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MINUTES

October 6, 2008

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Trumbull Town Council was called to order at 8:02 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
Michael Rappa	John Rotondo	Kathleen Bivona
Suzanne Testani	John DelVecchio, Jr.	Michael London
Robert Pescatore, Jr.	Debbie Lamberti	Carl Massaro
Mary Beth Thornton	Perry Molinoff	Chad Ciocci
Cheryl Bochet	Mark Altieri	Dan Helfrich
	Martha Mark	Tony Scinto

ABSENT: Jane Deyoe

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

Council warmly greeted the members of Cub Scout Pack #167, Den #10 from Nichols who were in attendance. The Scouts are working on their Citizen badge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the September 4, 2008 meeting were approved as presented with unanimous consent.

Item 1. RESOLUTION TC22-99: Moved by Mr. Pescatore, seconded by Ms. Testani

BE IT RESOLVED, That Lisa Valenti of 22 Wood Avenue, be and the same, is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Board of Finance for a term extending to the first Monday in December, 2009.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on October 1, 2008 and voted 4-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Moved by Mr. Massaro, seconded by Mr. Pescatore to make this emergency legislation.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 2. RESOLUTION TC22-100: Out of Order

Item 3. RESOLUTION TC22-101: Moved by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Molinoff

BE IT RESOLVED, That Deborah Lamberti of 57 Lafayette Drive, be and the same, is hereby appointed as a member of the Jane Ryan School Roof Building Committee.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on October 1, 2008 and voted 4-0 to amend the spelling of Ms. Lamberti's name to Debra.

The committee report was accepted as an amendment.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended

Item 4. RESOLUTION TC22-102: Moved by Ms. Lamberti, seconded by Ms. Bivona

BE IT RESOLVED, That Michael Mammana of 30 Gilbert Drive in the Town of Trumbull is hereby appointed a member of the Jane Ryan School Roof Building Committee.

Committee report: R&R Committee met on October 1, 2008 and voted 4-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 5. RESOLUTION TC22-103: Moved by Mr. Reale, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$20,000 is hereby appropriated from the unreserved fund balance to Social Services Emergency Fund 72130078-430000 for Project HEAT.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on October 2, 2008 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

First Selectman Ray Baldwin explained there is a program comprised solely of private donations that is administered by Social Services. Depending on the year and the weather, usually between \$3,500 and \$4,000 is used. There is approximately \$10,000 in the fund right now.

Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Ms. Lamberti to amend the amount to \$10,000.

The price of oil is more than it was last year. 320 people have already applied for assistance and it's expected the number will grow substantially as the winter progresses.

VOTE: Failed 4-15 (Approved: London, Massaro, Lamberti, Pescatore)

Moved by Mr. London to amend so the collection and distribution of the fund is not contingent upon private contributions. There was no second. Mr. London withdrew his Motion.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 6. RESOLUTION TC22-104: Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$47,000 is hereby appropriated from WPCA Retained Earnings Account to WPCA Services Contractual Account 20100000-522204.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on October 2, 2008 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

We are already paying penalties for exceeding the limit.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Moved by Mr. Ciocci, seconded by Mr. Rotondo to make this emergency legislation.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

DISCUSSION ITEM: Trumbull High School Building Committee update

Jim Nugent, Trumbull High School Building Committee Chairman explained that his committee is waiting for the architect to provide drawings and design plans for the renovation of the school. Preliminary conceptual discussions have been held as well as discussions regarding the budget and the need to stay within the budget. Based on preliminary numbers, it appears that the project will have to be scaled back but a renovation of the basic systems like electrical, HVAC, mechanical, auditorium and necessary ABA improvements and some other aspects will be done.

In response to questions and comments regarding energy efficiency, Mr. Nugent stated that all different options will be considered. As of right now, he does not know specifically what will or will not be built.

Chairman Nugent explained that typically when there is a contract involved, there are several revisions and lots of back and forth between the parties. It's part of the process. He expects the architect's contract will be signed soon. In the meantime, the architects have been working on the project and he does not expect a delay just because it hasn't been signed yet. Mr. Nugent expects to have a preliminary schedule within the next month or two.

Item 7. RESOLUTION TC22-105: Moved by Ms. Bivona, seconded by Mr. Molinoff

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$280,664 is hereby appropriated from the unreserved fund balance to Education Program Expense 01060000-522205.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on October 2, 2008 and made 3 amendments. #1. They reduced the amount to \$49,000. #2. They appropriated \$24,000 of that amount to Annual Rentals/ Lease account 01060000-589901. #3. They reduced the remaining \$25,000 by \$5,000. The committee voted 4-1 to recommend as amended.

With unanimous consent the first amendment contained in the committee report was recognized as an amendment.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

With unanimous consent the second amendment contained in the committee report was recognized as an amendment.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

With unanimous consent the third amendment contained in the committee report was recognized as an amendment.

VOTE: Passed 18-1 (Opposed: Scinto)

Mr. London stated that he supports the programs but has a hard time believing the Board of Education can't find this amount in their budget.

Ms. Thornton responded that Council has asked the Board to be very transparent and to reduce the number of transfers during the school year. The Board of Education is actually responding to Council's request. If there is a surplus, the Board will return it to the Town as they've done in the past.

Superintendent Ralph Iassogna stated that programming is in place for this school year and he does not anticipate requesting any additional funding except in the event of unforeseen situations.

VOTE: Adopted as amended 18-2 (Opposed: Pescatore, London)

* Chairman Altieri voted on this item.

Item 8. RESOLUTION TC22-106: Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. London

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$26,755 is hereby appropriated from the unreserved fund balance to Town Hall Property Liability Insurance 01013800-511160.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on October 2, 2008 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 9. RESOLUTION TC22-107: Moved by Mr. DeVecchio, seconded by Mr. Marconi

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$2,452 is hereby appropriated from the unreserved fund balance to Zoning Board of Appeals Legal Notices 01014400-545501.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on October 2, 2008 and voted to amend by inserting “for FY 07-08” after the account number.

The Chairman recognized the Committee Report as an amendment.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended

Item 10. RESOLUTION TC22-108: Moved by Ms. Testani, seconded by Mr. Pescatore

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$22,295 is hereby appropriated from the unreserved fund balance to Public Works Transportation Gas 01030200-567701.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on October 2, 2008 and voted to amend by inserting “for FY 07-08” after the account number.

The Chairman recognized the Committee Report as an amendment.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

VOTE: Adopted unanimously as amended

Item 11. RESOLUTION TC22-109: Moved by Mr. Helfrich, seconded by Ms. Bivona

BE IT RESOLVED, That \$202,261 is hereby transferred from Town Hall Contingency 01013800-501116 to: Police Salaries – FT 0102200-501101 \$160,078; Planning & Zoning Salaries – FT 01014200-501101 \$13,905; Zoning Board of Appeals 01014400-501101 \$13,905; Employee Benefits – FICA 01013400-511150.

Committee report: Finance Committee met on October 2, 2008 and voted to amend by inserting “\$14,373.00 for FY 07-08” after the account number.

The Chairman recognized the Committee Report as an amendment.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

Finance Director Lynn Heim explained this is the amount that was allocated for the Police Contract. It has not been signed yet and she is making this request so that when the Contract has been finalized, she'll be able to access what she needs for the retro payments. These funds were allocated for FY 07-08 and will lapse to the general fund if this transfer is not made. This request is in lieu of a supplemental appropriation.

VOTE: Adopted as amended 18-1 (Opposed: Massaro)

Item 12. RESOLUTION TC22-110: Moved by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That the installation of a wind turbine, donated by the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund (CCEF) as part of its Wind Turbine Demonstration Project, is hereby authorized for Indian Ledge Park.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on October 1, 2008 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

Public Works Director John DelVecchio, Sr. explained there are 4 towns vying for the wind turbines. Indian Ledge Park and the Voag are the 2 locations in Trumbull with the best winds. The Public Works Department will install the turbine if we are selected. He believes this is a low maintenance, high energy turbine.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 13. RESOLUTION TC22-111: Moved by Ms. Bochet, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio

BE IT RESOLVED, That First Selectman Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr., be and the same is hereby authorized to sign an agreement between the Town of Trumbull (Subgrantee) and Amie Joyce and Antimo F. Palmieri (Seller) for the purchase of property located at 206 Lake Avenue based on FEMA acquisition requirements provided in 44 C.F.R. Part 80 and relevant program guidance (i.e., Pre-Disaster, Hazard Mitigation, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, Flood Mitigation Assistance).

Committee report: L&A Committee met on October 1, 2008 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

Mr. Massaro stated he supports this because there is a 75% subsidy through the FEMA grant that will limit the Town's costs and that it is part of a flood mitigation effort. He is not voting on it to rescue or bail out a particular homeowner. He does not want to set a precedent where other homeowners are going to want help.

First Selectman Ray Baldwin clarified that he and Town Engineer Steve Savarese worked with the DEP and FEMA and identified 12-15 properties they thought might qualify for flood mitigation. This is the only property that qualified. He stressed that they didn't go

willy nilly looking for properties to purchase for the sake of purchasing them. It was done for flood remediation. The State DEP and FEMA made the decision that this property was the only one that qualified.

Town Attorney Dan Schopick stated that the Appraiser and Tax Assessor Ross Murray both agree that based on statistical valuations, the appraisal is still valid even in light of the recent market conditions. As he understands the program, it is based on what the property would be worth if it was not prone to flooding. This is a fair value.

Mr. Baldwin explained that the Public Works Department will handle the demolition. The cost to demolish is included in the appraisal. In order to qualify for the program, the property cannot be resold and must be used for flood remediation. We're not buying the house for the sake of buying the house. We're buying the property because there is a larger public interest and that is correcting a flooding problem in that area.

VOTE: Passed 18-2 (Opposed: Ciocci, Pescatore)

Item 14. RESOLUTION TC22-112: Moved by Mr. Ciocci, seconded by Mr. Reale

BE IT RESOLVED, That Resolution TC22-50, adopted by the Town Council on April 7, 2008, entitled "Town of Trumbull Fair Housing Resolution" is hereby amended to include "Raymond G. Baldwin, Jr." after the words "First Selectman" and to add "5866 Main Street (203)452-5005" after the words "Town of Trumbull."

Mr. DelVecchio left the room at 9:37 p.m.

Committee report: L&A Committee met on October 1, 2008 and voted 5-0 to recommend.

VOTE: Adopted unanimously

Item 15. RESOLUTION TC22-113: Held in Committee

Item 16. RESOLUTION TC22-114: Out of Order

Mr. Helfrich moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rotondo. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m. with unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorrie Lusebrink,
Council Clerk