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MINUTES
September 9, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Carl A. Massaro, Jr. called the regular meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. at the Trumbull Town Hall. All present joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair asked all present to remember the passing of Councilman David Pia's mother and also the passing of BOF member Paul Lavoie's mother.

ROLL CALL: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

PRESENT:

Ann Marie Evangelista	Jane Deyoe	Carl A. Massaro, Jr.
Debra A. Lamberti	Thomas Whitmoyer	Fred Palmieri, Jr.
Kristy Waizenegger	Michael J. London	Jeffrey Donofrio.
James F. Meisner	Mark LeClair	David R. Pia
Tony J. Scinto	Vicki Tesoro	Martha A. Jankovic-Mark
Gregg Basbagill	Suzanne S. Testani	
Jeff S. Jenkins	John A. DelVecchio, Jr.	

ABSENT: James Blose and Chadwick Ciocci

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Finance Maria Pires, Chief of Police Thomas Kiely, Deputy Chief Michael Harry, THSBC Chairman, James Nugent Al Barbarotta and John Barbarotta of AFB Construction Management.

On behalf of his family and himself Mr. Pia extended his gratitude for the outpouring of support from all after the passing of his mother. Mr. Pia also noted that he had received an anonymous letter as many others have, which attacks Mr. DelVecchio's character and reputation. Mr. Pia stated that he is proud to be Mr. DelVecchio's friend and colleague and extended his gratitude for all of the years Mr. DelVecchio has volunteered on the Town Council, sub-committees and on the baseball field for the betterment of this community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Town Council approved the August 5, 2013 meeting minutes 15-0-3 (ABSTENTION: Pia, Scinto and Whitmoyer).

Trumbull High School Building Committee Update: Mr. Nugent reported that the project is winding down. The punch list is approximately 90% complete and expects it to be finished in 2-3 weeks. The

change-order work will be completed in 3 weeks with the exception of the roof access work. The steel has been ordered, it still needs to be fabricated and installed. Commissioning of the HVAC system is 80%-90% complete and expects it to be finished in 2-3 weeks. There is \$1 million in contingency. This represents the project coming in \$1 million under a reduced budget. There was a lengthy meeting regarding the fire alarm issue today. Mr. A. Barbarotta stated that they had agreed to change all of the sensor heads in the ductwork; there has been one alarm since they have been change out and believe it was due to a faulty head. They believe the fire alarm issue has been addressed and resolved. They will watch the system in the coming weeks to either confirm or not. There were only two (2) claims by the sub-contractors, both have been settled. The O&G Update is expected at the 9-11-13 THSBC meeting it will be forwarded to the full Town Council. The hot water issue has been designed to code; they have increased the flow and changed the aerators. Mr. Nugent stated the THSBC voted not to install the boosters due to the cost.

In response to the Chair, Mr. A. Barbarotta stated the commissioning is expected to be completed in 2-3 weeks; the roof work will trail after that. The roof work plan has been approved by the Fire Marshal. Mr. Barbarotta explained to Mr. Jenkins that he could not report on the concession stand project as that was being handled by the Public Works Director. Mr. Basbagill stated that the Public Works Director had reported on the concession stand last month, the mechanicals look well, the project had come in under \$300,000. Mr. Basbagill did not have the opportunity to go into the bathrooms to date because the concrete was still being poured. Mr. A. Barbarotta confirmed for Mr. Scinto that the roof map will be created by the architect; all items on the roof will be identified. Mr. A. Barbarotta stated they are working on all of the change-orders at this time and will have a complete report. They are in the process of resubmitting to the State, there are some change-orders that were phasing issues which they believe should not be classified as a change-order. The process will take months. O&G has the change order percentage and will have it forwarded to the Town Council when an updated report is available.

BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION TC24-154: Moved by Mr. Pia, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio.
BE IT RESOLVED, That the re-appointment by the First Selectman of Kevin Chamberlain of 43 Coral Drive as a member of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission, be and the same is hereby approved for a term extending until December 7, 2015.
Committee Report: The L&A Committee met on August 27, 2013 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously

2. RESOLUTION TC24-155: Moved by Mr. Basbagill, seconded by Mr. London.
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Agreement for the Director of Golf Course Properties at Tashua Knolls Golf Course and the Golf Course Commission, be and the same is hereby approved.
Committee Report: The L&A Committee met on August 27, 2013 and voted unanimously.

Mr. DelVecchio stated that most golf courses in the area had suffered damage from this year's heat wave, noting that Tashua Knolls is in great condition. The Director of Golf Course Properties works tirelessly and is a good man. Mr. DelVecchio spoke in favor of the 150 yard poles having been put back.

Ms. Jankovic Mark stated they had not received the contract in committee but has since received and reviewed the contract and believes it is a good contract. Ms. Jankovic-Mark stated she is glad

Tashua Knolls has such a good employee. The Chair added that councils in past have worked on this contract, The Town maintains a very good employee and service to the Town.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously

3. RESOLUTION TC24-156: Moved by Ms. Evangelista, seconded by Ms. Testani.
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$222,132 is hereby appropriated from the Fund Balance to Police-Salary Overtime 01022000-501105.
Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on August 27, 2013 and voted unanimously.

It was confirmed for Mr. DelVecchio the \$102,000 for the patrol officers represents ten (10) patrol officers.

Chief Kiely indicated for Mr. Jenkins that they have gone from 75 officers to 78 this year. There are 12 officers at this time that are maxed out on their pensions and could retire. There are 15 others in addition to the 12 with the potential to retire. Even though the department has increased the force by three (3) officers this year it takes from the date of hire 18 months until the officer is ready to go on the road. (Two (2) officers graduated from the academy last Wednesday night). There is always the wild card that when there are number of officers out due to a long term injury that they are on the same shift, this is not something that can be predicted or budgeted for. Law Enforcement is a workmen's comp rich environment due to the nature of the work. The department has begun to look at certified officers. These are officers who have already gone through the academy. The certified officers would still take the written and agility test. Many towns have gone to 401k plans, certified officers are now motivated to work for towns that offer a pension plan. The department is in the process of hiring. The department is at 73 officers and will get to 78. Chief Kiely indicated for Mr. Palmieri that is why they want to look into hiring certified officers, (officers who are already working for another department). There used to be a State law that if a department sent an officer to the academy the officer could not go to work for another department for two (2) years. This law is no longer in place. Many officers due the advent of 401k's in other departments are leaving for towns that offer pensions. Stratford PD recently lost 9 officers; Orange PD also had quite a turnover. By hiring certified officers they could be on the road in 2 months v. the 18 months. Chief Kiely explained for Ms. Evangelista that at 25 years of service the officer is pension eligible, between 25-30 years the officers are maxed out on their pension. There are 15 officers on the force that are currently maxed. There are 12 more officers that have 30+ years of service. It is possible that they could all leave at the same time although realistically that is not expected to happen. None have indicated to the Chief at this time.

Chief Kiely explained for Ms. Jankovic-Mark that it is less expensive to hire a certified officer; the department saves the \$1,500 on tuition for the new officer.

VOTE: VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously

4. RESOLUTION TC24-157: Moved by Ms. Tesoro, seconded by Mr. Palmieri.
BE IT RESOLVED, That funds are hereby transferred from Town Hall Contingency to various accounts (YEAR END FY 2012-2013). (*Schedule Attached*)
Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on August 27, 2013 and voted unanimously.

Ms. Pires indicated for Mr. Meisner the General Fund is at \$17 million representing 11% of expenditures. This represents an increase in the General Fund of approximately \$500,000-\$750,000. Some of the police over-time had to do with the storm, that portion was applied towards the over-time and some came from contingency. The differential was requested as a supplemental.

VOTE: VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously

5. RESOLUTION TC24-158: Moved by Mr. LeClair, seconded by Mr. London.
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$29,955 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund, \$880 to Town Council-Legal Notices 01010000-545501, \$5,573 to Purchasing - Legal Notices 01012200-545501, \$4,184 to Inland Wetlands - Legal Notices 01014800-545501, \$53.00 to Tree Warden-Program Expenses 01080800-522205, \$19,265 to Tree Warden - Emergency Services 01080800-578806.
Committee Report: The Finance Committee met on August 27, 2103 and voted 5-0-1 (Abstention Scinto).

The Chair indicated that Ms. Pires has an update regarding the FEMA funding being applied to the requested supplemental. Ms. Pires stated that a revised supplemental appropriation amount for this resolution had been sent to the Town Council prior to this meeting. The revision represented a reduction of \$19,318; (eliminating the need for the Tree Warden Supplemental). The supplemental request was reduced by the FEMA reimbursement. The new amount requested is \$10,637.

Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Ms. Testani to amend RESOLUTION TC24-158 to read as:
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$10,637 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund, \$880 to Town Council-Legal Notices 01010000-545501, \$5,573 to Purchasing - Legal Notices 01012200-545501, \$4,184 to Inland Wetlands - Legal Notices 01014800-545501.
~~Striking \$53.00 to Tree Warden Program Expenses 01080800-522205, \$19,265 to Tree Warden Emergency Services 01080800-578806.~~ from the resolution.

(Mr. Pia left the meeting at 8:47 p.m.)

Mr. Palmieri questioned the final amount. The amount of \$\$10,637 was confirmed as correct.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously. (Mr. Pia was not present to vote)

VOTE: ADOPTED as amended unanimously. (Mr. Pia was not present to vote).

Ms. Jankovic-Mark submitted a request for a discussion item of the THS Audit is placed on the next agenda and each monthly agenda until the audit is completed. (See Attached).

There being no further business to discuss the Trumbull Town Council adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni, Town Council Clerk

DATE OF MEETING: AUGUST 16, 2013					
TRANSFERS TO/FROM - FY ENDING JUNE 30, 2013					
TRANSFER NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	BALANCE BEFORE TRANSFER	AMOUNT OF TRANSFER	BALANCE AFTER TRANSFER
08-13-04	FROM				
	Town Hall-Contingency	01013800-501116	473,012.00	(328,879.00)	144,133.00
	TO				
	First Selectman - Salaries FT-Chief of Staff vac : payout	01010400-501101	(7,938.00)	7,938.00	0.92
	Bd Of Finance - Salaries-Maths contr	01011400-501101	(2,605.88)	2,608.00	
	Tax Collector - Salaries FT-Mathas Contr	01012000-501101	(1,968.64)	1,968.00	0.36
	Purchasing-Salaries FT-Mathas Contr	01012200-501101	(442.33)	443.00	0.67
	Technology - Salaries FT-Mathas Contr	01012600-501101	(545.78)	546.00	0.24
	Employee Benefits-FICA (related to contracts, other storm related)	01013400-511150	(88,987.00)	14,488.00	(74,479.00)
	P & Z -Salaries - FT-Mathas Contr	01014200-501101	(8,740.88)	8,741.00	0.44
	Police-Salaries - FT-PD Contr, Retirements	01022000-501101	(178,888.81)	184,878.00	18,108.19
	Police-Salaries - QT (358,228.76 less Storm 89,755) PD contr	01022000-501105	(258,473.76)	13,889.00	(244,785.76)
	Police-Salaries -Holiday-PD contr	01022000-501113	(16,701.00)	16,701.00	-
	Police-Salaries -Training-PD Contr	01022000-501114	(33,984.87)	33,984.00	(0.67)
	Dog warden-Salaries-FT-PD Contr	01022400-501101	(2,106.74)	2,107.00	0.26
	Building Official-Mathas Contr	01023200-501101	(441.88)	442.00	0.05
	Social Services-salaries-FT-Mathas Contr	01050000-501101	(3,638.24)	3,638.00	0.76
	Counseling Ctr - Salaries FT-Retirement final payout	01050200-501101	(17,165.19)	17,166.00	0.81
	School Nurses-Salaries-FT-Mathas Contr	01060200-501101	(248.00)	248.00	-
	Recreation - Salaries FT -Mathas Contr	01080400-501101	(12,618.98)	12,619.00	0.01
				328,879.00	