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MINUTES

May 4, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Trumbull Town Council was called to order at 8:03 p.m. by Chairman Mark Altieri. 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	Matt Reale
Michael Rappa	John DelVecchio, Jr. (8:50)	Michael London
Suzanne Testani	Debbie Lamberti	Carl Massaro
Jane Deyoe	Perry Molinoff	Chad Ciocci
Robert Pescatore, Jr.	Mark Altieri	Dan Helfrich
Mary Beth Thornton	Martha Mark	Tony Scinto

ABSENT: Cheryl Bochet, Jeffry Jenkins, Kathleen Bivona

* Chairman Mark Altieri exercised his right not to vote unless otherwise noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman called for the approval of the April 23, 2009 meeting Minutes. **VOTE:** Passed 15-1 (Opposed: Pescatore)

Chairman called for the approval of the April 6, 2009 meeting Minutes.

Moved by Mr. Massaro, seconded by Mr. Ciocci to amend the April 6, 2009 Minutes by attaching the written amendments referenced therein.

Mr. Massaro explained that without those written amendments, the Minutes do not fully reflect what was voted on.

Mr. Reale believes this sets a dangerous precedent by allowing a laundry list or verbatim transcript of what happened previously and was voted down to become part of the Minutes.

VOTE: Passed 13-3 (Opposed: Reale, Rotondo, Molinoff)

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended

Item 1. RESOLUTION TC22-194: Held in Committee

Item 2. RESOLUTION TC22-178: Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. Pescatore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Selectman's reappointment of Diane Simone Ruotolo of 18 Nuthatch Hill Road, be and the same as a member of the Trumbull Day Commission is hereby approved for a term extending to September 1, 2012.

Committee report: R&R Committee met April 27, 2009 and voted 4-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

DISCUSSION ITEM: Trumbull High School Building Committee Update

Al Barbarotta, Owner's Representative, explained the project is on schedule and the local review is complete. The Committee is currently reviewing the bids for commissioning services. JCJ and O&G have been working closely together. There are 14 bid packages that have been put together for Phase I. A Threshold Review is being done now to review the structural components of the project. The plans will go back to the State for review next week and Mr. Barbarotta is hopeful that the Committee will be given authorization to go out to bid by May 15th.

Item 3. RESOLUTION TC22-179: Moved by Mr. Molinoff, seconded by Ms. Thornton

BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Selectman's reappointment of Rose Marie Derrig of 48 Tait Road, be and the same as a member of the Trumbull Day Commission is hereby approved for a term extending to September 1, 2013.

Committee report: R&R Committee met April 27, 2009 and voted 4-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Passed 15-1 (Opposed: Rappa)

Item 4. RESOLUTION TC22-195: Moved by Ms. Deyoe, seconded by Mr. London

BE IT RESOLVED, That an additional \$610,000 is hereby appropriated for the planning, acquisition and construction of sanitary sewers, Phase IV, Part B, Contract IV, and authorizing the issue of an additional \$610,000 bonds or notes of the Town to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Committee report: Finance Committee met April 28, 2009 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

Finance Director Lynn Heim explained this request is for appraisals, purchasing easements and administrative costs for the entire Nichols project, not just Huntington Road.

Mr. DelVecchio, Director of Public Works, explained they were pressed by the state and federal governments to get the Huntington Road portion of the sewer project started. After the sewers have been installed, extensive work on the road will be done by the State. These numbers weren't available when the request was made for the construction funding.

Bond Counsel Michael Andreana explained that typically during the acquisition or construction phase of the project, the town would issue short term debt until the numbers are finalized then it would be rolled into long term debt. You bond only what you need.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 5. RESOLUTION TC22-196: Moved by Mr. Marconi, seconded by Mr. Molinoff

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$1,360,000 is hereby appropriated for the replacement of the roof at Jane Ryan School, and authorizing the issue of \$1,360,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose.

Committee report: Finance Committee met April 28, 2009 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

Al Barbarotta explained that if the work is not completed during the summer then, if need be, the work would continue after school hours. The contract would be adjusted so as not to incur additional expense.

Bond Counsel Michael Andreana explained there is no law that says this has to be bonded for 20 years. Typically amortization schedules are matched up with the estimated useful life of a capital project as opposed to the dollar amount of the bond.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 6. RESOLUTION TC22-197: Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Mr. Pescatore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following programs are hereby approved as eligible under the Neighborhood Assistance Act: St. Vincent's Special Needs Center, Inc. – Augmentative Communication Services; Trumbull Nature and Arts Center –Outdoor classroom pavilion; Trumbull Nature and Arts Center – Greenhouse; Trumbull Nature and Arts Center – renewable energy features for the gallery space; Connecticut Radio Information System, Inc. aka CRIS – CRIS Radio Reading Services.

Committee report: R&R Committee met April 27, 2009 and after conducting a public hearing, voted 4-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 7. RESOLUTION TC22-182: Moved by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Reale

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$8,448 is hereby appropriated from the unreserved fund balance to Recreation Salaries 01080400-501101.

Committee report: Finance Committee met April 28, 2009 and amended the amount to \$9,819. They voted 3-0-2 (Abstentions: Lamberti, Deyoe) to recommend.

The Chairman recognized the committee report as an amendment.

VOTE: Passed 11-5 (Opposed: Scinto, Ciocci, Mark, London, Pescatore)

John DelVecchio, Jr. arrived at 8:50 p.m.

Finance Director Lynn Heim explained the compensatory time that is the subject of this resolution has accumulated over the course of the past several years. The use and accrual of the time has been ongoing. The employee has been using the compensatory time, but has also accrued more of it. The employee simply can not use all the time that has been accrued. The time records have been recorded on a daily basis.

In response to a series of points raised, Ms. Heim explained the agreement with the employee was that the compensatory time would be used. The employee has tried to use it, but it's reached a point where it is not possible to use it all. This same situation occurred under the previous administration.

Ms. Heim agrees this is a problem that needs to be taken care of. Some possible solutions might include hiring staff or putting a line into the budget for overtime and monitoring it more closely. She explained that all department heads have been told to come up with a plan to use all of the compensatory time.

Ms. Mark noted that the union language does not state when the pay out must be made. She also had questions regarding a note from the Labor Attorney referencing federal law.

First Selectman Ray Baldwin explained that there are some areas where federal law states one thing, but allows exceptions for municipal employees which is different from that in the private sector. He recommends postponing this until next month so the Labor Attorney can be present to answer any questions.

Mr. London moved to postpone, seconded by Ms. Testani.

VOTE: Passed 14-3 (Opposed: Pescatore, Ciocci, Massaro)

Item 8. RESOLUTION TC22-198: Moved by Ms. Lamberti, seconded by Mr. Pescatore

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$20,000 is hereby appropriated from the unreserved fund balance to Maint.Rep/Bldg. 01013800-578802.

Committee report: Finance Committee met April 28, 2009 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

In response to a question regarding how the additional money in the account will be used, Mr. DelVecchio stated there is nothing specifically planned. If it is not needed, then it will be returned to the general fund. Having said that, he noted we're continually spending money on the elevator, a portion of the roof has been damaged and should be repaired and there are services performed on a monthly basis that need to be paid.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

No new business

Mr. Altieri explained that Mr. Molinoff has resigned his seat as a representative of District 4 and he thanked him for his time of service. Council gave a standing ovation to Mr. Molinoff.

Mr. Molinoff moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Helfrich. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m. with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Lusebrink,
Council Clerk