

WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Council Chambers, Wolcott Town Hall

7:30 p.m.

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MINUTES

Note: These are summary minutes; a tape recording of this meeting is on file in Commission Secretary's Office in Wolcott Town Hall.

Chairman Valletta called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and requested that all remain standing for a moment of silence in remembrance of Joseph Dunn Sr. who passed away over the weekend.

Attendance was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman David Valletta, Vice-Chairman Gale Lanza Mastrofrancesco, Rachel Wisler, Roger Picard, Charles Marsella, Jeffrey Slavin, Donald Charette Sr., and Joseph Del Buono

MEMBERS ABSENT: Francis Masi

ALSO PRESENT: Town Attorney Brian Tynan; Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Patricia Najarian, Board of Education Chairperson; Police Chief Edward Stephens; Police Captain Domenic Angiolillo; Ambulance Chief Bill Barratt; Assistant Ambulance Chief Jay Skerritt; Deputy Ambulance Chief Matt Howard; Officer Anthony Dominici; Justin Bolton, WHS Athletic Trainer; Police Sergeant Christopher Wihbey; Police Officer Timothy Jackson; Mike Pronovost, EMT, Campion Ambulance; Melissa Hillman, WPD Dispatcher & EMT; Town Resident John Yashenko; et al.

RECOGNITION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL:

At this time, Police Chief Stephens and Ambulance Chief Barratt came forward, at which time Chief Stephens stated that they would like to hand out awards this evening to emergency services personnel who saved lives this year. Ambulance Chief Barratt advised that they are presenting awards for three different calls and proceeded to explain the circumstances of each.

Call #1-choking incident-Dale Avenue. Awards were presented to the following individuals: Police Officer Anthony Dominici, Police Sergeant Christopher Wihbey, and Tiffany Cattey, Paramedic (absent).

Call #2-cardiac arrest-sporting event @ Wolcott High School. Awards were presented to the following individuals: Justin Bolton, WHS Athletic Trainer, off-duty Police Officer Timothy Jackson, Melissa Hillman, off-duty EMT & WPD Dispatcher, Mike Pronovost, EMT, Campion Ambulance, Police Sergeant Christopher Wihbey, Mark Trompeter, Paramedic (absent).

Call #3-cardiac arrest-Oak Street. Awards were presented to the following individuals: Town Resident John Yashenko, bystander who stopped to give aid,

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Deputy Ambulance Chief Matt Howard, Police Officer Jeff Bender (absent), Police Officer Tom Gorman (absent), and Police Captain Domenic Angiolillo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

▪ Regular Meeting – November 19, 2013

Upon **MOTION** by Gale Mastrofrancesco, seconded by Roger Picard, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 19, 2013.

TAXPAYERS' TIME: (Limited to Items on the Agenda)

No taxpayers came forward.

CORRESPONDENCE (on file):

- 1. Letter received on November 20th from Joseph Macary and Labor Agreement Between the Wolcott Board of Education and the Wolcott Education Association**
- 2. Letter dated November 27th from Town Attorney Tynan regarding proposed Paint Recovery Program Contracts**

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Dunn was not present.

FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT/TRANSFERS:

The Municipal Finance Officer was not present.

SUB-COMMITTEE/LIAISON REPORTS:

There were no reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion & Possible Action on Labor Agreement for the Wolcott Education Association

A **MOTION** was offered by Gale Mastrofrancesco, seconded by Jeffrey Slavin, to **accept** the Labor Agreement for the Wolcott Education Association (on file).

Joseph Macary and Patricia Najarian came forward, at which time they pointed out the following changes between the two agreements:

- Elimination of sick leave severance for all new hires; on average it is about \$20,000 per employee; the benefit will not be seen now but in about in 20-30 years
- They implemented a dress code for teachers basically asking for professionalism; there are only a handful of contracts in the state that contain dress codes
- Health insurance co-pays were increased, as well as the employee contribution percentage
- The high deductible health plan has been a challenge; they only have five teachers enrolled in that plan; employees are reluctant to switch from a PPO to that plan

A question and answer period followed and discussion was held regarding the above, during which the following was noted by Mr. Macary and Mrs. Najarian:

- Obamacare will affect municipal employees in 2017
- The net increase in the contract is approximately \$320,000 per year, starting in the next fiscal year; it is a four-year contract
- Average salary increases are slightly less than 3% per year; the amounts are variable based on the salary and step schedules
- Substitute teachers are paid \$70.00 per day for the first 20 days; at 20-40 days they make \$90.00 per day; after that they get Bachelor Step 1 if they are certified which is \$229.00 per day, without benefits
- The contract covers 220 employees

Chairman Valletta called for a vote on the above motion which *carried* unanimously by voice vote.

2. Discussion & Possible Action on Proposed Employment Contract for Assessor

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A **MOTION** was offered by Rachel Wisler, seconded by Jeffrey Slavin, to **accept** the proposed Employment Contract for the Assessor (on file).

Attorney Tynan came forward and referenced the letter that he submitted in the Council packets regarding this matter (**see attached**). He reviewed the minor changes in the contract and advised that other than those, everything is identical. He also noted that the Town Council reappointed the Assessor in the spring for two more years.

Chairman Valletta called for a vote on the above motion which carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Discussion & Possible Action on Proposed Multi-Year Paint Recovery Program Contracts with PaintCare Inc.

Attorney Tynan referenced the letter that he submitted in the Council packets and noted that he was just going to have the Mayor sign the contract because it has no financial impact to the Town (**see attached**). He noted that it does span multiple fiscal years, so he thought it was best to get approval from the Town Council. He noted that this contract will allow Wolcott residents to bring excess paint, not just paint cans, to the Recycling Center. PaintCare will pay a vendor to take the paint away and dispose of it properly. They are paid from fees assessed to all paint manufacturers in the State of Connecticut. He noted that the Recycling Center will just be a collection site, and it makes sense environmentally.

A **MOTION** was offered by Rachel Wisler, seconded by Gale Mastrofrancesco, to **accept** the proposed Multi-Year Paint Recovery Contracts with PaintCare Inc. and to Authorize the Mayor to Sign the two documents (on file).

A question and answer period followed and discussion was held regarding the above, during which the following was noted by Attorney Tynan:

- PaintCare provides all of the containers and will train the employees at the Recycling Center; they are already accumulating paint cans down there; all the Town will be doing is collecting and placing the cans of paint into the recycling containers
- The personnel that work there will be able to do the accounting required
- The Town Crew will be able place an asphalt surface down for the containers
- Clean Harbors, out of Bristol, will be one of the environmental collectors; they are very reputable
- The Town already collects paint cans

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- It is a two-year contract, renewable on a yearly basis
 - Turpentine, mineral spirits, gasoline, etc. are not on the list of acceptable materials

Chairman Valletta called for a vote on the above motion which *carried* unanimously by voice vote.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:

Chairman Valletta advised that if anyone has any items that they should contact himself or the Clerk.

Mr. Marsella recommended that in the future, they should schedule a couple of departments, Commissions, and/or Boards to appear at each meeting to give a presentation to the Council, so that Council members and townspeople can be informed as to all of the work that they do.

TAXPAYERS' TIME:

No taxpayers came forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At this time, Chairman Valletta stated that he will be recusing himself from the Executive Session this evening due to personal reasons.

Upon **MOTION** by Charles Marsella, seconded by Rachel Wisler, it was unanimously voted to take a five minute recess at 8:19 p.m. and then **enter** into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contractual matters (all members were in attendance with the exception of Chairman Valletta).

Vice-Chairman Mastrofrancesco called the regular session back to order at 8:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION**, by Rachel Wisler, seconded by Roger Picard, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Elizabeth Gaudiosi, Secretary
WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL

David Valletta, Chairman
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November 26, 2013

Chairman David Valletta
Wolcott Town Hall
10 Kenea Avenue
Wolcott, CT 06716

RE: Assessor's Compensation Issue

Dear Chairman Valletta and Members of the Wolcott Town Council:

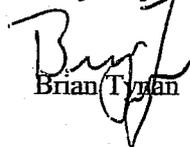
Attached please find a copy of the proposed Employment Contract between the Town of Wolcott and Pamela Deziel as Assessor for the Town. As you may recall the Council renewed her appointment in approximately April or May of this year. However, the actual Contract itself had not been approved at that time.

The only changes from the previous Contract are on Page 1 changing the date as the effective date of the Contract to July 1, 2013 and on Page 3 Section 3 the dates of the Contract and the salary which has been approved in the current Budget for 2013-2014 as \$65,980.00. The last change would be on Page 11 where we had indicated David Valletta as the Chairman of the Town Council. In all other respects, this Contract is identical to the Contract given to Mrs. Deziel in 2011.

Would you please put this on your next available Agenda as I would recommend Town Council approval.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,


Brian Tynan

BT/an
Enclosure
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November 27, 2013

Chairman David Valletta
Wolcott Town Hall
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RE: Paint Recovery Program Contracts

Dear Chairman Valletta and Members of the Wolcott Town Council:

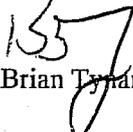
Paint Care Incorporated has proposed to the Town the approach to enter in to a multiple year Contract with the Town for the collection, reuse, and recycle of disposed paint collected at the Wolcott Recycling Center. I have reviewed two Contracts with Paint Care Incorporated and would ask the Council to approve the Contracts.

I was merely going to have the Mayor sign these as there is no financial impact to the Town. However these Contracts do span multiple fiscal years and therefore I thought it was best to have the Town Council give its review and blessing to the Contracts.

Again, there is no charge to the Town and it would make sense to have the Contracts approved sooner than later as it there is accumulating paint cans at the recycling center which could be disposed of and recycled for the benefit of the Town and the benefit of the environment.

Therefore I would ask to have this matter put on your agenda as soon as possible and approved if the Council is so inclined.

Very truly yours,


Brian Tynan

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