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MINUTES

October 5, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Trumbull Town Council was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by Acting Chairman Matt Reale. All present joined in a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

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

Dan Marconi	John Rotondo	Michael London
Michael Rappa	John DelVecchio, Jr.	Chad Ciocci
Suzanne Testani	Debbie Lamberti	Dan Helfrich
Robert Pescatore, Jr.	Martha Mark	Tony Scinto
Mary Beth Thornton	Matt Reale	
Cheryl Bochet	Kathleen Bivona	

ABSENT: Jane Deyoe, Jeffry Jenkins, Paul Kennedy, Mark Altieri, Carl Massaro

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the first special meeting on September 8, 2009 meeting were approved 11-2-3 (Opposed: Pescatore, Scinto; Abstention: London, Reale, Ciocci)

The Minutes of the second special meeting on September 8, 2009 were approved 10-2-4 (Opposed: Pescatore, Scinto; Abstention: Ciocci, Reale, DelVecchio, London)

Item 1. RESOLUTION TC22-225: Moved by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Selectman is hereby authorized to enter into a certain Site Lease With Option Agreement between the Town of Trumbull and T-Mobile Northeast, LLC, with regard to property located at 158 Edison Road.

Mr. Scinto recused himself and left the room at 8:07 p.m. He is employed by T-Mobile's competitor.

Committee report: L&A Committee conducted a public hearing on September 29, 2009 and voted 3-0 to recommend.

Attorney Doug LoMonte of Berchem, Moses & Devlin explained a sign had been placed at the site noticing the project. He explained that at the L&A meeting it was determined

that Council had inadvertently received a very early draft version of the agreement. The final version was distributed to committee members that night and the rest of Council received it shortly before the meeting tonight. The rent is greater and a rent abatement provision is included in the final version that was not contained in the draft. Attorney LoMonte stated the committee report accurately summarizes his explanation of the agreement.

Eric Fine, a representative of Northeastern Communications, explained there has to be a back up capability for power. Additionally if an outage is prolonged, T-Mobile has the ability to truck in a generator if needed.

Mr. Fine explained that cell traffic operates in a different spectrum than public safety. A scientific study of the frequencies being used by the Police now and frequencies being proposed was conducted to identify any issues with interference. Frequencies found to have interference issues will not be used.

Ms. Mark stated there are health concerns with cell phone towers. She noted the current tower emits radio waves whereas the new one will emit microwaves.

Mr. DelVecchio explained that he had spoken with Ray Vergotti of T-Mobile, who had explained they must operate within very stringent FCC guidelines. When this project was first proposed, they had to comply with all necessary health studies and to stay within very strict parameters from the Siting Council.

VOTE: Adopted 14-0-1 (Abstention: Mark)

Moved by Ms. Thornton, seconded by Ms. Bivona to make this emergency legislation.

Requires 2/3 affirmative votes needed for passage.

VOTE: Failed 13-0-2 (Abstention: Mark, Ciocci)

Mr. Scinto returned to the meeting at 8:30 pm.

Item 2. RESOLUTION TC22-226: Moved by Mr. Pescatore, seconded by Mr. Marconi

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$6,420.41 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to Technology Services and Fees Contractual 01012600-522204.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on September 29, 2009 and voted 2-1 to recommend.

Mr. Pescatore noted that this amount is the minimum that would have to be allocated in the current year's budget as well as future budgets to cover this addition. This is another expense that will be passed along.

Ms. Thornton explained this added expense is necessary because the town's internet use has expanded. It is a matter of public safety and providing sufficient service for the Police, EMS and Public Works Departments.

Mr. Pescatore raised a point of order. He stated he believes Mr. Scinto has a question. Mr. Scinto explained he does have a question, but he prefers not to ask it.

VOTE: Adopted 10-5 (Opposed: Pescatore, Scinto, Lamberti, London, Testani)

Item 3. RESOLUTION TC22-227: Moved by Ms. Bivona, seconded by Mr. London

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$10,085.52 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to Town Hall Property/Liability Insurance 01013800-511160.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on September 29, 2009 and voted 3-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 4. RESOLUTION TC22-228: Moved by Ms. Testani, seconded by Mr. Pescatore

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$2,646.10 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to Town Hall Utilities Telephone 01013800-590014.

Mr. Scinto recused himself and left the room at 8:34 p.m. He works in the telecommunications industry.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on September 29, 2009 and voted 2-1 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted 14-1 (Opposed: Lamberti)

Mr. Scinto returned to the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Item 5. RESOLUTION TC22-229: Moved by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Mr. London

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$6,627.43 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to Building Official Salaries PT Permanent 01023200-501102.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on September 29, 2009 and voted 3-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 6. RESOLUTION TC22-230: Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Mr. Pescatore

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$14,774.71 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to Public Works Director Street Lights 01030025-590015.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on September 29, 2009 and voted 3-0 to recommend.

Mr. London stated that by disconnecting the street lights that are totally unnecessary, the town can save approximately \$225 per year for each light. There is a fee for United Illuminating to remove the apparatus from the pole, but there is a net savings and there are long term net savings.

VOTE: Adopted 13-3-0 (Opposed: Testani, London, Pescatore)

Item 7. RESOLUTION TC22-231: Moved by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$42,125.86 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to Highway Snow Removal 01030101-501105.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on September 29, 2009 and voted 3-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 8. RESOLUTION TC22-232: Moved by Ms. Mark, seconded by Ms. Lamberti

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$10,567.01 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to Education Services and Fees Contractual 01060000-522204.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on September 29, 2009 and voted 3-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 9. RESOLUTION TC22-233: Moved by Mr. Helfrich, seconded by Ms. Bivona

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$32,590.06 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to Education Transportation Travel 01060000-567703.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on September 29, 2009 and voted 3-0 to recommend.

Ms. Thornton explained this line item ran over budget and this request is to cover the overage. The town is responsible for the transportation costs to the private schools like the parochial schools.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 10. RESOLUTION TC22-234: Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. Pescatore

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$4,618.02 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to Non Public School Salaries PT Permanent 01060400-501102.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on September 29, 2009 and voted 3-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 11. RESOLUTION TC22-235: Moved by Mr. Bochet, seconded by Mr. Helfrich

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$563,851.03 is hereby appropriated from Town Hall Contingency 01013800-501116 as follows:

- Tax Assessor Salaries FT, 01011600-501101, \$5,092.23
- Tax Collector Salaries FT, 01012000-501101, \$6,949.10
- Tax Collector Salaries OT, 01012000-501105, \$457.06
- Purchasing Salaries FT, 01012200-501101, \$1,529.50
- Purchasing Salaries OT, 01012200-501105, \$173.60
- Treasurer Salaries FT, 01012400-501101, \$83.36
- Technology Salaries FT, 01012600-501101, \$466.69
- Human Resources Salaries FT, 01013000-501101, \$367.65
- Employee Benefits, FICA, 01013400-511150, \$66,757.89
- Custodial Services Salaries FT Permanent, 01014000-501101, \$657.33
- Custodial Services Salaries PT Permanent, 01014000-501102, \$833.22
- Custodial Services Salaries OT, 01014000-501105, \$983.22
- P & Z Salaries FT, 01014200-501101, \$5,650.11
- ZBA Salaries FT, 01014400-501101, \$2,930.68
- Police Salaries FT, 01022000-501101, \$406,402.96
- Police Salaries Holiday Pay, 01022000-501113, \$23,921.39
- Police Training, 01011000-501114, \$6,551.51
- Animal Control Salaries FT, 01022400-501101, \$10,134.41
- EMS Salaries FT, 01022600-501101, \$405.01
- Fire Marshal, Salaries FT, 01022800-501101, \$714.40
- Public Works Director, Salaries FT Permanent, 01030000-501101, \$558.
- Disposal Area Salaries FT Permanent, 01030400-501101, \$3,246.45
- Counseling Center Salaries FT Permanent, 01050200-501101, \$715.84
- Recreation Salaries FT Permanent 0108044-567703, \$9,673.86

Parks Salaries FT, 01080600-501101, \$8,514.74
Tree Warden Salaries FT 01080800-501101, \$80.82.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on September 29, 2009 and voted 2-1 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted 15-1 (Opposed: Lamberti)

No new business.

Mr. Helfrich moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. DeVecchio. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m. with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Lusebrink,
Council Clerk