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AMENDED MINUTES OF SPECIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING & REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS OF NORTH BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

Oath of office of the new Town Council/Water Pollution Authority administered by the Town Clerk.

Town Clerk Lisa Valenti administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Anthony Candelora, Deputy Mayor Alfred Rose and all council members.

Mayor Anthony Candelora called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

3. ROLL CALL: Present were Mayor Anthony Candelora, Deputy Mayor Alfred Rose, Councilor Rose Angeloni, Councilor Vincent Caprio, Councilor Michael Doody, Councilor Andrew Esposito, Councilor Joseph Faughnan, Councilor Donald Fucci II, Councilor Joanne Wentworth. Also present were Town Manager Richard V. Branigan and Town Attorney John Gesmonde.

4. Appointment of Clerk to Council and establishment of compensation thereof.

MOTION: Councilor Angeloni moved, seconded by Councilor Doody to approve the proposed motion; The Town Council hereby appoints Mary Caruso of 1700 Foxon Road, North Branford as the Clerk of the Council with a compensation of \$100.00 per meeting and \$25.00 per hour for each hour or portion thereof in excess of two hours per meeting.

VOTE: Passed 9-0 in a roll call vote.

5. Appointment of the Town Attorney

MOTION: Councilor Doody moved, seconded by Councilor Wentworth to approve the proposed motion; The Town Council hereby appoints Attorney John Gesmonde of 2 Maltby Lane, Northford as Town Attorney for the Town of North Branford.

VOTE: Passed 9-0 in a roll call vote.



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6. Establishment of times and places of regular meetings.

MOTION: Councilor Fucci moved, seconded by Councilor Wentworth to approve the schedule of times and places of the regular meetings of the Town Council to take place in council chambers 909 Foxon Road, North Branford.

VOTE: Passed 9-0 in a roll call vote.

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

7. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

a. October 12, 2011 – Special Meeting of Town Council.

MOTION: Councilor Faughnan moved, seconded by Councilor Angeloni to accept the minutes of October 12, 2011 Special Meeting of Town Council.

VOTE: Passed 7-0 in a roll call vote with two abstentions.

ABSTAIN: Councilor Caprio and Councilor Doody

b. October 18, 2011- WPCA & Town Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Esposito to accept the minutes of the October 18, 2011 WPCA & Town Council Meeting.

VOTE: Passed 9-0 in a roll call vote.

8. Reports of Committees, Boards and Commissions

a. Economic Development Commission- Councilor Wentworth reported that there are two new members and the commission will now move on with some new ideas.

b. Hazardous Waste/Recycling Committee- The Town Manager reported that the committee did not have a quorum for last weeks meeting however they did have some informal discussions. There is a leave collections is underway and will continue with the monthly recycling program throughout the year. They are also trying to improve recycling with the schools.

c. Permanent Project Building Committee- Councilor Angeloni reported that the committee meeting met on Monday November 14th. There is a kickoff walk through at Stanley T. Williams Renovation Project Friday November 18th. The town manager reported that the contracts have been signed with Salamone & Associates and will be moving forward.

9. Town Manager's Report

NBIS- Working on resolving some of the pending envelope issues. These will be corrected by Ferguson and will be supervised by the project team. There will be further water testing to try to find all leaks. This will be done under the supervision of Caputo.

Swajchuk Property & Wall Field Relocation – The consultant has amended the contract following a review by the town attorney's office. A kick-off meeting with staff will be scheduled ASAP after the contract is executed.

Stanley T. Williams School Renovation Project- STEAP Grant – Phase II – No announcement has been made by the Governor's Office on the 2011 allocations under this program. It is likely delayed due to the winter storm event of late October.

The road improvement program is still in the process of crack sealing which has to be done before paving. We will be looking at alternative means to improving drainage on Chidsey Drive.

Storm Clean-up – Curbside pick-up – the schedule for pick-up has been put on a temporary hold pending approval from FEMA on the reimbursement for these costs. Public works is addressing safety issues ongoing.

The town just received contracts from the state on Cedar Lake Road project. The town's concern is to follow through on the states promise to pay one hundred percent of this project.

The Town Manager and Public Works Director met with the Chief of Police regarding all terrain vehicles allowed on town property. There are state statutes to reinforce that law and the town will enforce and prosecute all offenders

During December 6th town council meeting (or possibly the following meeting) there will be a presentation from Hero Village regarding housing for veterans in the old town hall site.

The town is re-establishing the United Way Employee Campaign. United Way has reformatted the services they provide.

The town will have a recap of their emergency operations for the last few storms. Chief Seward will conducting this program and will bring in all utility companies that were involved in the storm events.

The Town Manager will keep the council up to date on the Potato Festival meetings. There are a number of people have stepped up to keep the festival going.

There is a \$2,500 grant made available from UI for municipalities, the town felt this could be used to purchase a generator for Hillside Terrace. The electrical service to their community center is not feasible for this. The town is looking to an alternative to use this grant to help establish an emergency operations center at the town hall.

10. Citizens' Statements and Petitions and Correspondence:

Mayor Candelora asked for a moment of silence in honor of Chef Ed and his family.

Roger Munck-Walnut Lane Roger congratulated the council. He brought to the attention of the council that Mansfield Drive was repaved and the trips for the light were not put back in which creates a traffic problem in the morning. He also asked if the rumor was correct regarding a traffic light on Route 17 and Reeds Gap Road. Councilor Angeloni remarked that to date she has not heard that request at the Police Commission meetings. Mr. Munck also commented that he thought the Superintendent's food allowance was unnecessary. His last comment was for the council to remember a tax allowance for seniors.

Mayor Candelora reported that Walt's Auto Body was chosen as the Chamber of Commerce business of the year. They will be given an award at the annual dinner on November 30th. The Mayor urged people to support this event.

11. Resignations and Appointments:

a. Appointment- Anthony Nucolo -- representative for the Police Department to Town Pension Committee (term to expire 12/1/11).

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Esposito to accept the appointment of Anthony Nucolo as representative from the Police Department to the Town Pension Committee with a term to expire 12/1/11.

VOTE: Passed 8-0 in a roll call vote.

b. Appointment – Ed Prunier – Alternate member from the Board of Fire Commissioners to Town Pension Committee (term to expire 12/1/11)

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Faughnan to accept the appointment of Ed Prunier as an alternate member as a representative from the Board of Fire Commissioners to Town Pension Committee with a term to expire 12/1/11.

VOTE: Passed 8-0 in a roll call vote.

12. Unfinished Business: Discussion and Action Re:

a. North Branford High School Roof

The town manager gave a briefing regarding the roof project. The public works director, and a combination of school staff purchased and installed the additional drainage that was needed for proper drainage. Everything is functioning correctly. The Board of Education will be addressing the EDO49 very soon.

13. New Business for Discussion and Action

a. Charter Revision Committee

Council members discussed potential Charter Revision Committee members and were reminded that at the last meeting this issue was tabled until the January 3rd meeting.

b. Communication Committee Meeting

The Mayor discussed setting up a meeting for December.

c. Approval of 2012 Town Council Meeting Schedule

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Fucci to approve the 2012 Town Council Meeting Schedule with the following changes; adding December 11, 2012 and omitting the December 18, ²⁰¹² meeting. (attachment 1)

VOTE: Passed 9-0 in a roll call vote.

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Fucci to amend the agenda to add item 13c-1 to discuss the 2011-meeting schedule.

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Fucci to amend the date of the December 6, 2011 meeting to December 13, 2011-special meeting.

VOTE: Passed 9-0 in a roll call vote.

d. October 31, 2011 Financial Report

Finance Director gave an overview of the October 31, 2011 financial report. Reporting that tax collections are on target with last year as well as expenditures identical as last year. There are still outstanding bills coming in for the Potato Festival but he will report when all expenses are in. (attachment 2)

e. Approval of Tax Refunds

MOTION: Councilor Fucci moved, seconded by Councilor Angeloni to approve the attached tax refunds. (attachment 3)

VOTE: Passed 9-0 in a roll call vote.

14. Citizens' Statements and Petitions:

Cliff Potter, 1251 Middletown Avenue- Congratulated the council and thanked them all for their volunteer time. He suggested that the town might look at army surplus supply in New London for a potential generator.

15. Executive Session-1-200(6)(b) pending claims

MOTION: Councilor Esposito moved, seconded by Councilor Angeloni to move into Executive Session-1-200(6)(b) pending claims with town attorney at 8:04 p.m.

VOTE: Passed 9-0 in a roll call vote.

Mayor Candelora reconvened the regular town council meeting at 8:50 p.m.

16. Adjournment:

MOTION: Councilor Wentworth moved, seconded by Councilor Esposito to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

VOTE: Passed 9-0 in a roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted



Mary Caruso
Town Council Clerk