

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT**

*Special Town Council Meeting  
Town Council Chambers*

**APRIL 15, 2014**

**FY 2014 – 2015 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

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**MINUTES**

The Special Budget Workshop Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M. A Moment of Silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were as follows: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John Letourneau, Christine Mansfield, Robert F. Parisi, Larry Russo and Vincent F. Testa, Jr. Councilor John Sullivan arrived shortly after Roll Call at 6:35 P.M. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. and James Bowes, Comptroller were also present at the meeting.

**3. BUDGET WORKSHOPS  
LAW DEPARTMENT**

*In attendance: Janis Small, Corporation Counsel  
Gerald E. Farrell, Sr., Town Attorney*

Arbitration and related costs and law office staffing were discussed.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

*In attendance: Police Chief Douglas Dortenzio  
Deputy Police Chief William Wright  
Beth Dighello, Executive Secretary*

2% decrease budget for 2014-15 over the prior fiscal year due to less vacation time and newer personnel; maintenance agreement; new software and its maintenance agreement cost reduced from prior year; staffing levels; department now fully staffed; academy and new recruits; vehicle replacement schedule and vehicle mileage; surplus salary; training; security and outside contractor payments were discussed.

Chairman Cervoni thanked the Police Department for all that they do.

**FIRE PREVENTION**

*In attendance: Fire Marshal Carmen Rao  
Acting Fire Chief Richard Heidgerd  
Deputy Fire Chief Stephen Alsup*

Slight increase in the budget and computer types were discussed.

## **FIRE SERVICES**

*In attendance: Acting Fire Chief Richard Heidgerd  
Deputy Fire Chief Stephen Alsup  
Fire Marshal Carmen Rao*

A budget misprint was corrected to Line 55970 from \$400 to \$4,000. Staffing; volunteers; filling the gap; fire tower training, related events, volunteer training and two-year rebuilding plan were discussed.

## **AMBULANCE/EMS TRANSPORT FUND**

*In attendance: Acting Fire Chief Richard Heidgerd  
Deputy Fire Chief Stephen Alsup  
Fire Marshal Carmen Rao*

Deputy Chief Stephen Alsup reported that 99.9% of all transports have the benefit of a paramedic. He said that this transport service delivers a premium service at a low cost to the taxpayers. He added that Wallingford will soon be able to have a second ambulance for twenty-four hour coverage. They have a volatile revenue picture. They talked about uncollectibles and use liens to collect.

## **TOWN CLERK**

*In attendance: Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk*

Seasonal employees were discussed

## **TOWN COUNCIL**

*In attendance: Chairman Vincent Cervoni*

Chairman Cervoni reported that Chamber chair replacement will come from surplus this year.

## **MOTION TO APPROVE ADJOURNMENT**

**MADE BY: FISHBEIN**  
**SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU**  
**VOTE: ALL AYE (9)**

**MOTION PASSED**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes from notes taken by Town Clerk, Barbara Thompson  
Town Council Secretary  
Meeting digitally recorded

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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

Date

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Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date