

# TOWN COUNCIL

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## MINUTES August 4, 2008

**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	Jeffrey Jenkins	Matt Reale
Suzanne Testani	John Rotondo	Kathleen Bivona
Jane Deyoe	John DelVecchio, Jr.	Michael London
Robert Pescatore, Jr.	Perry Molinoff	Carl Massaro
Mary Beth Thornton	Mark Altieri	Dan Helfrich
	Martha Mark	Tony Scinto

**ABSENT:** Michael Rappa, Cheryl Bochet, Debbie Lamberti, Chad Ciocci

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Moved by Mr. Pescatore, seconded by Mr. London to amend the Minutes of the July 7, 2008 meeting by inserting the following paragraph into page 4 between paragraphs 1 & 2 of item 7: Mr. Pescatore asked First Selectman Baldwin if the Town paid for an appraisal to be done. Mr. Baldwin responded that the Town did pay for the appraisal. Mr. Pescatore then asked how much the appraisal cost the Town. Mr. Baldwin stated that the appraisal cost \$1500.00. Mr. Pescatore then proceeded to ask Mr. Baldwin about the dates on supplemental documents that were provided to the Council, one being the appraisal document with a date of June 9, 2008 and a letter from Richard Ruby, with a date of May 27, 2008. Mr. Pescatore stated that the date in the letter referred to a conversation between Mr. Ruby and Mr. Baldwin on May 20, 2008. The final line of the letter stated, "At your urging, I have lowered the price to \$20,000". Mr. Pescatore asked Mr. Baldwin to explain why a specific price was being talked about when the appraisal was not even completed at that point in time. Mr. Baldwin replied that he never stated a specific price, even though the wording in the letter points to a specific figure."

Motion withdrawn by Mr. Pescatore and Mr. London withdrew his second.

Moved by Mr. Pescatore, seconded by Mr. London to amend as previously proposed.

VOTE: Passed 8-5-3 (Opposed: DeVecchio, Thornton, Altieri, Reale, Rotondo;  
Abstention: Bivona, Molinoff, Marconi)

\*Chairman Altieri voted on this item.

VOTE: Adopted as amended 7-7-1 (Opposed: Molinoff, Marconi, Rotondo, Thornton,  
Bivona, DeVecchio, Rotondo; Abstention: Mark)

DISCUSSION ITEM: State Comptroller Nancy Wyman and Tom Woodruff, Director of Benefit & Retirement Division gave a brief overview of the Enhanced MEHIP Plan. The Municipal Cost Containment Committee runs this Plan. It is made up equally of municipal leaders and unions with each side having one vote. This is not a state run program; it is a vendor program that is geared towards municipalities.

Item 1. RESOLUTION TC22-89: Moved by Mr. Marconi, seconded by  
Mr. Reale

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$275,100 is hereby appropriated from the unreserved general fund to Police Capital Outlay 01022000-581888 for the replacement of the roof at the Town's Police Station.

Committee report: Finance Committee met July 29, 2008 and voted 6-0 to recommend.

Al Barbarotta who is volunteering as Construction Manager for the project, explained the difference between the bid price and the amount of this request is for allowances. These are the items the Board of Finance requested be redirected for estimates. Some examples of these costs include asbestos removal, roof decking and the removal and replacement of the lightening arrestors.

Mr. Barbarotta explained the area in the worst condition is the main roof. The mechanical equipment and other apparatus are located there.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 2. RESOLUTION TC22-90: Moved by Mr. Pescatore, seconded by  
Mr. London

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$87,000 is hereby appropriated from the unreserved fund balance to Education Program Expenses 01060000-522205.

Committee report: Finance Committee met July 29, 2008 and voted 6-0 to recommend.

This item has been included on the Board of Education's Capital Improvement List for many years.

Al Barbarotta, School Plant Coordinator, explained that this request is for a total replacement, as opposed to a repair and it will go through the state reimbursement process. A Building Committee will have to be assigned to the project and they will hire an architect.

These funds are an estimate of what it will cost to hire an architect. There are no statutory filing dates for this type of project as there are with an addition or renovation. The sooner the committee is assigned and their tasks completed, the sooner the project can be done.

Mr. Barbarotta explained that there are 2 sections that are leaking really badly. He plans to isolate and completely replace those sections this year using funds from the Board of Education's operating budget as well as funds that had been earmarked for the project. Next summer would be the best case scenario for the balance of the roof.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 3. RESOLUTION TC22-91: Moved by Mr. Molinoff, seconded by Ms. Bivona

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$2,597.94 is hereby appropriated from the unreserved fund balance to Elections Full Time Salaries 01010800-501101.

Committee report: Finance Committee met July 29, 2008 and voted 6-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 4. RESOLUTION TC22-92: Moved by Ms. Mark, seconded by Mr. Pescatore

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$12,164.73 is hereby transferred from Contingency 01013800-501116 to various salary accounts: First Selectman FT 01010400-501101 \$938.87, Elections FT 01010800-501101 \$207.46, Board of Finance FT 01011000-501101 \$2,027.76, Treasurer 01012400-501101 \$82.60, Town Attorneys FT 01012800-501101 \$510.96, Human Resources FT 01013000-501101 \$219.82, Custodial Services FT 01014000-501101 \$619.10, Planning & Zoning FT 01014200-501101 \$289.40, Zoning Board of Appeals 01014400-501101 \$289.40, Economic Development PT 01014600-501102 \$121.85, Emergency Management PT 01023400-501102 \$122.98, PW Maintenance Fleet FT 01030200-501101 \$897.61, Nursing Senior/Well Child FT 01040400-501101 \$232.42, Social Services FT 01050000-501101 \$59.02, Counseling Center FT 01050200-501101 \$715.01, Senior Citizen's Services FT 01050600-501101 \$159.05, Recreation FT 01080400-501101 \$368.19, Tree Warden FT 01080800-501101 \$74.40, Arts Commission PT 01080900-501102 \$68.67, FICA 01013400-511150 \$4,160.16.

Committee report: Finance Committee met July 29, 2008 and voted 6-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 5. RESOLUTION TC22-93: Moved by Mr. Reale, seconded by  
Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Attorney is hereby authorized to settle a tax appeal known as Mark Garamella, et al v Town of Trumbull, Docket No. CV-06-4017113.

Committee report: Finance Committee met July 29, 2008 and voted 6-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 6. RESOLUTION TC22-94: Moved by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by  
Mr. Pescatore

BE IT RESOLVED, That First Selectman Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr. be and the same, is hereby authorized to sign, on behalf of the Town of Trumbull, an application and contract with the State Library for a Historic Preservation Grant.

Committee report: Finance Committee met July 29, 2008 and voted 6-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Mr. Massaro moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m. with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Lusebrink,  
Council Clerk