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MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2015

CALLED TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The Chair asked all those present to remember Virginia Cellini, the mother of the Recreation Director, Mary Markham, who passed away a few days ago. A service will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015.

The Clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

PRESENT: Michael J. London Mary Beth Thornton Scott Wich
Joseph G. Pifko Ennio DeVita Kenneth M. Martin
Mark S. LeClair Carl A. Massaro, Jr. Daniel Marconi
Vicki Tesoro Tony J. Scinto Antonio Petitti
Enrico R. Constantini

ABSENT: Suzanne S. Testani, Ann Marie Evangelista, Lori Rosasco Schwartz,
Cynthia L. Penkoff, Vincent DiMasi, Jr., Donna Seidell, Bethany Llodra
Gilman and Edna Colucci.

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Finance Maria Pires, Director of Technology William Chin,
Blum Shapiro representatives Joseph Kask and Lelsie Zoll.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Ms. Tesoro to accept the February 2, 2015 meeting minutes as submitted. VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM: June 30, 2104 AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Joseph Kask and Leslie Zoll of Blum Shapiro were present. Mr. Kask thanked the Director of Finance and her team for working with them. The audit process takes a considerable amount of time of the staff while they are still performing their day to day responsibilities. Five documents were issued to the Town of the Trumbull. Included is a clean letter with no items necessary to highlight. Three bound documents were issued and distributed to the council prior

to this meeting. The Town administered just over \$8.8 million of State assistance this past year and there were no compliance issues. \$2.8 million of federal assistance was expended by the Town, and there were no findings/ A clean report was issued with regard to compliance. The largest document issued is the Financial Statements (85 pgs). The Financial Statements are fairly presented in all material respects. That is a clean or an unqualified opinion on the Financial Statements of the Town of Trumbull. That is what you strive for every year. The unassigned fund balance this year was \$15.2 million. This is at 10% of the annual budget. That is one indicator of the fiscal health of the Town. The footnotes included in the report are further clarifications on policies and procedures, not recommendations. One of the new footnotes this year is on the pension side and starts at approximately page 44. The actuarially recommended annual required contribution (ARC) was once what was recorded. The full funded status of those plans will be recorded in the future. Post employment status will also be highlighted in the future. The unfunded liabilities will be highlighted as a result. The audit went very well overall.

Blum Shapiro audits approximately 60 towns/cities in the State of CT. None of the communities in the State of CT received an unclean opinion. Private companies have already been showing the unfunded liabilities, the municipalities are now catching up. Trumbull is not unique with regard to the unfunded pension liabilities.

Buildings are included in the Town's long term assets. Footnote 5 on page 34 speaks to these. At June 30, 2014 the Town's fixed assets were at \$227 million. The report does not include the salability of said properties and Blum Shapiro is not involved in the appraisal process.

BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION TC25-159: Moved by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Mr. LeClair.
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town attorney is hereby authorized to settle a worker's compensation claim known as Philip Hynes v. the Town of Trumbull.

Committee Report: The L&A Committee met on February 23, 2015 entered into executive session to discuss pending litigation, ended executive session and voted unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Wich, seconded by Mr. Marconi to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.
VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

The Town Council entered into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation with Town Council members, Michael J. London, Mary Beth Thornton, Scott Wich, Joseph G. Pifko, Ennio DeVita, Kenneth M. Martin, Mark S. LeClair, Carl A. Massaro, Jr., Daniel Marconi, Vicki Tesoro, Tony J. Scinto, Antonio Petitti, Enrico R. Costantini and Director of Finance Maria Pires present.

Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Mr. Wich to end EXECUTIVE SESSION.
VOTE: Motion CARRIED unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ended at 8:29 p.m.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously.

2. RESOLUTION TC25-160: Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Mr. LeClair.
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$3,200 is hereby appropriated from the Fund Balance to Town Clerk 01013600-522205/Program Expenses.

Committee Report: The L&A Committee met on February 23, 2015 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously.

3. RESOLUTION TC25-161: Moved by Mr. DeVita, seconded by Mr. London.
BE IT RESOLVED, That the option to renew the appointment of Blum Shapiro is hereby reaffirmed as the auditor for FY 2014-2015.

Committee Report: The L&A Committee met on February 23, 2015 and voted unanimously.

The Chair stated this is a one-year extension to the existing agreement for Blum Shapiro to provide audit services.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously.

4. RESOLUTION TC25-162: Moved by Mr. Petitti, seconded by Mr. London.
BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Selectman is hereby authorized to file an application and enter into agreements and take all necessary actions to receive State of Connecticut grant funding from the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) for the Municipal Connection Program made available to the Town of Trumbull for the purpose of connecting to the Nutmeg Network, pursuant to CGS 4-124s and the Director of Finance of the Town is hereby authorized to sign contracts related to the implementation of the project. (Full Resolution Attached).

Committee Report: The L&A Committee met on February 23, 2015 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED unanimously.

Mr. Chin explained for Ms. Tesoro that he had spoken to the gentlemen at the State who is organizing the project that would provide faster internet service to the State. The purpose of the project is to bring fiber internet to as many people as possible in the State. The deadline for a particular community to be on the list of interested cities/towns was December 31, 2014. Trumbull was not included in the list by the State, which will be

going with the larger cities first. Because of this preference, Trumbull not being on the initial list is not problematic. Mr. Chin has indicated to the State that Trumbull would be interested in being included in the future. This is a project that would be very long in the making. Hopefully Trumbull will be added to the list in the future.

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Mr. London, seconded by Mr. DeVita the Town Council adjourned at 8:42 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni, Town Council Clerk

Full Resolution TC25-162:

RESOLUTION TC25-162: BE IT RESOLVED, WHEREAS, The State of Connecticut grant funding from the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) for the Municipal Connection Program has been made available to the Town of Trumbull for the purpose of connecting to the Nutmeg Network, pursuant to CGS 4-124s; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Connection Program will provide grant funding for the Public Safety Data Network (PSDN) Network Connection Expense related to the cost of connecting Trumbull Town Hall with the Trumbull Center District Firehouse at 860 White Plains Road, currently estimated at \$26,900; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned connection will improve the internet connection between the properties and result in cost savings for the Town of Trumbull; and

WHEREAS, there are no matching funds or additional hardware purchases required of the Town for pursuing the project; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of adoption of this resolution, Timothy M. Herbst is the First Selectman of the Town of Trumbull, with a current term that runs until December 2015; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of adoption of this resolution, Maria T. Pires is the current Director of Finance of the Town of Trumbull, appointed by the First Selectman.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trumbull Town Council endorses the Town of Trumbull's participation in the State of Connecticut Nutmeg Network; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Trumbull Town Council authorizes the First Selectman to file an application, enter into agreements and take all necessary actions related to receiving the grant funding described herein, and the Director of Finance of the Town is authorized to sign contracts related to the implementation of the project.