executive Session.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO ALLOW THE TOWN ATTORNEY AUTHORITY TO  
COMPROMISE THE MATTER OF HUROWITZ V. TOWN OF WALLINGFORD  
AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

**MADE BY: CERVONI  
SECONDED BY: RASCATI  
VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT (ECONOMOPOULOS)  
MOTION PASSED.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**MADE BY: CERVONI  
SECONDED BY: RASCATI  
VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT (ECONOMOPOULOS)  
MOTION PASSED.**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes  
Secretary to the Town Council  
Meeting digitally recorded

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Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

Date

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Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date