

The fourth budget workshop was held on Monday, April 28, 1986, called to order by Chairman David A. Gessert at 7:16 p.m. Present were Council Members Bergamini, Diana, Gessert, Gouveia, Holmes (arrived at 7:25 p.m.), Killen, Papale, Polanski and Rys. Comptroller Thomas A. Myers was also present.

CIVIL DEFENSE - PAGE 74.

Mr. Polanski moved to line 428 Dry Cleaning and asked how many uniforms were dry cleaned and Mr. Frattini said he had 25 people but is trying to get 5 more on. Mr. Polanski asked about weapons and Mr. Frattini said he had about 5 extra and has not asked for ammunition pending the outcome of additional staff anticipated. Mr. Frattini would like additional telephone lines and pointed out that they had problems during Hurricane Gloria with only one line and he would like three lines coming in at a cost of \$122 per month, along with a phone at Cook Hill, for a total annual cost of \$2,400 with installation costs of \$568 per phone. Mr. Gessert felt that the cost per line was about \$40 per line and suggested that these figures should be double checked. Mr. Killen asked if the Air Raid system was tied into that and Mr. Frattini said it was just telephone.

Mr. Gouveia referred to line 476 Uniforms & Supplies and noted that the \$3,753 allocated last year has been expended and this year's request was \$7,000 and the Mayor approved \$4,000 and Mr. Frattini indicated that a larger request was made for the additional five personnel he hoped for and ammunition will \$2,000 with the course required by the State of Connecticut which takes 2½ years for 2 nights a week for state certification. The training is free and saves the towns a great deal of money. Clothing required are dress jackets, winter coats, fall caps, boots, gun belts and a case of flares which are \$225 per case. Winter coats are \$145 each, dress jackets \$140 each. There are some applicants now. Mr. Gouveia asked if the \$4,000 was sufficient for existing personnel and Mr. Frattini said if that is what he receives, he will live with it by \$7,000 is better. Mr. Gessert suggested coming back for a transfer if additional personnel are added.

Mrs. Bergamini asked about the duties of the Auxiliary, for an example during Hurricane Gloria, and she mentioned that the reason she is asking is that last year there was an excessive amount of vandalism and she asked why the Auxiliary couldn't patrol schools and she was told union contracts prohibited this. This year, x number of dollars is being spent covering a man in a hospital who has not been arraigned and she wondered why the one shift couldn't be covered by Auxiliary and felt that it wasn't right that union contract precluded this. Mr. Frattini said that the union would file a grievance if Auxiliary performed this service. Mrs. Papale knew from previous conversations with Mr. Frattini that he would like to assist in these matters but could not because of union rules.

Mrs. Bergamini asked if it was becoming more difficult to get Auxiliary since the State mandated program of 2½ years, 2 nights per week training was enforced and Mr. Frattini stated that he has not lost anybody at the present time. Mrs. Bergamini asked how much work the Auxiliary performed with the Police and Mr. Frattini said about 3,500 hours was put in last year and they ride with the regulars on patrol duty. Mrs. Bergamini gets very frustrated with the union regulations which inhibit the work of volunteers in town and Mr. Frattini is hopeful that things will change.

Mr. Rys mentioned that he will pass when voting on Auxiliary but wanted to say that since Mr. Frattini has been in charge of Auxiliary, he has an excellent rapport with the Police Department and the Auxiliary patrolman does exactly what the regular patrolman does and there is a great deal of cooperation.

Mrs. Papale asked about the scheduling and Mr. Frattini explained that they must put in 8 hours a month on at least 4 functions and they are assigned wherever needed. Mrs. Papale asked what would be done about the funds requested for additional telephone lines and Mr. Gessert recommended approving the page as is and Mr. Frattini could return to the Council later for this item.

Mrs. Bergamini asked where Auxiliary obtained gas and oil and Mr. Frattini said it was usually from the Town Garage. 269

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of CIVIL DEFENSE, PAGE 74, as presented. Mrs. Bergamini seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Rys who passed; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of CIVIL DEFENSE - 201 - PAGE 170, as presented. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Rys who passed; motion duly carried.

CIVIL DEFENSE - 201 - PAGE 136.

Mr. Frattini said that \$22,250 was requested for a new roof, with another \$15,000 for interior refurbishing. This was discussed with Mayor Dickinson and Mr. Frattini is applying for federal funds which he hopes will be available in 1987. He has discussed the roof situation with Mr. Deak and he will try to patch it up for the time being to stop the leaks.

Mr. Frattini would like the radios with 4 frequencies to allow a greater field of communication with Fire, Police and Public Works.

Mr. Holmes moved approval of 8 Hand Held Radios for \$4,800, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini who voted no and Mr. Rys who passed; motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen asked what would be done about the building repairs and Mr. Frattini said they will remain there at the present time. Mr. Killen felt that buildings are deteriorating and he felt that repairs must be performed before you have to start all over again such as is the case with Parker Farms School. Mr. Frattini said the roof will be patched and Mr. Killen pointed out that \$35,000 was requested and -0- approved and while is is not anxious to spent \$35,000 he would like to know if there is a plan for what will be done with that building within the next couple of years. Mr. Killen would like some input from Mayor Dickinson regarding his plans for this building.

Mr. Polanski asked about the cots and Mr. Frattini said they had close to 150 right now and they are not in good condition and the aluminum cots are easier to handle. Mr. Frattini is currently working with Doctor McGaughey to review inventory. Mr. Frattini would like to replace the outdated equipment and be able to put the generators on the 2 trailers requested rather than having to lift them on a pickup truck. Mr. Diana asked if they had considered donating the outdated wooden cots to a shelter in town and Mr. Frattini said they are looking for an army type bed rather than cots at the shelter.

Mr. Gouveia moved to table CIVIL DEFENSE - 209 - PAGE 136 until an idea of the repairs is presented. Mr. Killen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Bergamini, Gessert and Holmes who voted no and Mr. Rys who passed; motion duly carried.

Mr. Frattini will check with SNETCo. and the Mayor and come back to the Council.

VETERANS CENTER - PAGE 79.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of VETERANS CENTER - PAGE 79, seconded by Mr. Diana. Mr. John Burns was present for this item.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of VETERANS CENTER - 309, PAGE 170, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of VETERANS CENTER - 309, PAGE 137. 270
Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

Mr. Burns noted that this file cabinet will replace one 35 years old.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTIONS - WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING -
PAGE 78.

Ms. Dianne Dwyer was present for the presentation of this item.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of line 675 CONTRIBUTION - WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING, line 676 CONTRIBUTION - WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING - MINI BUS PROGRAM and line 677 - CONTRIBUTION - WALLINGFORD COMMITTEE ON AGING MEALS PROGRAM, PAGE 78, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mrs. Bergamini commented that she heard about the revenue program and asked if this would affect any of these programs and Ms. Dwyer said it would affect MEALS ON WHEELS and the congregate lunch program at the Senior Citizens Center. Ms. Dwyer mentioned that MEALS ON WHEELS is within Mr. Roe's budget but the congregate lunch program, this year costs between \$4,000 and \$4,500 but \$7,400 was budgeted last year. This year, \$9,000 was budgeted but quotas have been cut back. Mrs. Bergamini noted that this cutback will not go into effect until January which will help somewhat. Ms. Dwyer said a retroactive cut to March, 1986 was made in the south central region which has not affected Wallingford because their seniors pay higher than other towns. Mr. Gesert asked how billing was done and Ms. Dwyer said that the fiscal year for the meal program runs January to January and Wallingford runs July to July and if there is a surplus from July to January, Wallingford is not billed and this year, a bill was not received until December for the first half and now the bills are received every month, about a month and one-half late.

Ms. Dwyer indicated that the absolute maximum projected to be spent will be \$4,500 but felt that \$3,200 or \$3,300 would be realistic, depending on what happens with the federal funds.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

SOCIAL SERVICES CONTRIBUTIONS - Lines 673 and 674.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of Line 673 CONTRIBUTION - MERIDEN-WALLINGFORD HOSPITAL and Line 674 CONTRIBUTION - VETERANS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, PAGE 68. Mr. Polanski seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Myers explained that the contributions to the above hospitals are simply direct contributions and Line 671 Contribution - Regional Center for Retarded Children is a per head fee for special children to send them to the Regional Training Camp for the summer and the contribution has not increased more than 5% for the last 15 years. Mr. Myers further explained that the contribution to the Wallingford Association for Retarded is used specifically for transportation and he has a letter from them. Line 679 is a flat donation to the Red Cross for a CPR program.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of Line 671 CONTRIBUTION - REGIONAL CENTER FOR RETARDED CHILDREN, Line 678 CONTRIBUTION - WALLINGFORD ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED, Line 679 CONTRIBUTION - WALLINGFORD RED CROSS CPR PROGRAM and Line 681 CONTRIBUTION - FUEL CRISIS PROGRAM, ALL ON PAGE 78, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Killen questioned Line 681 and Mr. Myers explained that it was the fuel bank and they only take it if they need it--it was \$2,000 a couple of years ago, cut back to \$1,000 and now \$500.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

RECREATION - PAGES 80 THROUGH 83.

Mrs. Papale moved to line 322 Transportation-Youth and Mr. Shepardson indicated that this was for approximately 10 bus trips and since the \$4,000 has been cut, it is felt that a registration fee will be charged for these trips.

Mr. Rys referred to line 200 Telephone and Mr. Shepardson gave the Council a document detailing the breakdown which included Recreation Department of \$2,100 per year, playgrounds of \$500, West Side Field for \$200, Doolittle Field for \$200 and this includes \$100 for installation with a \$30 per month fee. The phone at Pragemann Park was installed last Thursday or Friday. Mr. Shepardson said Waltsco Inc. Welding is making a box for the telephone at Woodhouse I field on the left. Mr. Rys suggested using the field on the right which has an existing structure where the phone can be installed. Mr. Killen said that the phones are always being vandalized and Mr. Shepardson said if there were no phones and an accident occurred, it would probably involve a lawsuit. Mrs. Bergamini asked if the phones were installed every season and Stan said it was less expensive to have them installed and then removed since leaving them in would cost \$25 to \$35 per month year round. Mr. Shepardson said that the phones are not for personal use but reserved for emergency use and Mrs. Bergamini said she had received a complaint. Mr. Diana asked about having SNETCo. putting their own outside phones in and Mr. Shepardson said they don't install outside pay phones because they are only subject to more vandalism and it must generate a certain amount of revenue. 271

Mr. Holmes referred to line 468 Recreational Supplies and Stan said that most of the supplies have been purchased for the upcoming season but they will probably purchase more softballs because they use approximately 80 dozen per year.

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of RECREATION, PAGE 80, seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini who was not present for this vote; motion duly carried.

RECREATION - PAGE 81.

Mr. Gessert referred to line 901 Outside Custodial Service and Mr. Shepardson said that was for use of the schools during basketball season and the cost for use of the schools is \$15-\$16 per hour and the custodian received \$11 or \$12 and the school gets the rest of the money.

Mrs. Papale noted that line 670 pertained to Youth Soccer only and Junior Football was represented by line 678.

Mr. Rys referred to line 580 Rental Ice Rink and Mr. Shepardson said that was for use of Choate-Rosemary Hall's rink which is used 15-16 days a year, for 2 to 3 hours on a Saturday and it is for the residents of Wallingford.

Mr. Rys asked about skating at a Wallingford park and Mr. Shepardson said the conditions only allow it to be used 2 weeks per year. Wallingford is charged for Choate's skating rink based on their expenses for electricity, etc. and this cost is approximately \$80 to \$85 per hour and 3 hour sessions are planned but last year, they were only allowed 2 hour sessions.

Mr. Killen referred to lines 671 and 672 and asked if this was just a flat contribution to Little League and Mr. Shepardson said it was. Mr. Killen pointed out that they may obtain \$8,000 with runderaisers and the town is still giving them \$1,500 and he feels that this does not make a lot of sense and he would like to know what funds they have available first and then determine the amount of the town's contribution. Mr. Shepardson goes by their income/expense account and from what he sees, they usually have a loss and Mr. Killen asked how long you can carry a loss and still function. Mr. Diana said the money from the town is well appreciated and the leagues raise money according to the demands and when \$300 or \$400 is short, the people running the league are usually very generous and contribute from their own pockets and Mr. Diana can tell the Council first hand that many dollars come out of personal pockets, besides the fund raising money and the town's contribution, and this money is not wasted and goes to a good cause. Mr. Killen felt that it was a case of accounting but he doesn't know the answer to the problem.

Mr. Holmes moved acceptance of RECREATION, PAGE 81, seconded by Mr. Diana.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini who passed; motion duly carried. 270

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of COMMUNITY POOL - 401 - PAGE 82, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

Mr. Gessert noted the increase in line 470 Water Chemicals and Mr. Shepardson said that more algicide would be used this year and in line 511, all the metal parts of the pool would be painted this year. Mr. Killen felt that line 450 Pool Supplies would cover things mentioned and Mr. Shepardson said it is a cross-over and 450 buys swim suits for the guards, etc. For instance, last year line 511 Maintenance of Pool was used for riprapping the brook and building some piers there and next year, a bridge will be requested. Canning Construction is doing work for \$1,500 to \$1,600 and in some instances, lines 450 and line 511 are crossovers. Mr. Killen was taken by surprise and was not aware that Canning was doing this work and he wishes the Council had a breakdown and he is bothered by things that run \$1,600 or \$1,800, done year in and year out and the Council has no knowledge of it. Mr. Shepardson said that the fence maintenance costs \$400 to \$600 yearly and at times, people cut the fence in back. Mr. Killen asked for a breakdown of line 450 Pool Supplies and line 511 Maintenance of Pools and Mr. Shepardson will provide documentation.

Mrs. Bergamini pointed out the considerable increase requested in line 470 Water Chemicals and Mr. Shepardson said two 55 gallon drums of algicide are being purchased at a cost of about \$1,500 and one 55 gallon drum is used when the pool is first opened. Mrs. Bergamini asked how it was decided to have Canning Construction do the work necessary and Mr. Shepardson said he went out and got prices from Wooding, etc. and Canning is riprapping the brook now and the pier work has not been started. Mr. Killen requested a breakdown of lines 450 & 511 and

Mr. Killen moved to table COMMUNITY POOL, PAGE 82, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Messrs. Gessert, Papale and Rys who voted no and Mr. Holmes who was not present for this vote; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of SHEEHAN POOL, PAGE 83, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Holmes who was not present for this vote; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gouveia returned to page 82 and noted that this is the first time he has seen a reduction in line 201 Utilities and Mr. Shepardson said this figure goes up and down and this is what it basically cost last year. Mrs. Papale asked when the pool was closed for the season and Stan indicated it was closed before Labor Day Weekend.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION - WOODCUTTING PROGRAM 704A - PAGE 112.

Mr. Gessert asked if this item was a wash and Mr. Myers indicated it was and Mr. Shepardson said no work was currently being done at this time because of a problem with continuity.

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of CONSERVATION COMMISSION-WOODCUTTING PROGRAM 704A, PAGE 112, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

RECREATION - 400 - PAGE 137.

Mr. Gessert requested an update of the Sartori property and Mr. Shepardson said 3 fields are completed and the other 2 need more topsoil and R & R Enterprise is presenting a cost to spread the topsoil and he would hope to have this project completed in 3 weeks if all goes well. Either Public Works or someone else will have to come in and finish the parking lot and roadway and he felt this work could be completed with 2 weeks and the fields ready for the fall. North Star Fence company will do work there also.

Mr. Holmes moved acceptance of RECREATION - 400 - PAGE 137, seconded by Mr. Rys.

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Mr. Holmes asked what the IBM PC's were used for and Mr. Shepardson said scheduling, amount of money taken in and the number of people using services, activity programs, etc.

Mr. Shepardson said 1,500 to 2,000 brochures are mailed out per year and the mailing list could be put on the computer. Information is sent to the softball teams and there are many things the computer can be used for. Mr. Holmes suggested trading the weight room rubber flooring and one picnic table for a computer and Mr. Shepardson was willing to trade the weight room rubber flooring but felt that the picnic tables are a service for the public and it has been piece meal every year and they are gradually getting to the point where there will be enough tables for people to sit down. Mr. Shepardson said he discussed the cost of the computer with Glenn Klocko and Glenn felt that \$2,500 would be sufficient for an IBM PC.

Mr. Holmes moved to delete \$2,200 from WEIGHT ROOM RUBBER FLOORING - RECREATION - 400 - PAGE 137 and appropriate \$2,500 for IBM PC Computer, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Bergamini, Killen and Polanski who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Papale moved RECREATION - 400 - PAGE 137, as amended, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Bergamini, Killen and Polanski who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of COMMUNITY POOL - 401 - PAGE 137, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mrs. Papale asked about the condition of the Bathhouse and Mr. Shepardson said it is 16 years old and it's cold and gets damp and rotting timbers must be replaced. Mr. Holmes was under the impression that the pool was painted last year and Mr. Shepardson said this was for an ongoing maintenance program for painting of the pool, 1/3 each year and then you are not faced with a large figure for painting the entire pool every 3 years. It is also helpful for filling in the cracks with this program.

Mr. Polanski asked how big the bath house was and Mr. Shepardson guessed 40' x 40' and the estimate was received from a couple of contractors.

Mr. Killen asked who would do the painting during the course of the year and Stan said it was put out to bid and Mr. Killen wondered why this did not come under Maintenance of Pools account to determine which is fish and which is fowl and Mr. Shepardson said it was done this way to show the Council where the money is going. Mr. Myers stated that he left it under Capital because he felt that a job like painting a pool is more than just ordinary maintenance and adds to the value of the structure, where normal maintenance becomes an expense. Mr. Myers further stated that this is added back in to the capital cost of that asset and when he goes through year end closing, he would take the cost of painting the pool and put that expense with the value of the pool, if it goes over the bid price.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Shepardson felt that some day soon, a Park & Recreation Study will have to be performed by someone with expertise in the landscaping consulting-architectural area to help with a 5 to 10 year recreation and park program and this will enable a plan to be presented to the Council so they will know what Mr. Shepardson will be asking for each year since new parks will be needed for the growth Wallingford is experiencing. Mr. Killen pointed out that the problem with that is the study will cost \$25,000 and there is no guarantee that even one step will be put into operation and the \$25,000 will go down the tubes. The budget book is a plan by department heads and certain things must be slashed for lack of dollars and unless the Council is ready to fund plans, he would not be in favor of a study for \$25,000.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini questioned the new Night Supervisor at 19 hours a week and Mr. Shepardson said there are many programs at night at Simpson and doors are left open, etc. He is trying to get someone who will watch during the programs and Mrs. Bergamini pointed out that someone is hired to lock the building but Mr. Shepardson pointed out that it is easy to hide in that building. This individual will be used for various programs also in supervising or even taking over these programs for middle age groups but the basic main function would be as a security measure with the idea of branching out for other things. Mr. Killen felt that this was a lot of money to pay someone to check the doors when custodians are already being paid for this function. Mr. Shepardson said this person would also be there for other functions and it would be a combination program-security position. Mr. Diana asked if Stan had someone in mind for this position and Stan said they have talked to college students, especially Southern students, and they would be paid for 19 hours and could put in 11 additional hours under a program at Southern, someone from the recreational field.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of RECREATION - 400 - PAGES 170 & 171, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini and Mr. Killen who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of COMMUNITY SWIM POOL - 401 - PAGE 171, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Killen compared Community and Sheehan Pool and asked the difference between the custodian and matrons needed at Sheehan and not at Community and Mr. Shepardson said the custodial is a requirement of the school at 6 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday during the winter. Community is being run by the Recreation Department and no custodian is required. The matron is required at Sheehan for the same reason the custodian is, to prevent vandalism. At Community Pool, a combination of the maintenance mechanic and grounds maintenance person is used to monitor locker rooms, etc. to effect a cost reduction.

At Sheehan, Mr. Shepardson said there is a supervisor out in the pool area most of the time and that is why a matron is needed in the locker room. Mr. Killen feels that there are activities at the schools on weekends without a custodian and every time the town holds an activity at a school, they are obligated to pay a custodian and he is bothered by this because the taxpayer is picking up the cost here. Mr. Gessert asked how much the Sheehan Pool was used and Stan said it has averaged much more the last couple of years, an average of 30 to 35 persons and in the summertime, it is open 5 nights a week. In the spring in and fall, it is open 4 days a week and a pool tag costs \$3.00, up from \$2.50 two years ago.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of SHEEHAN SWIM POOL - 401A - PAGE 171, seconded by Mr. Polanski.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini and Mr. Killen who voted no; motion duly carried.

The Council took a five minute recess at 9:00 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - PAGES 67 TO 70.

Present for the Fire Department budget were Chief McElfish, Steve Hacku and Wayne Lefebvre. Chief McElfish indicated that Doctor McGaughey will not be available for his budget presentation and if the Council wishes to reschedule it, he will return on May 7 and sent his apologies. Mr. Gessert mentioned that no apologies are necessary.

Mr. Holmes moved acceptance of FIRE - REGULAR - 203R - PAGE 62, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini for discussion.

Mr. Gouveia observed that percentage-wise, there is less money encumbered by the Fire Department than other departments.

Mr. Gouveia referred to line 300 Gas Oil Diesel and moved to reduce this line by \$2,000, for a new total of \$10,000. 275
Mrs. Bergamini seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert pointed out the increase in line 423 Hazardous Materials & Supplies and Mr. Hacku presented the Council with documentation to support this item and the rest of their budget.

Chief McElfish commented that this was an outstanding year for cooperation with the career and volunteer personnel and with the Council and he appreciates everyone's help. The Chief pointed out that they are in negotiations with the bargaining unit with the exception of anticipated raises. Two firefighters were lost this past year and the Chief appreciated the attendance at their funerals. A medical review of all volunteer firefighters is in process, a requirement for healthy, fit personnel. Paramedic program is doing extremely well. The Fire Marshal has met with the Mayor and Chief and Company I needs a fire escape on the second floor and a new door has been recommended for the rear now that the driveway is so busy with police traffic.

Chief McElfish mentioned that the driveway at Central Headquarters needs some attention but otherwise, the buildings are in fairly good shape. This is a budget request from the Yalesville station and there was a request from Mrs. Bergamini about the sick leave and if you read the Fact Finder's Report, there is a seven item sick leave abuse program and personnel must fill out a sick leave slip and if a doctor was seen, the reason must be stated since a doctor's slip is required over 3 days absence. Chief McElfish indicated that it is felt that abuses have taken place and they are trying to resolve that issue. There were two hearings for suspension of people who were felt to be abusing sick leave. Mr. Gessert pointed out one instance of 52 days with no surgery reported and Chief McElfish said this was a personnel issue and there is a fine line between harassment and checking up on employees and they have been accused of both and the Chief feels that a very small percentage of people are abusing the system. The Chief indicated that a new section was proposed which was not recommended by the Fact Finder and it is going to arbitration so it may be looked at under Article 9, Section 3 where the proposal is that when monies for sick leave replacement has been used up, it would be allowed to reduce manpower per shift by one person. The only disadvantage is the sick leave incentive program which only pays \$50 and personnel can only accumulate 120 days. The Chief indicated that they have been involved in a drug and alcohol awareness program and a couple of people have received treatment over the years with very good net results. The Chief noted that his people are out in all elements and he must defend them and his department has a manning requirement and sick personnel must be replaced.

The Chief pointed out that there have been over 94 documented instances in the past 5 years, some small and some serious. The Hazardous Materials & Supplies is a 6 year program, made up of volunteer and career personnel meeting monthly with Doctor McGaughey, Engineering, Water & Sewer, Mr. Mordarski who has retired from Combustion Engineering, a very good group to identify the required training and the Chief invited the Council to attend any of these meetings. Mr. Gouveia asked what the insurance implications would be with people handling hazardous materials and the Chief said they have already handled many oil spills and other incidents. There was a serious oil spill into Wharton Brook, behind Elm Street. Obtaining equipment is a major factor here, according to Chief McElfish.

Mr. Holmes asked why there was such an increase in line 201, Page 62, Utilities and Chief Lefebvre called the PUC for ballpark figures.

Mr. Holmes moved to reduce line 201 Utilities by \$3,175, for a new total of \$25,000. Mrs. Bergamini seconded the motion.

Mr. Gouveia noted that very slight increases are requested in the Fire Department budget but he noticed that there are funds not expended such as in utilities and Mr. Hacku said utilities

are usually one month behind and there are 3 months left in this fiscal year. Chief McElfish indicated that many times, money is returned to the General Fund.

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VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Messrs. Gouveia, Papale and Rvs who voted no; motion duly carried

Mr. Killen felt that the problem is all the \$500 figures cut from items which add up and then department heads feel that they only wanted certain things which they cannot have and the reason is that unless someone can show that there is no way they can live with the current figure, they have to go up. If they would live with the figure for a while, the Council will not cut the services to the town because it falls on the Council's shoulder. Mr. Killen is trying to hold the line because the surplus next year doesn't help the person who is paying his taxes this year. Chief McElfish felt that they try to submit a very responsible budget and they don't want to go above 5% except certain areas.

Mr. Killen moved to reduce line 200 Telephone, Page 62, by \$500, for a new total of \$10,000. Mr. Diana seconded the motion.

Mr. Diana commented that obviously the Council would not let the Fire Department to be without a telephone but pointed out that an opportunity to cut certain items allows an opportunity to impact the mill rate.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Messrs. Gouveia, Papale and Polanski who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen asked about the front door and wondered if it was going to be completely closed off at Company I and Wayne pointed out that there is only one means of egress in that whole building and Mr. Killen wanted everyone aware of that. Mrs. Bergamini asked how soon this work would be done and the Chief felt that perhaps it can be done in January if there is a surplus.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of FIRE - REGULAR - 203R - PAGE 62, as amended, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Gouveia who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Holmes commented that there were funds left in line 426 Building Supplies and Wayne Lefebvre said he has attempted to cut costs in this area by buying in bulk, etc.

Mr. Holmes moved acceptance of FIRE - REGULAR 203R - PAGE 63, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Gessert questioned line 571 Training-Drill Ground and Mr. Holmes questioned line 570 Training-Technical College and the Chief indicated that this is a reimbursible item--tuition, books and mileage by union contract, Article 29, based on 8 current enrollments and the funds will be expended by year end.

Mr. Rys questioned line 480 Clothing Allowance and the request for \$14,116 and the Chief indicated that this account is by union contract and uniforms cost \$200 and there are new fire-fighters coming on. Mr. Rys pointed out there are funds remaining and the Chief pointed that many men wait until the end of the year to buy their clothing.

Mr. Holmes moved to line 500 Maintenance of Vehicles and noted there was about \$3,000 remaining in this fiscal year and Steve Hacku said they are going through the spring auto change right now and bills will be coming in.

Mr. Gessert returned to line 571 Training-Drill Ground and Chief McElfish said they are required to maintain an effective and adequate on-the-job training program and this provides for personnel to attend programs which charge tuition and travel must be paid--this includes disaster training and other areas and this account includes funding for two paramedic personnel. Mrs. Bergamini asked if the monies left in this fiscal year would be used and Chief McElfish pointed out that no paramedic positions were filled this year and much of that money was slated for this purpose. Mr. Holmes asked if any selections were made

for this year's paramedic programs and felt that most of the Council was in favor of this program and would like to see it fully staffed. Mr. Killen asked about the \$666 for Maintenance of Training Tower and Wayne Lefebvre said they wanted to get the shower stall useable in Company I and the maintenance on that building was put off until the next budget because the shower was more important. 277

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Holmes moved acceptance of FIRE SURGEON 203S - PAGE 64, seconded by Mrs. Papale.

Mr. Gessert pointed out that the obvious increase is in line 576 Physical Exams and Chief McElfish stated that physicals are required by law for career and volunteers and this cost only reflects 1/3 of the cost since Doctor McGaughey gets nothing for doing the physicals and this cost is for the blood work, stress test, electrocardiogram and in the past it has been done when people wanted it or if there was a problem. This figure was determined by a survey of costs and all career personnel will have physicals but the volunteer will not have as extensive exams. Mrs. Papale asked what the tests will prove and the Chief said that hopefully, any problems an employee has will be identified such as sugar diabetes, heart, etc. and have them know about it and treated if they can stay on the job. Mrs. Papale cannot understand why people don't care enough to get yearly physicals and Mrs. Bergamini pointed out that the town pays for the insurance and Chief McElfish stressed that he cannot, as a manager, tell them to use their insurance for physical exams which cost between \$340 and \$380 and Blue Cross reimburses 80% back. Mr. Killen felt that the Council should not have to negotiate with firefighters to use their insurance coverage for annual physical exams and he feels that one of the things the Council depends on these personnel is for their intelligence and he questions the intelligence of a person who would take a chance when he might go to a doctor and save his life regardless of the dollar figure. Chief McElfish said that many do go ahead and have their own physicals.

Mr. Rys questioned line 601 Fire Surgeon Expenses and noted that \$800 has been expended this year and Mr. Myers said this is for the physician's liability insurance.

Mr. Diana returned to the \$22,620 for Physical Exams to examine career personnel and Mr. Diana felt that there should not be an option and everybody should in fact be examined because should someone refuse an exam and die a month later from a heart attack, the Town of Wallingford pays the price and the town should be allowed to demand an exam. The Chief didn't feel there was a problem with that. Wayne Lefebvre commented that 4 hospitals have called asking to bid on these exams and it very well could be that money may be cut by bidding the services.

Mr. Gouveia felt that the Fire Department is being victimized because they have presented a very responsible budget and he hopes that the Council reviews other departments the same way this department is being scrutinized. Mrs. Bergamini pointed out how much time was spent on the Police Department budget and mentioned, in all fairness, that they are in a new building with no figures available for comparison, from 5,000 square feet to 30,000 square feet and Mr. Gouveia felt that the reason was that they had encumbered most of the money that they had not spent yet.

Mr. Gouveia pointed out that line 426 First Aid Supplies only had 50% of the money expended and \$3,087 is requested currently. Wayne stated that 3 months are left and they are mandated by the State to have x amount of supplies in the ambulances. Mr. Gouveia referred to Maintenance of Vehicles and Chief McElfish stated that Doctor McGaughey pays for some of these things himself and he has been asked to submit the bills.

Mr. Holmes commented that the medical services will be put out to bid and moved to reduce line 576 Physical Exams by \$2,620, for a new total of \$20,000, seconded by Mr. Rys. Mr. Killen asked for the rationale behind this and Mr. Gessert explained that many hospitals are interested in bidding it and it may come in lower.

VOTE: Unanimous nos with the exception of Messrs. Gessert, Holmes and Rys who voted aye; MOTION DID NOT CARRY. 278

Mr. Killen moved to reduce line 601 Fire Surgeon Expenses be cut by \$2,000, for a new total of \$2,000, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Killen stated that the Chief could come back if more money was needed, absolutely.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mrs. Bergamini, Mrs. Papale and Messrs. Diana and Holmes who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Polanski moved acceptance of FIRE SURGEON - 203S - PAGE 64, as amended. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Polanski moved acceptance of FIRE-EMERGENCY CENTER - 203EC, PAGE 65. Mrs. Bergamini seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL DETAIL AND SALARY CALCULATIONS,
PAGES 164 TO 169.

Mr. Gessert asked how replacement was progressing of the two personnel who recently passed away and Chief McElfish said that Doctor McGaughey is not happy with the results of the examination of an extremely good candidate and has contacted Doctor Southwick regarding this individual but Doctor Southwick was not available and this matter will have to wait until Doctor McGaughey gets back next week. Chief McElfish would estimate that someone will be hired within 4 to 5 weeks.

Mr. Killen referred to Training Replacement on page 168 and Chief McElfish said this covers the cost of replacement personnel per minimum manning per union contract--all types of needed mandated training. Mr. Killen mentioned that as of 4/11/86, of an \$8,000 budget, \$4,783 has been spent and there is about 50% left with 2 months left. Chief McElfish said this was for the two people who were not sent to paramedic training. Mr. Killen asked if the Chief knew how soon these people would be trained or not be trained since it affects the bottom line and unless the Chief is 100% sure they are going to go, he would rather come up with the money later on later and the Chief felt they could get by with \$6,400.

Mr. Killen moved to reduce Training Replacement by \$20,969, for a new total of \$6,400. Mr. Gouveia seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini inquired about the Paramedic Bonus and Chief McElfish stated that on their certification date, every year they receive a \$750 bonus and the two people who died wanted to be in that program and that line can be reduced down \$1,500.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to reduce Paramedic Bonus by \$1,500, for a new total of \$6,000, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen referred to the other lines for paramedics and the Chief felt they could be reduced by half with the understanding that he can come back to the Council if these funds are needed.

Mr. Killen moved to reduce the following line items, page 168:
Paramedic School Replacement by \$1,200, for a new total of \$2,500;
Paramedic School-in Service Training by \$4,000, new total \$4,500;
Paramedic School-Replacement Training by \$4,000, new total \$4,500.
Mrs. Bergamini seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of FIRE DEPARTMENT OVERHEAD - 203R, PAGE 168, as amended, seconded by Mr. Diana.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

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Mrs. Papale asked if there was only one promotion and Steve Hacku said they have been paying for an acting lieutenant and reduced on page 168 the amount that would cost to put on a top grade firefighter and there are no additional personnel.

Mr. Killen moved acceptance of PAGES 164 THROUGH 168 AND 203R AND 203S ON PAGE 169, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to delete \$1,200 for Replace Shower Stall on Page 135, FIRE REGULAR - 203R, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Polanski moved acceptance of FIRE REGULAR - 203R, PAGE 135, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Wayne Lefebvre referred to page 135 and referred to the Nordic Track Aerobic Exercises for \$1,200 which they feel is good aerobic exercise for \$600 each. Mr. Holmes asked if there was any effort to combine resources when the Police Department ordered their exercise equipment and the Chief indicated that there is a security problem. Wayne further stated that this is considered to be the best cardiovascular exercise without putting stress on the skeletal system. Mrs. Bergamini doesn't mind restoring it provided it will be used since a couple of years ago, some equipment was ordered and later found in the basement. Wayne indicated that they have many people in fabulous condition, marathon runners, etc.

Mr. Rys moved to restore \$1,200 for 2 Nordic Track Aerobic Exercisers on PAGE 135, FIRE REGULAR - 203R, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Holmes moved acceptance of FIRE REGULAR - 203R - PAGE 135, as amended, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Killen who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of FIRE SURGEON - 203S - PAGE 135, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Chief McElfish stated that these are part of the training program and are at least 8 to 10 years old.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

AMBULANCE - 203A - PAGE 61.

Mr. Holmes moved to reduce line 300 Gas & Oil by \$800, for a new total of \$3,200, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini asked about C-Med and Chief McElfish indicated that this is a contribution done by population and Wallingford's share is \$20,488 which is billed monthly.

Mr. Rys moved to reduce line 570 Paramedic School Mileage & Continuing Education, page 61, by \$1,000, for a new total of \$1,000, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of AMBULANCE 203A - PAGE 61, as amended, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Chief McElfish wanted the Council aware that the backup ambulance is a 1980 and under the master vehicle replacement plan, replace-

ment will be requested next year. Mr. Killen mentioned that the two cars for the Assistant Chiefs are in good condition but he wanted to know if there was any idea of when they might be replaced and Chief McElfish figures 6 to 8 years. 280

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of AMBULANCE - 203A - PAGE 135, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE MARSHAL - 203FM - PAGE 66.

Mr. Victor Scionti was present for this budget.

Mr. Holmes moved to reduce line 300 Gas & Oil by \$5,000, for a new total of \$1,800, seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Killen asked Mr. Scionti what year his car was and he said it was a 1983, not scheduled for replacement for another 5 years but the Deputy's car. . .

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of FIRE MARSHAL - 203FM - PAGE 66, as amended, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE MARSHAL - 203FM - PAGE 169.

Mr. Polanski moved, for discussion, Fire Marshal - 203FM - Page 169, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

Mr. Polanski asked if the new Deputy Fire Marshal will be hired at the same salary and Mr. Scionti said they had 4 steps and Personnel has been straightening that out. Mrs. Papale asked how Mr. Harwood was with the town and Mr. Scionti said he was starting his fourth year and Mrs. Papale said the salary will have to be changed and Mr. Scionti said that he wants someone with at least 4 years of experience and he also pointed out that Mr. Harwood was a union member. Mr. Diana asked what the salary was on the first step and Mr. Myers felt it would be around \$21,000. Mr. Scionti said the Council better decide very fast whether this will be a union job on the Fire Department or an outsider since time is running out.

Mrs. Papale asked if Mr. Harwood started as a union member and Mr. Scionti said he didn't but the union went to court. Mr. Scionti said that Mr. Gessert and Mayor Dickinson were going to get together with Attorney Mantzaris to determine if the replacement must be a union member. Mrs. Bergamini asked if the job has been advertised yet and Mr. Scionti said it has not since the information has not been obtained. Mr. Holmes asked if Vic felt that a person coming from the Fire Department would be better qualified or if someone from the outside would be since that is what must be determined for the funding level. Mr. Killen said that the job takes some knowledge, real knowledge.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to place the Deputy Fire Marshal salary at \$21,000 and place \$4,938 into Contingency, Page 169. Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

Mr. Killen asked if there were specs on this job and Mr. Scionti said there were and if a man moves over from the Fire Department, he loses paid holidays and Mrs. Bergamini stated that the money is not being taken away, merely put into Contingency until they see what Mr. Seadale comes up with.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Scionti asked about the Inspector (New) cut out by the Mayor and asked if the Council studies the letter they received from Mr. Scionti carefully. Mr. Scionti indicated that this year will probably be the largest growth Wallingford has ever had and you must understand that once a building is erected, it must be inspected every year and there are about 5,700 such buildings. Mr. Scionti presented the Council with a document which must be completed before starting a 4 story building. Mrs. Bergamini asked who decides that such a job should have a 35

hour week and Mr. Scionti indicated that the decision is made by Mr. Seadale--Mr. Myers asked the Council to strike that from the book and it should be noted for the record that the 35 hour week should not be in there and he is glad Marie picked that up. Mr. Myers further stated that the position is salaried and there are no hours associated with these hours. Mr. Killen can understand the need for this position but the problem is the dollars, as usual. Mr. Holmes asked if a part-time person would help and Mr. Scionti said he has to be certified and it takes 18 weeks just to get him started and 3 years to be really qualified as the man who just left. Mr. Holmes suggested that perhaps this item should be tabled instead of making a snap decision right now. Mr. Gouveia felt that he would like to find out from Mayor Dickinson why he did not fund this position.

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Mr. Holmes moved to table Inspector (New) under Fire Marshal - 203FM on Page 169, seconded by Mr. Rys.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of FIRE MARSHAL - 203FM - PAGE 169, as amended, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE MARSHAL - 203FM - PAGE 135.

Mrs. Papale pointed out that the capital requests on page 135 depend on the new man requested.

Mrs. Papale moved to table FIRE MARSHAL - 203FM, PAGE 135, seconded by Mr. Diana.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Myers explained that Mr. Scionti is looking for a reclassification which is a change in pay grade and Mr. Killen pointed out that the Council is the legislative body and they put employees in range steps, cut them, knock them down, raise them, etc. or anything else. Mrs. Papale felt that this should have been brought to the Council's attention before the budget was presented. Mr. Gessert asked somebody to make a note to discuss this matter with the Personnel Director.

FIRE - EAST WALLINGFORD - VOLUNTEER 203 EW - PAGE 67.

Mr. Rys moved to reduce line 300 Gas Oil & Diesel by \$200, for a new total of \$850, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who voted no and Mr. Gessert who was not present for the vote; motion duly carried.

Chief McElfish stated that East Wallingford runs a ladder truck, pumper and tanker and it should be noted that they have done a tremendous amount of work reconditioning the tanker. Their pumper is the old Engine I which is in dire need of overhaul. East Wallingford has run around 525 alarms this past year, a 10% increase each year.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to line 500 Maintenance of Vehicles and noted \$1,800 was left in that account. Steve Hacku said there was \$1,500 left which will be used. Chief McElfish said that they will probably be using a reserve pumper if their capital request is approved but the ladder truck is getting older and the tanker needs spring work done. Mr. Killen asked if Tires & Tubes were purchased and Mr. Hacku said 6 new tires are coming in.

Mr. Diana moved acceptance of FIRE-EAST WALLINGFORD-VOLUNTEER 203 EW, PAGE 67, as amended. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of FIRE EAST WALLINGFORD - 203EW - PAGE 136, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Holmes asked how many more radio pagers would be needed and it was felt 10 more would be needed. Mrs. Bergamini asked about the Boat Trailer with 8 hp Outboard Boat Motor was for and Chief McElfish said it was used for rescues.

Mr. Polanski asked why the pagers for East Wallingford were more costly than other pagers and Steve Hacku said they asked for a power amplifier on their charger and it costs \$20 more per unit. 280

Mr. Rys asked if the Chief received any estimates on the refurbishing of the 1977 pumper and the Chief indicated that different people have been in and this should be enough since it needs mostly body work and the engine is in good condition.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Chief McElfish commented that there appeared to be a reduction in personnel on top of page 67 but there are in fact 35 active volunteers in East Wallingford.

FIRE - NORTH FARMS - VOLUNTEER - 203NF - PAGE 68.

Chief McElfish introduced Chief Greenbacker of North Farms which operates a pumper, tanker and rescue unit and they also ran around 540 calls this past year with 34 active volunteers.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of FIRE-NORTH FARMS-VOLUNTEER - 203NF-PAGE 68, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Rys moved to reduce line 300 Gas Oil & Diesel by \$317, for a new total of \$1,200, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of FIRE-NORTH FARMS-VOLUNTEER - 203NF - PAGE 68, as amended. Mrs. Bergamini seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Holmes moved acceptance of FIRE NORTH FARMS - 203NF - PAGE 136, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Mr. Gessert asked if Engine 7 was out for work to be done and Chief McElfish said it was in process and volunteers are removing equipment and much of the work will be subbed out and \$10,000 has been appropriated for this work. This vehicle is scheduled to be replaced in 1987-1988.

Mr. Gessert moved to Interior Fire Alarm System and Steve Hacku said there is no alarm in this fire house and this alarm will also signal if the boiler shuts off and they can investigate if this happens in the winter so the pipes don't freeze.

Mr. Gouveia asked about the Folding Tables and the Chief at North Farms said they did not have any and Chief McElfish felt that this is pretty much the price for a good table since a table purchased at Caldor would not last.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert commented that when the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial was being built, the North Farms Volunteers were called upon many times for assistance and they provided lighting for welding, etc. and Mr. Gessert commended them for their cooperation.

FIRE COOK HILL - 203CH - VOLUNTEER - PAGE 69.

Chief McElfish introduced Lt. Sweaney from Cook Hill and noted that this is one of the newest stations in a growing area, with 23 active volunteers and they operate one pumper at the present time.

Mr. Gessert asked why line 485 Small Equipment was such a consistent figure and Chief McElfish said this is to replace broken or lost equipment and this figure is kept equal for all departments.

Mr. Rys moved to reduce line 201 Utilities by \$522, for a new total of \$4,800, seconded by Mrs. Bergamini.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to reduce line 300 Gas Oil & Diesel by \$198, for a new total of \$800, seconded by Mr. Gouveia.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who voted no; motion duly carried.

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Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of FIRE-COOK HILL-VOLUNTEER - 203CH, PAGE 69, as amended, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

FIRE COOK HILL - 203CH - PAGE 136.

Mr. Holmes moved acceptance of FIRE COOK HILL - 203CH - PAGE 136, seconded by Mr. Rys.

Chief McElfish indicated that most of the furniture at Cook Hill is not fitting for a fire station and the personnel there do deserve better furniture like all the other stations.

Mr. Diana moved to restore \$2,000 for Day Room Furniture at Fire Cook Hill on page 136, seconded by Mr. Killen.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Holmes moved acceptance of FIRE COOK HILL- 203CH - PAGE 136, as amended. Mrs. Bergamini seconded the motion.

FIRE - YALESVILLE - VOLUNTEER - 203Y - PAGE 70.

Chief McElfish introduced Chief Dahill and Assistant Chief Ed Mik. Yalesville has 49 people.

Mr. Rys moved to reduce line 300 Gas Oil & Diesel by \$229, for a new total of \$1,000. Mrs. Bergamini seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes with the exception of Mr. Diana who voted no; motion duly carried.

Mr. Gessert noted the increase in line 485 Small Equipment on page 70 - Yalesville - and Chief McElfish noted that they have a van and pumper at this station. Chief Dahill indicated that they have a list each year which is getting longer and longer and he requested an increase in this line.

Mr. Rys moved acceptance of FIRE - YALESVILLE - VOLUNTEER - 203Y - PAGE 70, as amended. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Papale moved acceptance of FIRE - YALESVILLE - 203Y, PAGE 136, seconded by Mr. Holmes.

Mrs. Papale inquired about the Renovation & Addition and Chief McElfish said that this station is 29 years old, designed as a small village fire station. It is not very energy efficient and with the amount of activity there, renovation must be looked at some time in the future. The Chief asked John Dahill to form a committee to provide justification for this renovation in the budget. Yalesville responds to over 500 calls a year, a 300% increase from 10 years ago, with a membership of 47 to 50. John's committee did the drawings on their own and were talking about putting on a 30' x 40' two story addition, double the apparatus room, have a meeting room, all purpose room and John does not have an office and there is no training room per se and equipment must be moved outside for training. The Chief said the estimated cost was \$125,000 and the Mayor reduced it to \$62,500 and this was done with the idea that the program could be started. The Chief would like consideration given to the matter of relocating that station since it's difficult to get apparatus in and out and the parking, etc. Putting up a new station would eliminate the problem of renovating the current station. Mr. Gessert asked that the Chief not allow the Council to spend this kind of money to refurbish and then tell them the station will be moved and he further stated, with all due respect to the Chief, that the Council has had departments come to them and a lot of money has been spent and right after it was spent, a move was made. The Chief felt that if seed money were approved, they could look around and

see what is available. They have had conversations with Linda Bush and there is a type of deal where a developer would give land to the town, etc. Traffic is a problem in the village and the group there is active. Mrs. Bergamini asked if the town owned the building and Mr. Killen said yes, it used to be a Town Hall. 284

Mrs. Bergamini feels that the Yalesville Station is very cramped and the traffic situation is bad there and she would rather put that money into Contingency and investigate a place to move and discuss the matter with Linda Bush. If an appropriation location is not found, renovations can be pursued.

Mr. Killen asked in which direction an addition would be made and Chief Dahill felt that the Engineering Department could assist with a feasibility study but it wasn't possible so a local builder came in and suggested going out towards Chapel Street and adding a second floor.

Mr. Gessert pointed out that a couple of years ago, there was a discussion about moving Wallingford to Kondracki Lane and an argument was presented that the building had to be set 40' back from the road and there wasn't enough room. Chief Dahill said the builder seemed to feel that of the options available, that was the easiest to overcome since going back would end up on the property line with no gain apparatus-wise and this must be considered, along with living and training space. Chief Dayhill felt that now they can go to Engineering with the money provided and ask them to determine the feasibility. Mr. Gessert indicated that he is not opposed to this but feels that once it is approved by the Council, the project can go out to bid and begin without coming back to the Council with some of the options. Chief Dahill said that he discussed this with the Mayor and did not believe anything could be built for \$62,500 and the Mayor said this amount would show his commitment. Chief McElfish felt a move would be easier and better for the long range, as opposed to North Farms where there was enough room.

Mrs. Bergamini pointed out that she had asked the former Mayor to request a donation of an acre of land from FIP Corporation to construct a new North Farms Station with a better proximity and she was not in favor of the renovation of North Farms in that location. Mrs. Bergamini suggested checking out all options and determining the value of the present location before spending \$62,500. Chief McElfish felt that the Mayor took this position also and the Chief did not want to put the Council into a bind and pointed out that there are various options but he must defend the volunteers for the super job they perform. The Yalesville station is in good condition structurally.

Mr. Holmes felt that construction of a new building should be explored and Chief Dahill said that has not yet been explored. Mr. Diana indicated that their current location will probably be one of the most expensive pieces of property in town right now with all the refurbishing going on and it could be very conceivable to sell that building and build a new one. Chief McElfish mentioned that Meriden took Wallingford's plan and modified them for their new station and he felt that Wallingford could borrow their plans since Meriden completed renovations for less than \$300,000 which is unbelievable today.

Mrs. Bergamini moved to place \$62,500 - Renovation & Addition - Fire Yalesville - 203Y, Page 136, in Contingency A/C #805-326. Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mrs. Bergamini moved acceptance of FIRE YALESVILLE - 203Y - PAGE 136, as amended. Mr. Rys seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous ayes; motion duly carried.

Mr. Polanski mentioned that Deputy Chief Hacku is storing equipment in the basement and wondered if there should be a central location for such equipment and Steve Hacku indicated a tag sale may be held to sell equipment which has been replaced-- old tape recorders, etc.

A motion to adjourn was duly made, seconded and carried and the fourth budget workshop adjourned at 11:37 p.m.

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