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MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2020

CALL

TO ORDER:

The Chair called the virtual meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. All present joined in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chair asked all those present to remember all those affected by COVID, our families, friends and the President of the United States and First Lady as well.

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

PRESENT:

Dawn Cantafio	Eric Paulson	Joanne Glasser-Orenstein
Lisa Valenti	Mary Beth Thornton	Kevin Shively
Mary Isaac	Mike Miller	Ashley Gaudiano
Joy Colon	Steve Lemoine	Jason Marsh
Joe Gerics	Bruce Elstein	Tony Scinto
Thomas Whitmoyer	Carl A. Massaro, Jr.	Bill Mecca
Donna Seidell	Keith Klain	Lisa Valenti
Lori Rosasco-Schwartz		

ALSO

PRESENT:

First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Katske Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, Police Commission Chairman Raymond Baldwin, Chief of Police Michael Lombardo, Michael Buonopane, Finance Director Maria Pires, Fred Greene of CIRMA, Labor Relations Director Thomas McCarthy

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no one present from the public to speak.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Glasser-Orenstein to approve the September regular meeting minutes as submitted. VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

The Chair announced today is World Teachers' Day and recognized all teachers all over the world who are dealing with pandemic. Teachers are doing a tremendous job. The Town of Trumbull extended its gratitude to all the teachers. They are all heroes to the Town and everything they do is appreciated. Ms. Gaudio noted that there were many council members who are teachers and recognized them for a job well done, Joy Colon, Steve Lemoine, Donna Seidell, Thomas Whitmoyer, and Bill Mecca.

First Selectman congratulated and extended her gratitude to the Trumbull teachers as well, they are wonderful and are also on the frontlines with COVID.

POLICE TIER 1 ACCREDITATION

The Chair congratulated the Trumbull Police Department for achieving Tier 1 accreditation from the Police Training Council. Tier 1 is the first of three stages and required the department to meet 143 commonly accepted standards of law enforcement practices in areas such as liability, safety, ethics and training. During the three-year certification, Trumbull police are required to submit annual reports detailing their continued compliance to Tier 1 standards.

Chief Lombardo explained the accreditation is for the men and women of the police department as they do the work day in and day out. They started this 5 years ago and explained the process takes a long time. As things change with policing they have to continually change and update policies. There are over 100 policies that the department has now and there are 143 standards within those policies. Tier 1 speaks to civil liability, and it is their hope it will reduce their overall liability. There are a lot of changes going on throughout the country with regard to policing, even locally in the state. Reports have to be done continually for recertification. There is a lot of work that goes into this, and they do have an accreditation manager. A lot of the accreditation is high standards and will be noted by other officials throughout the state. This department is up there with the cream of the crop and is proud of the men and women of the department. They do a great job.

Police Commission Chairman Raymond Baldwin on behalf of the Commission is proud of the Chief, staff and the men and women of the Trumbull Police Department. We are in a time in our country where police departments are being challenged daily, the people of Trumbull can be assured that are officers are one of the best trained and best supervised in the state. This takes a great deal of work with an involved process and two more steps to go. Under the leadership of the Chief they have made great strides in professionalizing the police department. He thanked his fellow police commissioners as it is their responsibility to do the hiring and promotions of officers and they also had to elevate their standards to help the Chief and the department achieve this goals. He thanks the Chief and the men and women of the department for their hard work.

First Selectman Tesoro noted the Police Department accreditation is a wonderful thing and puts our police men and women in the spotlight and extended her gratitude to them and the Police Chief and Police Commission Chairman.

2020 CT EMS AGENCY OF THE YEAR AWARD

First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro congratulated the Trumbull EMS for receiving the prestigious 2020 CT EMS Agency of the Year Award. Trumbull EMS was selected by the Connecticut EMS Advisory Board Council of Regional Presidents to receive the 2020 CT EMS Agency of the Year Award. In addition, Trumbull EMT Meg Zeitler was awarded the 2020 EMS Vocation Award, which recognizes an individual who has chosen a career in Emergency Medical Services. The CT EMS Agency of the Year Award recognizes an EMS Organization that has enhanced the understanding and support of the EMS System through its public service, community education and contributions to a city, town, region, or the state as a whole. First Selectman read Chief Goodman's quote, "This award is a reflection of our professional care and commitment to serving our community. The Trumbull EMS team has worked together to ensure we continue to deliver high quality care to our community in the emergency setting, and as part of our community outreach programs."

The EMS Vocation Award recognizes an individual whose chosen career is Emergency Medical Services. First Selectman Tesoro read Chief Goodman's statement, "Meg is receiving this award in recognition of her compassion and care for her patients and the community". First Selectman Tesoro stated we are all so proud of them winning this award as well as Meg Zeitler who is an invaluable member of the team. At some point a statewide ceremony will be held but it will follow COVID protocols. It will be posted on the website when that will happen.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION TC28-107: Moved by Seidell, seconded by Cantafio
BE IT RESOLVED, That a memorial designation in the name of Mary Ellen Bolton, namely "Mary Ellen Way," is hereby added to the entrance to Jane Ryan School abutting Shady Lane. (Full Resolution Attached)

Mr. Vin Lipinski stated this was an honor joining the meeting and extended his gratitude to all involved in this. He and his family have spent a lot of years at Jane Ryan School, he has been lucky to have the principals they have had. Any public school to have the last three principals as strong as they were over 30 year period is very lucky. He was previously in the Fathers' Club and was the Vice-President for his final 11 years.

Jane Ryan holds a huge piece of him and his family's hearts. Elementary School is the most important period of a students' growth and the fact that they are at the school for the longest period of time plays an important part as to why elementary schools are so important. He was honored to be part of the selection committee to hire Mary Ellen Bolton, he didn't believe they would be able to find an equal replacement to the outgoing principal. It wasn't until the last day of interviews and the very last interview that he thought he would be able to select a principal for the next ten years. He then met Mary Ellen Bolton and immediately knew she was the perfect candidate. She was his first, second and third choice. She was approved and hired by the BOE and became the principal of Jane Ryan in 2011. He had the privilege to work closely with her on many events at the school. He spoke to how much fun it was to work with her. He had many conversations with her and spoke to her as being impeccable and wasn't sure if she had a

fault. He doesn't know how she did as many things as she did, he believes there were 35 hours in a "Mary Ellen Day" as that would be the only way she could do it all.

He had spoken with his Fathers' Club former members on what they could do to honor Mary Ellen and they came to this idea of naming the street after her. He reached out to the First Selectman and she immediately replied and connected him with the Director of Public Works George Estrada. He didn't think this would happen quickly, but when Mary Ellen passed away he reached out to the First Selectman again. Both First Selectman Tesoro and George Estrada were incredibly in favor of this from day one and had suggested it ultimately go to the Town Council. Mr. Lipinski shared his screen with the attached image of the street and where the sign would be at the corner of Shady Lane to the school, (indicated by the portion of the street in red). That section currently doesn't have a name. The suggestion of "Mary Ellen Way" came to be because of the way about her, she was caring, loving, truly cared for the school, students, faculty and the families. She was a very big part of all their lives and knows the school was a big part of her life. He had the opportunity to speak to council members and the Superintendent and everyone was in agreement that when you have someone as great of a person and meant so much to one school it made all the sense in the world to name this section of the road after her. He suggested when this gets done to have a ceremony to unveil the street sign and possibly during a school day. He spoke in favor of the students seeing something going up as opposed to coming down during the current days of unrest happening in our country.

Mr. Lipinski stated parents, grandparents and extended family were invited to the school on Veteran's Day every year as well as other events where she got to know the families by name. She was always there for Mr. Lipinski during the best and the worst times, she gave him strength and told him to lean on his family and his faith and then she had her own health issues. She was always a special person to him because she was a friend. She meant so much to his family, the Jane Ryan Family and the Bolton family and hopes the resolution passes.

Mr. Raymond Baldwin noted Mr. Lipinski's tribute to Mary Ellen was beautiful. Mr. Baldwin explained he had gotten to know Mary Ellen and Tim Bolton when he was with St. Vincent's Special Needs Services and their daughter Katie was in the Feroletto Center School. She was on his Board of Directors and at the same time his granddaughter started Jane Ryan School. We had the best of the best with Mary Ellen Bolton. The Bolton family is an extraordinary and remarkable family. This is a great tribute and applauded Mr. Lipinski and the Fathers' Club for doing this.

Mr. Tim Bolton said being overwhelmed would be an understatement. The first time he had heard of Jane Ryan School was when Mary Ellen's friend Donna Seidell had suggested she go for the opening of principal and so she put her hat in the ring. When he had first heard of this, what came to mind was how hard Mary Ellen worked during the summer for the opening of the school and how she would roll out the red carpet wearing a red dress when the bus would pull up and greeted each child. She would get to know all their names. This street sign will be as if she is putting arms out and hugging the whole

community perpetually. What a beautiful way to celebrate her, to remember her and to allow all the children that are fortunate enough to go to that beautiful school to get to know her a little bit and receive a hug from her.

It is an understatement of how eternally grateful he will be for this privilege. Having been able to share the better part of his life with her and in only a matter of 3 weeks after the good Lord called her home to be overwhelmed like this and to celebrate her. To know that she made such an impact on this community and so many people is so gratifying. He appreciates everyone's efforts from the bottom of his heart and his family's as well.

Ms. Seidell explained she and Mary Ellen Bolton were elementary principals in Stratford, their friendship was defined by support, laughter and much joy always. All of the Jane Ryan staff had joined the meeting to see this and was happy about that. Each and every day the school staff keeps Mary Ellen's spirit alive in the school, they are always laughing and keeping positive, just as she would have liked it. If she had heard about this and the support of the Fathers' Club she would have said, "It's all good". She was great friend and colleague.

Committee Meeting: The Finance Committee met on September 29 and voted unanimously.

First Selectman Tesoro extended their deepest sympathies on behalf of the Town of Trumbull to the entire Bolton family. First Selectman Tesoro spoke to what a wonderful person she was. During her campaigns and going door-to-door the people of Jane Ryan only wanted to talk about was how wonderful the school and Mary Ellen were. They just loved that school and her. What a tribute that is. Mr. Bolton's image of Mary Ellen perpetually giving a hug to Jane Ryan School will stay with everyone forever. She extended her gratitude to the Bolton family for sharing Mary Ellen with them and how lucky they were to have her.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

2. RESOLUTION TC28-96: Moved by Whitmoyer, seconded by Cantafio
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town attorney is hereby authorized to settle a workers' compensation claim known as Donna Marie McCarthy v. the Town of Trumbull BOE.

Committee Meeting: The Finance Committee met on September 29 entered into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

3. RESOLUTION TC28-108: Moved by Paulson, seconded by Cantafio
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$253,947 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to various accounts. (See Accounts Attached)

Committee Meeting: The Finance Committee met on September 29 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

4. RESOLUTION TC28-109: Moved by Mecca, seconded by Cantafio
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$22,978 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to 01030200-578802 MNTNCE/REP-Equipment/Building.

Committee Meeting: The Finance Committee met on September 29 and voted unanimously.

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

5. RESOLUTION TC28-110: Moved by Cantafio, seconded by Colon
BE IT RESOLVED, That \$69,929 is hereby transferred from Town Hall-Contingency to various accounts. (See Accounts Attached)

VOTE: ADOPTED by unanimous consent

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Cantafio, seconded by Mecca the Trumbull Town Council adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Margaret D. Mastroni
Town Council Clerk

FULL RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION TC28-107:

Whereas, Mary Ellen Bolton was the principal of Jane Ryan School for 10 years and was loved by all of her staff, students and families. Her love and leadership touched thousands of lives throughout her 33 years in education. Her mere presence brightened any room she walked into by her smile, her laughter and her every-present joy; and

Whereas, the Jane Ryan School Fathers Club asked the town to consider naming the entrance to Jane Ryan School “Mary Ellen Way;”

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That a memorial designation in the name of Mary Ellen Bolton, namely “Mary Ellen Way,” is hereby added to the entrance to Jane Ryan School abutting Shady Lane.

Sponsored by Joy Colon, Bruce Elstein, Ashley Gaudiano, Joseph Gerics, Stephen Lemoine, Lisa Valenti

DATE OF MEETING: SEPTEMBER 24, 2020
 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FY 2020

TRANSFER NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT #	BALANCE BEFORE TRANSFER	AMOUNT OF TRANSFER	BALANCE AFTER TRANSFER
09-20-01	FROM				
	GENERAL FUND - FUND BALANCE			(253,947.00)	
	TO				
	TREE WARDEN - PROGRAM EXPENSES	(1) 01080800-522205	(121,735.13)	121,736.00	0.87
	TREE WARDEN - EMERGENCY SERVICES	(1) 01080800-578806	(38,689.50)	38,690.00	0.50
	TECHNOLOGY SERVICES & FEES-CONTRACTUAL	(2) 01012800-522204	(4,159.25)	4,160.00	
	FRINGE BENEFITS-WORKER COMP	(3) 01013400-511152	(84,007.49)	84,008.00	0.51
	SOCIAL SERVICES-SALARIES - OT	(4) 01050000-501105	(7,352.91)	7,353.00	
				253,947.00	

- (1) Additional tree work done to trees due to storms. Snow account under budget \$145K
- (2) Additional services needed for staff to work remotely due to COVID
- (3) Various Final and Full settlements of both Town and BOE claims
- (4) Additional hours worked by staff to distribute food due to COVID

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TRANSFERS FROM CONTINGENCY - FY ENDING JUNE 30, 2020					
TRANSFER NUMBER	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	BALANCE BEFORE TRANSFER	AMOUNT OF TRANSFER	BALANCE AFTER TRANSFER
09-20-03	FROM				
	Town Hall-Contingency	01013800-501116	575,005.36	(69,929.00)	505,076.36
	TO				
	Treasurer - Salaries -FT	01012400-501101	(357.89)	358.00	0.11
	Technology - Salaries -FT (MATE, MATHAS contracts)	01012800-501101	(8,982.24)	8,983.00	0.76
	Human Services - (MATE contract and employee final Payout)	01013000-501101	(34,334.87)	31,761.00	(2,543.67)
	EMS - Retirement final payout	01022800-501101	(6,988.90)	8,971.00	
	Building - Salaries - FT - (MATE and MATHAS contracts)	01023200-501101	(6,519.51)	7,005.00	(1,514.51)
	Social Services - Salaries FT- MATE contract	01050000-501101	(3,764.89)	3,522.00	(262.89)
	Counseling Center - Salaries FT- MATE, MATHAS contracts, Final payout	01050200-501101	(9,296.83)	9,299.00	
				69,929.00	
	To transfer salaries for approved MATE, MATHAS contracts and final payouts for accumulated sick/vacation				



Mitchell Rd

Jane Ryan School

Irving Rd

Channing Rd

Mitchell Rd

Dudy Ln

Wood Ave

Park Ln

Lora Ln

Wood Ave

Park Ln