



Watertown Town Council

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ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mark S. Sideris,
Council President

Stephen P. Corbett,
Vice President

Aaron Dushku,
Councilor At Large

Susan G. Falkoff,
Councilor At Large

Anthony Palomba,
Councilor At Large

Angeline B. Kounelis,
District A Councilor

Cecilia Lenk,
District B Councilor

Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr.,
District C Councilor

Kenneth M. Woodland
District D Councilor

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015 @ 6:15 PM RICHARD E. MASTRANGELO COUNCIL CHAMBER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL: A regular meeting of the Town Council was called to order at 6:15 pm in the Richard E. Mastrangelo Council Chamber, Administration Building. Present for the meeting were Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris. Vice President Corbett was absent. Also present were the Town Manager Michael J. Driscoll, Town Attorney Mark Reich and Council Clerk Valerie Papas.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:15 PM – To discuss strategy with respect to Collective Bargaining with the DPW Union, Town Hall Associates Union, Library Union, Fire Union, Police Patrol Union, Police Supervisors Union, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position.

Councilor Lenk moved to go into executive session for the above stated purpose, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

3. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: 7:15 PM

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. EXAMINATION OF THE MINUTES: [May 26th](#). Councilor Piccirilli moved the minutes, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

6. PUBLIC FORUM – none noted.

7. PRESIDENTS REPORT – none noted.

Councilor Piccirilli moved to Suspend the Rules in order to bring forward agenda item 9A, a) Resolution authorizing a transfer in order to fund an [Agreement with the Watertown Police Supervisors Association, MCOP, Local 373](#) covering the period of

July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

The Manager provided an overview of the transfer of \$197,625. Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution as presented, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

8. THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND FINANCE:

- a) Public Hearing and Vote on the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget and Related Matters. The Chair read his [budget statement](#) and opened up the hearing to the public. There being no comments, the hearing was closed.

The Chair recognized the Manager who introduced an [amendment to the budget](#), which he noted does not change the bottom line of the budget.

The Chair recognized the Town Auditor/Assistant Finance Director Thomas Tracy who read each [line item in the 2016 budget](#). After the reading of the line items and budget related matters, Mr. Tracy announced that there were no passes and the budget is therefore adopted.

Councilor Falkoff moved to reconsider the budget with the hopes that the motion fails, seconded by Councilor Lenk and defeated by unanimous roll call vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting against.

The Chair called a five minute recess.

9. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a) Resolution authorizing a transfer in order to fund an Agreement with the Watertown Police Supervisors Association, MCOP, Local 373 covering the period of July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016. Previously Adopted.

b) [Resolution](#) authorizing the establishment of a Revolving Fund for the Drug Enforcement Task Force lease activity during Fiscal Year 2016. Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

c) [Resolution](#) authorizing the establishment of a Revolving Fund for the Commander's Mansion activity during Fiscal Year 2016. Councilor Piccirilli moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B.

Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

d) [Resolution](#) authorizing the establishment of a Revolving Fund for the Watertown Free Public Library Printing Program activity during Fiscal Year 2016. Councilor Lenk moved the resolution, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

e) [First Reading](#) on a proposed Order establishing Water and Sewer Rates and Charges for Fiscal Year 2016. The Chair provided a first reading and recognized the Manager who provided a brief overview of the proposed Order which will be advertised for a public hearing and vote at the June 23rd Town Council meeting.

f) [First Reading](#) on a proposed loan order authorizing the Town Treasurer with the Approval of the Town Manager to borrow and/or expend monies in the amount of \$1,659,000 under Chapter 44, Sections 7(9), 7(28) and 7(29) of the General Laws or any other enabling authority, for the costs of the following items of departmental equipment, as more fully described in the Town's Fiscal Years 2013 through 2015 Capital Improvement Plan:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Public Works	Various Vehicles	\$1,088,000
Fire	Emergency Ambulance	\$ 235,000
Water Enterprise	Box Truck	\$ 160,000
Police	Microwave Radio Link and Computers	\$ 111,000
Library	Radio Frequency ID System	\$ 65,000
	Total	\$1,659,000

The Chair provided a first reading and recognized the Manager who provided a brief overview of the proposed Order which will be advertised for a public hearing and vote at the June 23rd Town Council meeting.

g) [First Reading](#) on a Proposed Loan Order authorizing the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, to borrow and/or expend monies in the amount of \$2,800,000 under Chapter 44, Section 7(6) of the General Laws or any other enabling authority for the costs of construction and reconstruction of streets and sidewalks, including underground duct/conduit improvements. The Chair provided a first reading and recognized the Manager who provided a brief overview of the proposed Order which will be advertised for a public hearing and vote at the June 23rd Town Council meeting.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Committee on Economic Development and Planning [report](#) and action on an [appointment](#) to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Stephen P. Corbett, Chair. Councilor Piccirilli read the Committee report.

Councilor Woodland moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Piccirilli moved the appointment of Mr. Cohen, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

b) Committee on Personnel and Town Organization [report](#) on an updated job description for the position of Clerk to the Council – Susan G. Falkoff, Chair. Councilor Falkoff read the Committee report.

Councilor Woodland moved to accept the report, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Kounelis read a [memo dated November 26, 2012](#) and moved to refer the matter of having a person(s) attend/prepare minutes for subcommittee meetings to the subcommittee of Personnel and Town Organization, seconded by Councilor Dushku and adopted by unanimous vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

Councilor Falkoff moved to accept the job description as amended and presented by Ms. Shattuck, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous voice vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

11. NEW BUSINESS:

a) [Complete Streets Model Ordinance](#) and [Municipal List Complete Streets](#) – referral to Public Works subcommittee. Councilor Falkoff moved the referral, seconded by Councilor Lenk and adopted by unanimous vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

b) Councilor Lenk read a [statement](#) and moved a referral to Economic Development and Planning subcommittee; a review of regulations that governs building size and lot coverage of residential zones with a goal of preserving neighborhoods, by Councilor Kounelis and adopted by unanimous vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

a) Fire negotiations: The Manager read a [statement](#) with respect to Fire negotiations.

13. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION – none noted.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Chair announced that the Comprehensive Plan will be on the next agenda, June 23rd.

The Chair announced that the Design Standards and Guidelines will be heard at a Special Town Council meeting on June 30th at 6:30 pm.

15. PUBLIC FORUM:

Elodia Thomas, 67 Marion Road – thanked the Council and department staff for pulling the town through a tough period. She also thanked the Manager for his articulate explanation of a process that has been occurring in the community with respect to fire negotiations and asked that the manager’s statement be published.

Robert Quinn, Captain of the Fire Department stated that the executive board is out of town at a conference. He noted that the fire union is willing to negotiate but it takes two sides.

Thomas Thibaut, retired Firefighter and past union president – disagreed with the Manager’s statement and tone of his comments and stated that the fire union is willing to sit down and negotiate.

16. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Town Council, Councilor Lenk moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, seconded by Councilor Woodland and adopted by unanimous vote with Councilors Aaron Dushku, Susan G. Falkoff, Anthony Palomba, Angeline B. Kounelis, Cecilia Lenk, Vincent J. Piccirilli, Jr., Kenneth M. Woodland, and Council President Mark S. Sideris voting in the affirmative.

[Addendum](#)

I hereby certified that at a regular meeting of the Town Council for which a quorum was present, the above minutes were adopted by voice vote on June 23, 2015.

Mark S. Sideris, Council President