

TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

Special Town Council Meeting

APRIL 18, 2012

FY 2012 – 2013 BUDGET WORKSHOP

RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES

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

3. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Public Utilities Commission

In attendance: George Adair, Director, Public Utilities

Robert Beaumont, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission

David Gessert, Vice-Chairman, Public Utilities Commission

Richard Nunn, Public Utilities Commissioner

Mr. Adair stated that the budget is basically the same; there are no new programs or additional staff but due to power supply contracts so funds have been added to the overtime line. The Council asked about commission expenses; mileage; and that each commissioner is paid approximately \$6,000 per year.

Water Division

In attendance: Roger Dann, General Manager

George Adair, Director, Public Utilities

William Phelan, Business Manager

Robert Beaumont, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission

David Gessert, Vice-Chairman, Public Utilities Commission

Richard Nunn, Public Utilities Commissioner

Mr. Dann explained that in the upcoming year there are a number a projects (Line 923), a significant one is an update of the order supply plan; secondly there are repairs to hypo-chlorite storage area and repair of the water treatment plant where seepage has been detected.

Council inquired about large 2012-2013 budget increases from prior years; rent funds from leased areas for cellular usage; contributions-in Aid; responsibilities in restoration of roadways; Transmission and Distribution Mains; transportation equipment; maintenance of Wells & Springs; meter reading; meter reading changes; new meters; number of meter readers across all utilities; rates; and hydrant replacement.

Sewer Division

*In attendance: Roger Dann, General Manager
George Adair, Director, Public Utilities
William Phelan, Business Manager
Robert Beaumont, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission
David Gessert, Vice-Chairman, Public Utilities Commission
Richard Nunn, Public Utilities Commissioner*

The Council inquired about Regulatory Commission Expenses; purchase of credits for removal of nitrogen from inflow and infiltration into the system; upcoming phosphorus regulations; rate increases; Loss and Depreciation; and grid washer and source of funds.

Electric Division

*In attendance: Thomas Sullivan, Business Manager
George Adair, Director, Public Utilities
Robert Beaumont, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission
David Gessert, Vice-Chairman, Public Utilities Commission
Richard Nunn, Public Utilities Commissioner*

The Council asked about street and highway lighting; LED lighting; reporting of street lamp outages; poles and pole numbering; maintenance of poles; replacement of poles; upgrade of lights near the center of town; street light rates; division resident assistance; expansion of division boundaries near town center for business customer advantages; John Street security and roof replacement; downtown incentives; net metering program; Line 391 office furniture line will include \$50,000-meter reading system and \$120,000 for installation outage management system.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FY 2012-2013 BUDGETS FOR THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION; THE WATER DIVISION, THE SEWER DIVISION AND THE ELECTRIC DIVISION.

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

In table order, the vote was called out by each Councilor as follows:

**LETOURNEAU-YES; LAFFIN-NO; FISHBEIN-YES; CERVONI-YES;
RASCATI=YES; SULLIVAN-YES; ZANDRI-YES; CHAIRMAN PARISI-YES;
ECONOMOPOULOS-ABSENT
7-AYE; 1-NAY; 1-ABSENT**

MOTION PASSED.

Town Clerk

In attendance: Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

The Council was interested in the usage of the internet in the Town Clerk's Office and asked about connections to the State of Connecticut DEEP for hunting and fishing licenses; Office Expenses which include all legal notices for the Town Council; sometimes for Historic Properties Commission and the Program Planning Department; overtime; and the clerk's salary as it relates to the managers' union.

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE FY 2012-2013 BUDGET OF THE TOWN CLERK.

MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI

In table order, the vote was called out by each Councilor as follows:

**LETOURNEAU-YES; LAFFIN-NO; FISHBEIN-YES; CERVONI-YES;
RASCATI=YES; SULLIVAN-YES; ZANDRI-YES; CHAIRMAN PARISI-YES;
ECONOMOPOULOS-ABSENT
7-AYE; 1-NAY; 1-ABSENT**

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

MADE BY: CERVONI
SECONDED BY: RASCATI

VOTE: 8-AYE; 1-ABSENT

MOTION PASSED.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Weekes
Town Council Secretary
Meeting digitally recorded

Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

Date

Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date