

MINUTES

WATERTOWN TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

LECTURE ROOM

MONDAY, June 21, 2010, 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

Elaine Adams
Richard DiFederico
Richard Fusco
Linda Masayda
Raymond Primini, Chairman
Paul Rinaldi
Mary Ann Rosa, Vice Chairman
Thomas Winn

ABSENT:

Katherine Duplissie

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chuck Frigon, Town Manager
Frank Nardelli, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director

OTHERS ABSENT:

None

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Primini, Chairman, Called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Ms. King, Secretary, executed the Roll Call.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Participation - none

5. Minutes

a. Regular Meeting – June 7, 2010

a. (DiFederico sec. Rosa) I move to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting

- June 7, 2010.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Special Meeting – May 18, 2010

- b. (DiFederico sec. Rosa) I move to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting
– May 18, 2010.

(Adams sec. Fusco) To postpone the approval of the May 18, 2010 to next meeting

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Chairman’s Report - none

7. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Public Works Subcommittee
- Hazardous Waste Program next pickup Saturday, July 24th at Naugatuck High School
 - Sidewalks – Started plans on Adams Road, Echo Lake Road, and Ice House Road.
 - a. contractors would be double the cost
 - b. public works does a great job on sidewalks
 - c. hope to get list done by the end of November

Ms. Adams: tonight’s agenda there is a motion for a town meeting to appropriate the dollars for the sidewalks that Mr. Winn mentioned for Echo Lake Road it would be for the materials required.

8. Town Manager’s Report

- Senior Center construction of roof on deck is complete.
- French Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project – re-bid the project and hopefully begin construction in July.
- Emergency Interzone Water Connection between the Watertown Fire District and the Watertown Sewer Authority – bid awarded to Stony Brook Construction scheduled to start work on July 12th.

9. New Business

a. Consider appointments to boards and commissions - none

b. Presentation and discussion with Barry Bernabe, Vice President of Webster Bank regarding the Town of Watertown interest rate, credit overview and debt analysis.

Mr. Primini: I wanted Mr. Bernabe to come tonight to explain how bond ratings are set, it was beneficial when he spoke two years ago.

Mr. Bernabe: talked about 3 main areas Interest Rates, Bond Rating Overview & Debt Analysis. Reviewed information handed out to Commission members.

- interest rates are at historical low levels
- Town of Watertown has a great bond rating
- Town reserves are adequate for current bond rating
- Town capitalized on low interest rate and saved

c. Consider Budgets for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

(DiFederico sec. Rosa) I make a motion to approve the following budgets to be sent to referendum.

A. Town General Fund	\$25,452,103
B. School General Fund	\$35,882,028
General Fund Total	\$61,334,131
C. Town Road Aid	\$178,800
D. Water Operations	1,356,786
E. Water Capital	118,678
F. Water Extension	0
G. Sewer Operations	2,031,995
H. Sewer Extension	0
I. Sewer Capital	160,500
J. Water and Sewer Debt	160,750
K. Crestbrook Golf Operations	726,266
L. Local Capital Improvement	155,013
M. Debt Service Fund	375,000

Ms. Masayda: how are the town and school budgets being changed from where they currently exist, reduction wise?

Mr. Nardelli: the town budget was the same amount as the amount that went to referendum the last time and the Board of Ed budget was reduced by \$300,000.

Mr. Rinaldi: we are facing a crossroads right now, how do we pass the budget and keep the integrity of the school system and how do we balance that. The vote was fairly close, I support up to a \$200,000 cut but I would not go much past that. If possible could the Board of Ed give us a general overview?

Karen Baldwin - Superintendent of Schools

As proposed it is a \$300,000 reduction to the Board of Educations budget. Broad reductions would come across all expenditure categories, textbooks, and workbooks, our capitol plans

which we worked so hard to get to a level, staffing reductions in terms of Watertown High School, Family Consumer Science, and Technology Education and likely reductions at John Trumbull Primary School with kindergarten staffing. We will continue to work aggressively in our collective bargaining we have a couple of successor contracts that are in the process, should we not see results through bargaining there would be continued position elimination specifically class sizing increases at Polk. Three hundred thousand dollars is a significant reduction to the Board of Education, it seriously diminishes our ability to deliver high quality instructional program for kids. We recognize the dilemma that you are faced with and do not envy your task. We would try to continue to partner with you to get a budget passed, and would be discouraged by the \$300,000 reduction.

Mr. Winn: this first budget that did not pass was really disappointing. The Board of Education did a fantastic job trying to negotiate this budget and the people I have talked to in town were just so disappointed in the give backs and the pay freezes from the teachers and they are just still angry. I support the \$300,000 reduction only because it comes out to be half of what the Board of Education requested. The town people just cannot afford this due to this economic downturn and get some kind of relieve going down the road. It is not a good budget but it is a fair budget considering this economic time and we need to get this budget passed. By bringing it down by \$200,000, it will not pass and if that happens we are back to square one like last year. Keep in mind that we have a vote here on August 10th, the voting machines are locked for 14 days that brings us to 24th, that means if we have to vote a third time we are going to be at the end of August, maybe the beginning of September and I am not willing to take that chance thank you.

Ms. Rosa: I thought it very difficult to think about a \$300,000 cut but in the end I need to support it. I have to take this time to complement the Superintendent and the Board members for the time and effort they have spent, not only amongst themselves but in working with us and trying to help us understand the impact of this cut and reacting to it as professionals that we have not always seen and it is very much appreciated and that you understand the bind we are in, knowing that we do not like doing what we are doing even though we feel it is necessary. All of us that do have children currently in the school system do not want to see this kind of cut made. I am a senior citizen and like a lot of other senior citizens out there, we can't afford the increase that has been thrust upon us because of what has happened to the State and the Federal government. We do not have any choice we are in a bind and the people in Watertown have told us what they want to do and whether we like it or we don't, we represent them. Even though I do not like it I am going to support the \$300,000.

Ms. Adams: I am going to agree with Mr. Rinaldi, I do believe that since the board budget did not pass that we do need a cut, and do believe also that \$300,000 is excessive, I think the Board of Ed for that \$100,000 could get a whole lot of bang out of that compared to what the cost

would be to the taxpayer and I am just trying to figure out, what does \$100,000 more for education translate into taxes for the average home owner.

Mr. Nardelli: the \$300,000 cut; the mill rate would increase 1.15 mills or 5.14%. On a \$200,000 reduction, the mill rate would increase 1.21 mills or 5.41%. So you take your current bill multiple it by 5.14% on the \$300,000 cut and take your current bill multiple by 5.41% on the \$200,000. It is like 3 tenths of a percent.

Mr. Primini: the previous increase was 1.32.

Mr. Winn: if I remember correctly last year we were talking about refinancing the bond you saved last year approximately \$750,000.

Mr. Nardelli: that is correct.

Mr. Winn: which I wanted to save for this year and we would not be talking about right now, some of us decided to give it back to the town.

Mr. Nardelli: we took half of it for this budget, half this year and half last year.

Mr. Winn: we wouldn't be talking about this if we did not do what we did last year is that correct.

Mr. Adams: I disagree because we took half last year we were at the same point and half for this year, so we would be in the same boat last year possibly without a budget for that 300 plus than this year and we split between the two years.

Mr. Primini: that is a one time infusion, which is going to put us behind the eight ball next year that is 1.59%.

Mr. Nardelli: we did that because if you look at the debt services very shortly it is going to be dropping a lot.

Ms. Rosa: every time we have a referendum it costs us \$7,000 or \$8,000 and when we are looking at saving \$100 here and \$100 there that is a lot of money. If we are voting 3 times we are talking \$24,000, \$21,000 whatever it is and we are looking at the end of August, which is unacceptable to the Board of Education, we cannot wait that long. With the primaries in August we would not have choice, so we have to put forth a budget now that we hope can get passed.

In Favor: DiFederico, Fusco, Masayda, Primini, Rosa, Winn

Opposed: Adams, Rinaldi

Abstain:

MOTION PASSES (6-2-0)

(Rinaldi sec. Adams) amend the motion to only cut up to \$200,000 instead of \$300,000.

In Favor: Adams, Rinaldi

Opposed: DiFederico, Fusco, Masayda, Primini, Rosa, Winn

Abstain:

MOTION FAILS (2-6-0)

d. Consider Setting Date for Machine Vote on Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budgets.

(DiFederico sec. Rosa) I move to approve the Referendum Notice for the machine vote on the 2010-2011 Budgets as follows:

A referendum of electors and citizens qualified to vote to Town Meeting of the Town of Watertown will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to vote for the approval or disapproval of Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budgets.

Voting will be at the following polling places:

Voting District 68-01 – Heminway Park School, 37 Heminway Park Road, Watertown, CT

Voting District 68-02 – Judson School, 124 Hamilton Lane, Watertown, CT

Voting Districts 68-03 and 68-04 – Swift Middle School, 250 Colonial Street, Oakville, CT

The temporary voting location for the Voting District ~~68-04~~-Polk School shall be the Swift Middle School, 250 Colonial Street, Oakville, CT

Persons qualified to vote in Town Meeting who are not electors shall vote at the Office of the Registrar, 51 Depot Street, Depot Square Mall, Suite 113, Watertown, Connecticut.

Absentee ballots may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office.

Ms. Adams: when will Polk be back open, so we can bring voting back there?

Ms. Baldwin: July 13th it would not be possible to do this at Polk Elementary School we anticipate a temporary certificate of occupancy around that time and the gymnasium floors would be installed right around that time and would not be able to access that space.

In Favor: DiFederico, Fusco, Masayda, Primini, Rosa, Winn

Opposed:

Abstain: Rinaldi, Adams

MOTION PASSED (6-0-2)

e. Consider Setting Ballot for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budgets.

(DiFederico sec. Rosa) I move that the budget question on the referendum to be held on July 13, 2010 be placed on the voting machines as follows:

1. SHALL THE FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011 SCHOOL GENERAL FUND BUDGET BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,882,028

2. SHALL THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 TOWN GENERAL BUDGET BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,452,103 AND SHALL THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 BUDGETS BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNTS OF:

A.	TOWN ROAD AID	\$178,800
B.	WATER OPERATIONS	1,356,786
C.	WATER CAPITAL	118,678
D.	WATER EXTENSIONS	0
E.	SEWER OPERATIONS	2,031,995
F.	SEWER EXTENSION	0
G.	SEWER CAPTIOL	160,500
H.	WATER AND SEWER DEBT	160,750
I.	CRESTBROOK GOLF OPERATIONS	726,266
J.	LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	155,013
K.	DEBT SERVICE FUND	375,000

In Favor: DiFederico, Fusco, Masayda, Primini, Rosa, Winn

Opposed: Rinaldi, Adams

Abstain:

MOTION PASSED (6-2-0)

f. Consider setting a special town meeting on the proposed Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budgets

(DiFederico sec. Fusco) I move that the Town Council shall hold a Budget Town Meeting at the Town Hall Annex, 424 Main Street, Watertown at 7:30 p.m. on June 28, 2010 to consider the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budgets.

Mr. Rinaldi: do we need a second Special Meeting?

Mr. Nardelli: we were talking to the Town Attorney and it all started when we were trying to fast track another referendum and he started to look at it and he seems to think that we have to have another town meeting to adjourn and go to referendum.

Ms. Adams: we have been through this before, he has been Town Attorney for how many years now and he is just brining this up now.

Mr. Frigon: it resulted in our trying to fast track it and evaluating how many days before the referendum we needed no less than 5 and no more than 14 and that is where it came up with a legal review of charter.

Ms. Rosa: it takes about five minutes so it should not be an issue.

Ms. Adams: we have publishing costs for the town meeting.

Mr. Primini: that is posted outside.

Mr. Nardelli: yes, the one sheet we post it.

Mr. Primini: we have two legal interpretations from what I understand right.

Mr. Frigon: that is correct.

Ms. Masayda: is that because we are fast tracking it.

Mr. Frigon: no, it came up as a result of our fast tracking it, analyzing the process and the procedures we use to get to a referendum.

Mr. Primini: we are trying to see we are able to do this for June 29th and I asked the question, what are all the dates available, we have to post the town meeting five days then for the referendum, after that it is 7 to 14 days. Seven days would be July 6th I do not think it would be a good idea, and I talked to Town Clerk for referendum they have to keep the boxes locked for five days for the election two in weeks. So August 10th is the primary, so we are trying to figure out the best ways of doing it and we figured if we do not do it now within the 13th or the 21st around there, the next time we will not be able to do it until the beginning of September and how much do we keep putting this off and that is why the question was asked.

In Favor: DiFederico, Fusco, Masayda, Primini, Rosa, Winn

Opposed: Rinaldi, Adams
Abstain:

MOTION PASSED (6-2-0)

- g. Consider a resolution setting the mill rate for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.**
(DiFederico sec. Rosa) I move that the following resolution setting the mill rate be adopted:

WHEREAS, the mill rate must be established to levy the taxes on motor vehicle, personal property and real estate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, due to the lack of an approved budget as of this date, the mill rate will be set at 22.38 for the first installment of Real Estate taxes due and payable on July 1, 2010 and upon final referendum approval when that occurs with an adjustment for the difference in the taxes paid on the first installment of real estate taxes due on July 1, 2010.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Budget is approved by Referendum vote on July 13th the mill rate for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 shall be 23.53 due and payable on August 1, 2010 for Personal Property and Motor Vehicle taxes with an adjustment made for the difference in the taxes on the first installment of Real Estate taxes to be paid on the second installment of real estate taxes due and payable on January 1, 2011.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 21st day of June, 2010.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

- h. Consider a bid waiver for school for the following purchases:**

- 1. Furniture for Polk Elementary School to be purchased through Virco under U.S. Communities contract in the amount of \$76,582.87**

(DiFederico sec. Rosa) I move to approve a request for a bid waiver for the purchase of furniture for Polk Elementary School to be purchased through Virco under U.S. Communities contract in the amount of \$76,582.87

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

2. Furniture for Polk Elementary School to be purchased through OFI under U.S. Communities contract in the amount of \$15,519.77

(DiFederico sec. Fusco) I move to approve a request for a bid waiver for the purchase of furniture for Polk Elementary School to be purchased through OFI under U.S. Communities contract in the amount of \$15, 519.77

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

3. Smart Board for Polk Elementary School to be purchased through Connecticut Business Systems under the LEARN contract in the amount of \$14, 424.00

(DiFederico sec. Fusco) I move to approve a request for a bid waiver for the purchase of Smart Boards for Polk Elementary School to be purchased through Connecticut Business Systems under the LEARN contract in the amount of \$14, 424.00

Ms. Masayda: could somebody on the board explain how many boards that is and how they would be using them in the fifth grade level.

Ms. Baldwin: we would distribute them throughout all grade levels. They are an instructional tool to help children in learning, it visually represents information up on a screen it is a residual projector, it allows children to actually have sensory integration, they can go up and touch and use math formulas and go onto websites in terms of history and geography lessons. It is a hands tool to help reinforce student learning. The bid waiver will purchase 8 of them for Polk Elementary School.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

4. Network access points and switches for Watertown High School purchased through GovConnection under the GSA Contract in the amount of \$189,639.94

(DiFederico sec. Fusco) I move to approve a bid waiver for network access points and Switches for Watertown High School purchased through GovConnection under the GSA contract in the amount of \$189,693.94.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

5. Furniture for the CADD Room at Watertown High School to be purchased through Virco under the U.S. Communities contract in the amount of \$7,573.68.

(DiFederico sec. Rosa) I move to approve a bid waiver for the purchase of furniture for the CADD Room at Watertown High School to be purchased through Virco under the U.S. Communities contract in the amount of \$7,573.68.

Mr. DiFederico: did we purchase that before last year for furniture.

Ms. Baldwin: no, that has not been purchased previously; this is part of the new project, a new phase that we will be opening up in September. It is for the computer aiding and drafting part of our technology curriculum and it was just approved by the PBC in April.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

- i. **Consider an appropriation in the amount \$21,374.08 from the General Fund; \$4,374.08 for the Guernseytown Road Reconstruction Phase I as a result of an audit by the State of Connecticut and \$17,000 for a demand deposit by the State of Connecticut for the Town portion of the Sunnyside Avenue project right of way agreements.**

(DiFederico sec. Rosa) I move to authorize an appropriation in the amount \$21,374.08 from The General Fund; \$4,374.08 for the Guernseytown Road Reconstruction Phase I as a result of an audit by the State of Connecticut and \$17,000 for a demand deposit by the State of Connecticut for the Town portion of the Sunnyside Avenue project right of way agreements.

Mr. Frigon: this appropriation is funded two separate projects; the first is Guernseytown Road which is actually being completed this week and the \$4,374.08 is a result of a final audit by the State of Connecticut for the town share of that project, which was 80% state and 20% town project. That has been verified by our Engineering Department as monies that we owe. The second is \$17,000 demand deposit for town portion of Sunnyside Avenue project and that is additional money that falls in our 20% to purchase additional rights of way for that project.

Ms. Adams: the public works subcommittee is in unanimous agreement

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

- j. **Consider a bid waiver for the Guernseytown Road Phase II project for additional work required to be performed by Richards Corporation for an amount not exceed \$17,500.**

(DiFederico sec. Fusco) I move to approve a request for a bid waiver for the Guernseytown Road Phase II project for additional work required to be performed by Richards Corporation for an amount not exceed \$17,500.

Mr. Frigon: during the construction of Guernseytown Road Phase II where the drainage ties into Charter Oak there are eight catch basins that needed to be replaced at \$1,500 each, work outside the original contract.

Mr. Fusco: there was a bid on this and this exceeded what the bid called for.

Mr. Frigon: that is correct.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

k. Consider a resolution authorizing a bid waiver for the purchase of various equipment, materials and supplies utilizing the State of Connecticut bids.

(DiFederico sec. Adams) I move to approve the resolution authorizing a bid waiver for the purchase of various equipment, materials and supplies utilizing the State of Connecticut bids.

WHEREAS, Town Council approval is required for waiving the bid process and awarding a contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder; and

WHEREAS, Town Council authorization is required for any purchase exceeding \$4,000 that has not been independently bid by the Town's Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, various equipment, materials and supplies required to be furnished to the Town of Watertown has been formally bid by the State of Connecticut and are available to all State political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS the Town of Watertown has recognized the economy of purchasing in cooperation with the State of Connecticut in prior years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Watertown Town Council hereby authorizes the Purchasing Agent of the Town of Watertown to utilize State of Connecticut bid the purchase of various equipment, materials and supplies in cooperation with the State of Connecticut and in accordance with those requirements established by Town Departments, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall remain in effect for Fiscal year 2010-2011.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 21st day of June, 2010.

Mr. Frigon: that is a resolution that we asked the town to consider each year for the purchase of any items and services that are available through the town that the state holds current contracts on.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

l. Consider an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$12,000 for architectural fees for the Heminway School conversion to town offices.

(DiFederico sec. Fusco) I move to authorize an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$12,000 for architectural fees for the Heminway School conversion to town offices.

Mr. Frigon: it is intended to have an architect and a mechanical engineer provide the town with more detailed plans for the Heminway Park School for the conversion to town offices. This generally happens in three phases the first phase is exploring our needs, exactly how much space we need, what offices might we put into this facility, just identifying whether or not the facility will accommodate those needs and that we have done and identified those. We are ready to move on to the second phase, which is now providing the Town Council and Public Buildings Committee and the Town Hall Subcommittee with cost estimates and conceptual designs for the buildings. How would we fit, what would it cost and from that point will have the option to either scale that project either up or down once we understand what the exact cost are.

Ms. Adams: this is kind of where the next step was before the School Department came back and asked for the use of Heminway for another two years, we are just picking where we left off two and half years ago.

Mr. Frigon: that is correct.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

m. Consider the approval of the proposed job description for the position of Senior Center Coordinator. (Postponed 6/7/2010)

(DiFederico sec. Fusco) I move to approve the proposed job description for the position of Senior Center Coordinator. (Postponed 6/7/2010)

Mr. Rinaldi: is this an additional job description that we used or is this a new draft?

Mr. Frigon: it is a newly drafted job description.

Ms. Adams: under qualifications on page two in looking this over this person is going to be handling cash and people are going on trips etc. you are looking at criminal background, drug testing, driving record charts which are all pretty much standard but one other item if you might want to consider is credit background check. It is becoming more and more popular especially when there is cash involved.

Ms. Rosa: is this person bonded?

Mr. Frigon: no

Mr. Primini: I do not think it is a bad idea

Mr. DiFederico: I do not think it is a bad idea either do they have to sign a waiver.

Ms. Adams: they have to sign an acknowledgement that they understand that this is being done. You have to give them a copy of the credit background check as you do with the criminal background or the drug testing and the driving record. That is all part of their rights as an employee or a potential employee.

Ms. Rosa: who has access to all of that information, all of these test results?

Mr. Frigon: they are kept in a personnel file that is locked and secure.

Ms. Rosa: who is going to making the decision which of those tests affects the outcome, who is going to be reviewing the credit record?

Mr. Frigon: that would be the interview team in evaluating all of the criteria.

- Noting to amend job description.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

- n. Consider setting a special town meeting date time and place to consider an appropriation from the Sidewalk Fund in the amount of \$53,000 for the purpose of constructing concrete sidewalks between Adams Road and Ice House Road.**

(DiFederico sec. Adams) I move to set July 19, 2010 as a date for a special town meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Watertown High School lecture room to consider an appropriation from the sidewalk fund in the amount of \$53,000 for the purpose of constructing concrete sidewalks between Adams Road and Ice House Road.

Mr. Fusco: I always thought that the developer put the sidewalks in.

Mr. Frigon: the construction of sidewalks that would be attributable to the developer on Echo Lake Road would be short pieces that are contiguous to their property. Envisioned awhile ago is that the town constructs a sidewalk that will travel Main Street, French Street, Ice House Road, and back down to Echo Lake Road so people can walk it complete, a walking path. In order for the town to complete that the town would have to fill in those portions of sidewalks on Echo Lake Road that is not contiguous to the developer's property which is not all that large. Back in 2005 the concept was brought to the Town Council that an agreement be made with developer, that the developer not be responsible for the concrete sidewalks on Echo Lake Road but in turn provide to the town a walking trail around Echo Lake itself and a grass sidewalk along Ice House Road. The Planning and Zoning Commission had come to the Town Council in October 2005 and presented that option to the Town Council at which time they were agreeable to.

Ms. Rosa: I support the motion, but I would like somebody to explain to me what grassy sidewalks are.

Mr. Frigon: we will talk about that at the 7:00 meeting, I will have somebody here to explain.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

- o. Consider a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program.**

(DiFederico sec. Rosa) I move to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program.

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE

Watertown Town Council

RESOLVED, that the Town of Watertown may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Charles Frigon, as Town Manager of the Town of Watertown, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Watertown Town Council and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to , executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Charles Frigon now holds the office of Town Manager and that he has held that office since September 6, 2006.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 21st day of June, 2010.

Mr. Frigon: FEMA divides the funding that the town receives in two ways, the Town of Watertown as do other towns in the State of Connecticut apply to the Federal Government for very specific equipment that we are looking for. We also apply through our Council of Governments for a grant that is provided to COG and that provides equipment regionally to all of the towns. In this particular case in 2009 grant the town of Watertown would be getting as we have the beds, the dog equipment and we have the shelter equipment we will now be receiving

some food service equipment. That we will be purchasing through the region, so it is taking all of the regions money and purchasing it.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

p. Consider a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between line items.

(DiFederico sec. Fusco) I move to approve the resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between line items.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, expenses in the 2009-10 fiscal year require the transfer of funds:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by vote of the Watertown Town Council, that the following actions are taken relative to the transfer of funds.

GENERAL FUND – SOLID WASTE

AMOUNT: \$1,324 NO: 1
FROM: 010-50360-033-0000 – Solid Waste CRRRA
TO: 010-50310-033-0134 – Hazardous Waste Collection
REASON: Large utilization of Household Hazardous Waste collection on April 24, 2010.

GENERAL FUND – POLICE DEPARTMENT

AMOUNT: \$3,100 NO: 2
FROM: 010-50335-020-0000 – Laundry & Dry Cleaning
TO: 010-50319-021-0000 – Vehicle Maintenance
REASON: Additional vehicle maintenance costs.

GENERAL FUND – POLICE DEPARTMENT

AMOUNT: \$3,600 NO: 3
FROM: 1,000 – 010-50335-020-0000 – Laundry & Dry Cleaning
2,100 – 010-50320-021-0000 – Communications Equipment Maint
500 – 010-50323-022-0000 – Utilities - Electric
TO: 010-50415-021-0000 – Equipment Parts
REASON: Additional equipment parts needed for vehicles.

GENERAL FUND – LEGAL

AMOUNT: \$19,000 NO: 4
FROM: 010-50690-046-0000 – Contingency
TO: 010-50334-041-0000 - Legal
REASON: Additional funds needed.

GENERAL FUND – PUBLIC WORKS

AMOUNT: \$19,069 NO: 5
FROM: \$18,019 – 010-50310-033-1340 – Sample Existing Wells
\$ 1,050 – 010-50310-033-1341 – Report on Existing Wells
TO: \$12,069 – 010-50529-033-2216 – Environmental Remediation
\$ 7,000 – 010-50310-030-0470 – Consultant Town Engineer
REASON: Sunnyside Avenue Reconstruction Project.

GENERAL FUND – PUBLIC WORKS

AMOUNT: \$1,500 NO: 6
FROM: 010-50332-030-0000 – Maintenance Agreements
TO: 010-50310-030-0470 – Consultant Town Engineer
REASON: Sunnyside Avenue Storm Sewer Video

GENERAL FUND – POLICE DEPARTMENT

AMOUNT: \$1,800 NO: 7
FROM: 010-50110-020-0057 – Patrol Officers
TO: 010-50572-020-0000 – Law Enforcement Equipment
REASON: Assault Rifle for member of regional SWAT Team

GENERAL FUND – POLICE DEPARTMENT

AMOUNT: \$17,000 NO: 8
FROM: 010-50110-020-0057 – Patrol Officers
TO: 010-50572-020-0000 – Law Enforcement Equipment
REASON: Body Armor – Reimbursed 50% by Grant.

GENERAL FUND – POLICE DEPARTMENT

AMOUNT: \$1,200 NO: 9
FROM: 010-50323-022-0000 – Utilities - Electric
TO: 010-50310-020-0000 – Prof & Tech
REASON: To write a grant for license plate reader.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 21st day of June 2010.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

- q. **Consider a resolution authorizing an appropriation from the General Fund to the Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$450 for the reimbursement of magnet school transportation costs.**

(DiFederico sec. Fusco) I move to approve the resolution authorizing an appropriation from the General fund to the Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$450 for the reimbursement of Magnet School transportation costs.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Watertown Board of Education executed an agreement with Ms. Terri LaRosa concerning partial reimbursement for transportation expenses to a magnet school in Waterbury, CT;

WHEREAS, the agreements state that should the Town of Watertown receive reimbursement through the State of Connecticut for a Transportation grant, the families would be reimbursed for these expenses.

WHEREAS, the Town received the grant monies and deposited said monies into the General Fund and now need to be appropriated to the Board of Education for the reimbursement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that \$450 be appropriated to the School General Fund Budget for the purposes contained herein.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 21st day of June, 2010.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

10. Public participation

Guy Buzzancco

I think whether you believe the school budget is cut by \$300,000 or \$200,000 several of us in the back row think 0 dollars, I think we can all agree on one thing, that is we need a budget. We need a budget to pass very badly. This will be third year in a row that a Superintendent in Watertown schools will be going into July without a budget. That means our Superintendent will be spending her time not improving curriculum, not helping teachers improve their effectiveness but instead finding ways to cut our budget, finding ways to get the job done with far less money than any other school district. The fact is that Ray mentioned before we need a high turn out to get the budget passed. Residents in the Polk area turned out at 18% that is a 1 in five registered voter came out to vote two weeks ago. As Mary Ann mentioned tonight and others have mentioned that despite a massive communication effort by folks in this town, their voice was heard but there was one voice that I believe was not heard loud and clear by the voters in our town and that is our voice, the collective leaders in our town, on Council and in positions like Fire Chief, Police Chief and in other positions. When we speak and share a strong message that we believe that this budget needs to pass. In 2006 and 2007 our budgets passed not on a third time, not on the second time but on the first time because we had the courage of our convictions and all of us said publicly and I am sure privately that this budget needs to pass. We need people to turn and vote, that is what we have said from Council, that is the message folks heard from throughout our town and I believe that message was lost this time. Because our voters didn't hear the shared message on completion of our budget, they did not know what to do so what did they do, they did nothing, and they stayed home. We need

to have courage of our convictions this time. We need to provide that vision this time starting tomorrow talking to our friends, neighbors, talking to the media, anybody that we can talk to encourage folks to turn out and vote and support a budget that we just approved tonight. So we believe this is a good budget for our town, now let's share that message with everyone. I think we will see it pass. Thank you.

Rick Mazzamaro – 1055 Guernseytown Road

Ms. Rosa had mentioned and a couple board members, the hard work between the Board of Education and the Town Council this year and it was much appreciated all the way around. I just want to say one thing, The Board of Ed budget was cut by 1.3 million before it ever came to us, now it is cut another \$300,000 so this year it is 1.6 million has already been cut out of the zero budgets last year. Last year 2.1 million was cut so in one calendar year 3.7 million dollars has been cut from the education budget I just wanted to make that clear to make sure that is understood. We did not ask for more we have actually cut 3.7 million in twelve months.

Judy Wick – Northfield Road

I was listening to the discussion about the possibility of taking \$300,000 out of the reserve and it would be a one time thing and short term. The short term when you were talking about it, the thought was that it would be paid back then within a year. How do you get the money to pay it back?

Mr. Winn: hypothetically if the Annex was moved into the school we would sell the building for \$300,000 hypothetically.

Ms. Wick: you would assume that you could do that and then you would assume that you can say and there would be those assumptions.

Ms. Masayda: I got to say I did notice a lot vote today signs or vote tomorrow, is there a way we can something on every artery in town to get the turn out.

Mr. DiFederico: they did call everybody the Board of Ed and did a good job.

Ms. Masayda: they called the parents but nobody called everybody else.

Mr. Frigon: we did a large amount of work in trying to locate some electronic billboards, we called the state of CT, we called DOT, we called COG we own some regionally but they were being used, they were going to try to free them up and we will try again for the next election.

Mr. Rinaldi: is there any reason why this council can't whatever it costs to take a full page ad in the town times remind them to vote.

Mr. Primini: how much is a full page ad.

Ms. Adams: I think the sandwich boards do well. The ones at the Polk School on the corner we need that back.

Rich Mazzamaro

On the board of education side there was massive vote campaign post cards and phone calls.

Guy Buzzannco

We could get hundred signs printed up at a cost of between \$250.00 and \$500.00 depending on the sign, double sided one color we can distribute them and get them placed along major through fares the day of the vote.

Ms. Masayda: in all honesty, even though we had a council meeting the night before and I said I was going to vote, with a hectic day at work and I drove home until you see the sign and you are consumed by your own day.

Mr. Buzzannco: We can work together to make that happen, the signs just say vote today with no violation of advocacy rules we can do that.

11. Adjournment.

Motion: (Primini, sec. DiFederico) to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:13

Discussion: None

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Raymond F. Primini, Chairman
Watertown Town Council

Approved: _____
Susan King, Clerk