

**TOWN OF WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT**

*Special Town Council Meeting*

**APRIL 19, 2011**

**FY 2011 – 2012 BUDGET**

**RECORD OF VOTES AND MINUTES**

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**ATTENDANCE: CERVONI; ECONOMOPOULOS, FARRELL, LETOURNEAU, RASCATI, SULLIVAN, TESTA, CHAIRMAN PARISI. COUNCILOR CRAIG C. FISHBEIN WAS ABSENT**

**3. BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**Fire Department**

*In attendance: Fire Chief Peter Struble;*

*Deputy Fire Chief Richard Heidgerd;*

*Deputy Fire Chief Stephen Alsup*

*Carmen Rao, Fire Marshal*

Chief Struble and the Town Council discussed the following subjects in the review of the budget of the Fire Department Overtime; Replacement Pay; Other Pay; Education & Training Expense; anticipated grants; restoration of paramedic schedule to cover nights and weekends as in the past; medical response and response times; how the ambulances are used-kinds of transport both Wallingford and Hunters Ambulance Service; comparison of skills of EMT and paramedic; shifts and size of platoons; funds for restoration of paramedics; rescue vehicle funding; Engine 1 replacement; body repairs of Engines 4 & 6; OSHA requirements; number of firefighters; Lines 9037 – Volunteer Radio Pagers- 5 year use and now in replacement cycle; Line 9043-Hydraulic Rescue Tool & Accessories-hoses and connections for NFarms; Line 9047 Laptop Computers & Accessories-allows for patient documentation on ambulance for more efficient billing; Line 9087-Fire Hoses and Nozzle Replacement- program underway for replacement; ambulance collections; ambulance transport cost increase; collections go to general fund revenue line just like building permit fees, town clerk fees, etc.; cost of the ambulance is not covered by these fees, and rates would need to be higher to accomplish that; efficiency with regard to dispatch system; career-volunteer firefighter system; Outside concern for efficiency study; in-house efficiency study towards accreditation; amending ambulance charge; State rates; Ambulance Committee; high rate of collection at 78%; Phase 1 implementation for higher collection rate; staffing restoration again; praise for the Fire Department is reason to move to Wallingford; and excellent professionalism by the service of the Fire Department and its staff.

**Fire Marshal**

*In attendance: Carmen Rao, Fire Marshal*

*Fire Chief Peter Struble;*

*Deputy Fire Chief Richard Heidgerd;*

*Deputy Fire Chief Stephen Alsup*

Mr. Rao was asked about Line 1400-Overtime incurred after regular hours for fire inspections which is industry-wide and for coverage at Oakdale Theatre, which is

reimbursable from the theatre; Line 5000 –Maintenance of Vehicles for schedules tire purchases; and that a grant has been won to purchase a camera and that there may be another forthcoming in the range of \$10,000.

**Veterans' Service Center**

*In attendance: Mr. George Messier*

Mr. Messier discussed some of the statistics in his letter to the Town Council with regard to the services he provides to veterans and their families; kinds of services; the relationship with Meriden; the financial arrangements between the towns; that of those veterans served, the Veteran's Service Center and Mr. Messier see 65% from Meriden with the remainder from Wallingford; identity of funding sources and possible sources for the future. He reported that these services are not available in North haven or in /Cheshire. He acknowledged that his part time hours are ample to do the work of the office. Mr. Messier was highly praised for his work with veterans, including time spent on his own at various veterans' events in town.

**Town Clerk -**

*In attendance: Ms. Barbara Thompson*

No questions.

**MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN**

**MADE BY:** FARRELL  
**SECONDED BY:** RASCATI  
**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS - ALL AYE/9

**MOTION PASSED**

**THE MEETING ENDED AT 9:40 P.M.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:16 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra R. Weekes  
Town Council Secretary  
Meeting digitally recorded

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Robert F. Parisi, Chairman

Date

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Barbara Thompson, Town Clerk

Date