

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
SWEARING IN CEREMONY/TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018
Robert F. Parisi Town Council Chambers
6:30 p.m.
RECORD OF VOTES & MINUTES**

The Meeting of the Wallingford Town Council on Monday, January 8, 2018 was called to order at 6:33 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Councilors in attendance were: Chairman Vincent Cervoni, Craig Fishbein, Thomas Laffin, John LeTourneau, Joseph A. Marrone, III, Christopher K. Shortell, Gina Morgenstein, Vincent F. Testa, Jr. and Jason Zandri. Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr., and Attorney Small were also present at the meeting.

- 1. Color Guards: American Legion Shaw-Sinon Post #73, American Legion Siedlicki Post #187, VFW Major Raoul Lufbery #591, VFW Stanley Budleski Post #9965, AMVETS-Post #83, Wallingford Elks Lodge #1365, Knights of Columbus, Edison Division Sea Cadet Corps.

Dean DellaVecchia and the Lyman Hall High School Jazz Ensemble
Posting Colors – Past Commander Roy Cannon, American Legion Shaw-Sinon Post #73.

- 2. Invocation – Reverend Anne Bracket, Yalesville United Methodist Church
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem – Dean Della Vecchia and the Lyman Hall High School Jazz Ensemble
- 4. Swearing in of Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr. by Judge of Probate Philip A. Wright, Jr.
- 5. Remarks by Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr.

Mayor Dickinson remarked about the oath of office and the responsibility it holds, and how citizens depend on your decision and management every day.

- 6. Swearing in of the Town Council by Judge Wright

Vincent Cervoni	Gina Morgenstein
Craig C. Fishbein	Christopher Shortell
Tom Laffin	Vincent F. Testa, Jr.
John LeTourneau	Jason Zandri
Joseph Marrone	

- 7. Roll Call – Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	MORGENSTEIN: Present
FISHBEIN: Present	SHORTELL: Present
LAFFIN: Present	TESTA: Present
LETOURNEAU: Present	ZANDRI: Present
MARRONE: Present	CERVONI: Present
9-Present	

8. Mayor Dickinson Presiding at Election of Town Council Chairman

Mayor Dickinson asks for nominations for Chairman

NOMINATION:

MADE BY: SHORTELL

SECONDED BY: LAFFIN

Councilor Shortell nominates Vincent Cervoni for Chairman.

Councilor Shortell explains that the duties of the Chair are pretty straightforward: Set the agenda, run the meeting, and serve as the representative of the Council outside of these chambers. He states while it may seem straightforward, you have to remember that you're dealing with nine of us up here with very big personalities and passionate opinions. Vinny has been Chair for four years now and I think he has done a great job of making sure every voice is heard and things are run in a cordial and professional manner. Vinny is respected by both Republicans and Democrats and he ensures that every voice is heard.

He went on to state that one of the more overlooked qualities in a good leader is humility, and it's a virtue that I have come to value a lot more lately. It takes humility, when you have strong opinions on how things should be done, to be a team player and set the agenda every two weeks and then let eight other opinionated people talk for hours and hours, and Vinny does this. It takes humility to listen and respond to public comment, which is sometimes helpful and insightful, but other times it isn't. Vinny takes all of it in stride and does an excellent job of ensuring the town's business is conducted professionally and courteously.

Vinny is starting his fifth term on the Council; tonight begins year nine, and for half that time he's been Chair, and an excellent one at that. So it's an honor for me to nominate my colleague and friend, Vinny Cervoni, for Chairman of the Wallingford Town Council.

Councilor Laffin seconds nomination for Vincent Cervoni to be Chairman. He states that he is calm and dignified and he lets everyone speak their turn. He went on to say he is a leader of an independent and stubborn team and works hard to try and let every voice be heard.

Councilor Shortell Moves nominations be closed
Seconded by Councilor Laffin

VOTE ON NOMINATION OF VINCENT CERVONI FOR CHAIRMAN
ALL AYE- 9

Mayor turns the meeting over to Chairman Cervoni

9. Remarks by Town Council Chairman

Chairman Cervoni thanks everyone and stated when we work together we can accomplish great things for the town. We are all here because we want to be here and we need to be mindful of our strengths and weaknesses.

He went on to state that he remains confident that this Council will work hard together for the people of Wallingford.

10. Election of Town Council Vice-Chairman

Chairman Cervoni asks if there are any nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Councilor LeTourneau nominates Tom Laffin for Vice-Chairman. He states that Tom has great integrity and he is a man for and about the people of Wallingford. He does a great job as Vice Chairman and does an excellent job stepping in as Chairman when needed.

Councilor Marrone seconds nomination of Tom Laffin for Vice Chairman. He states that he has known Tom a long time and he is a good friend and he believes in this community and the work we are doing here. He is not sure that everyone realizes that the impact of the # 2 guy up here is huge, you have to let a lot of stuff go, and not have an ego, and Tom does an excellent job.

Councilor LeTourneau moves nominations be closed.

Councilor Marrone seconds the nominations

**VOTE ON NOMINATION OF TOM LAFFIN FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN
ALL AYE – 9**

11. Swearing in of the Board of Education by Judge Wright

Kathy Castelli	Tammy Raccio
Erin Corso	Patrick Reynolds
Karen Hlavac	Ray Ross
Roxane McKay	Michel J. Votto

12. Retire Colors – Past Commander Roy Cannon, American Legion Post #73

13. Consent Agenda

13a. Consider and Approve Tax Refunds totaling \$7,882.82 (#577-620)
Acct. #1001001-41020 – Tax Collector

13b. Consider and Approve Merit Increase (1) – Personnel

13c. Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$468 to Court Motor Vehicle Fines, Acct. #1002001-45124 and to Police Operating Expense, Acct. #10020050-58735 – Police Dept.

13d. Acceptance of Federal/State Highway Safety Grant, entitled "2018 Click It or Ticket Enforcement Campaign" and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$4,114 to Revenue Highway Safety, Acct. #1002001-45208 and to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.

13e. Consider and Approve Nexgen Funding start-up costs in the amount of \$95,000 – Police Dept.:

Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$40,000:

\$40,000	To: Asset Forfeiture Revenue	ACCT. #212
\$40,000	To: Nexgen Software	ACCT. #212-TBD

Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of 10,000:

\$10,000	From: Regular Salaries/Wages	ACCT. #10020050-51000
\$10,000	To: Nexgen Software	ACCT. #100-TBD

Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$45,000:

\$45,000	From: Contingency	ACCT. #G/F – Contingency
\$45,000	To: Nexgen Software	ACCT. #TBD

13f. Acceptance of Reimbursement from the State of Connecticut for Dispatcher 911 Training and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$365 to Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Continuing Education & Training, Acct #10020050-55700 – Police Dept.

13g. Acceptance of Reimbursement from the State of Connecticut for overtime costs related to Dispatcher 911 Training and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$754 from Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 to Police Overtime, Acct. #10020050-51400 – Police Dept.

13h. Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$200,000 to Outside Contractors, Acct. #10020050-51600 and to Charges for Current Services, Acct. #1002001-46020 – Police Dept.

13i. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$10,200 from Regular Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10020050-51000 to Vehicle & Property Damage, Acct. #10020050-55970 – Police Dept.

13j. Consider and Approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$75 to Revenue, Acct. #2264002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #22640150-58830 – Y&SS

- 13k. Acceptance of donations and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount \$50 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
- 13l. Acceptance of donations and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$5,274 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
- 13m. Acceptance of funds from Operation Fuel and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount \$425 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
- 13n. Acceptance of donation and consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,860 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
- 13o. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$315 to Revenue, Acct. #2264002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #22640150-58830 – Y&SS
- 13p. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$300 to Revenue, Acct. #2134002-47152 and to Expenditures, Acct. #21340100-58830 – Y&SS
- 13q. Consider and approve a Transfer in the amount of \$6,922 from Maint. of Bld., Acct. #10030000-54315 to Capital Account, Acct. #10030000-57000-00659 – Public Works
- 13r. Consider and approve Appropriation of funds in the amount of \$8,103 to Miscellaneous Revenue, Acct. #1009052-47040 and to Replacement Pay, Acct. #10020150-51500 – Fire Dept.
- 13s. Approve Town Council Minutes of December 12, 2017.

ADDENDUM TO CONSENT AGENDA:

- 13t. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$81,710 from Contingency, Acct. #10019000-58820 to Public Works – Materials & Supplies, Acct. #10030000-56140 – Public Works

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 3a.-3h. and 3j.-3t.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED

14. Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

- 13i. Consider and Approve a Transfer in the amount of \$10,200 from Regular Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10020050-51000 to Vehicle & Property Damage, Acct. #10020050-55970 – Police Dept.

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO APPROVE a Transfer in the amount of \$10,200 from Regular Salaries & Wages, Acct. #10020050-51000 to Vehicle & Property Damage, Acct. #10020050-55970.

In Attendance: William J. Wright, Chief of Police

Chief Wright states we carry a line item for cruiser accidents. He mentioned that we have had a couple so far this year and he keeps this line item low.

Councilor Morgenstein states that the \$2,000 deductible seems fairly steep and asks if that is standard.

Chief Wright responds that it's been \$2,000 for as long as he can recall and that he doesn't look to put much money in this line item because traditionally, the insurance is covering the cost and we are not paying it out.

Councilor Morgenstein responds that she, being new, was just trying to understand that basically we are having uninsured people hitting police cruisers. Chief Wright responds yes.

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU
ALL AYE
MOTION PASSED**

15. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

There were no questions from the public.

18. Discussion and possible action regarding Release of Easement - 50 North Plains Industrial Road – Electric Division

*In Attendance: Richard Hendershot, Director, Public Utilities
Antonio Bucceri, General Manager, Electric Division*

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO APPROVE A RELEASE OF EASEMENT – 50 NORTH PLAINS INDUSTRIAL ROAD

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

Mr. Hendershot stated that the Wallingford Electric Division has not used this easement in many years and that it seems to have been abandoned. The wires were extra high voltage and deteriorated into pieces, so no longer needed.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
FISHBEIN: YES
LAFFIN: YES
LETOURNEAU: RECUSE(Related to)
MARRONE: YES
8-AYE
MOTION: PASSED

MORGENSTEIN: YES
SHORTELL: YES
TESTA: YES
ZANDRI: YES
CERVONI: YES

16. Executive Session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B) with respect to a Worker's Compensation case in the matter of Reynolds v. Town of Wallingford - Personnel

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:34 P.M.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: SHORTELL
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B) with respect to a Worker's Compensation case in the matter of Reynolds v. Town of Wallingford.

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:55 P.M.

MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN
VOTE: ALL AYE
MOTION: PASSED

Time of Executive Session 7:34 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.

Attendance at Executive Session:

FISHBEIN	MAYOR WILLIAM W. DICKINSON, JR.
LAFFIN	ATTORNEY JANIS SMALL
LETOURNEAU	KURT TREIBER, RISK MANAGER
MARRONE	ATTORNEY JOSEPH PASSERETTI
MORGENSTEIN	
SHORTELL	
TESTA	
ZANDRI	
CERVONI	

17. Motion to Consider and Authorize a possible settlement in the pending worker's compensation case in the matter Reynolds v. Town of Wallingford as discussed in Executive Session – Personnel

MOTION WAS MADE TO MOVE TO approve a settlement in the pending worker's compensation case in the matter of Reynolds v. Town of Wallingford as discussed in Executive Session

**MADE BY: LAFFIN
SECONDED BY: FISHBEIN**

ROLL CALL VOTE:
FISHBEIN: YES
LAFFIN: YES
LETOURNEAU: YES
MARRONE: YES
9-AYE;
MOTION: PASSED

**MORGENSTEIN: YES
SHORTELL: YES
TESTA: YES
ZANDRI: YES
CERVONI: YES**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN
MADE BY: SHORTELL
SECONDED BY: LETOURNEAU
MOTION: PASSED**

19. Executive Session pursuant to Section 1-200(6)(D) of the Connecticut General Statutes with respect to the purchase, sale and/or leasing of property – Mayor - *WITHDRAWN*

The Council adjourned the meeting at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Moss
Council Staff
Meeting digitally recorded

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Vincent Cervoni, Chairman

23 JAN. 2018

Date



Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

1-26-18

Date