

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Ludwick in the Council Chambers of the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, March 2, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m.

PRAYER – The Prayer was given by Chairman Muller

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Councilors Bosco, Cekala, Hemmeler, Kiner, Ludwick, Mangini, Muller, Sferrazza, and Unghire. Councilors Riley and Szewczak were absent. Also present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Assistant Town Manager, Kasia Purciello; Deputy Town Clerk, Karen Coolong; Town Attorney, James Tallberg; Deputy Director of Economic and Community Development, Nelson Tereso, Chief of Police, Alaric Fox; Director of Social Services, Cynthia Guerrerri

FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Ludwick made the fire evacuation announcement.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

MOTION #5388 by Councilor Mangini seconded by Councilor Muller to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2020 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5388** adopted 8-0-0, with Councilor Kiner absent at the vote.

MOTION #5389 by Councilor Muller seconded by Councilor Mangini to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5389** adopted 8-0-0.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Present were Republican Registrar of Voters, Thomas Kienzler and Democratic Registrar of Voters, Lewis Fiore.

Mr. Kienzler stated because John F. Kennedy Middle School renovations will begin in May, the April 28th presidential primary will be their last JFK polling location until the school is completed in two and half to three years from now. He noted they will need to move the JFK polling location to an auxiliary site. He stated he and Mr. Fiore came up with options for a new location, including other schools, private enterprises and other Town buildings.

Appended is an outline/talking points of the pluses and negatives of the Senior Center and other sites that the Registrar of Voters investigated and discussed with numerous departments in the town.

Mr. Fiore stated the primary will be held at JFK Middle School.

He stated the Registrar of Voters conducted research and deemed the best alternate site is the use of the Senior Center during the time that JFK Middle School is unavailable. He noted if this proposal is accepted, then the Senior Center must close and cease all activities, except for the Senior Center employees and Meals on Wheels Program during the election events. He noted those voting dates are on Tuesdays – August 11th, 2020, November 3, 2020, September 14, 2021, November 2, 2021, August 9, 2022 and possibly November 1, 2022. He pointed out the Senior Center will be used by the Registrar of Voters beginning at 5:00 p.m. the night before each election event.

Mr. Fiore stated by state statute, they will send notification to all the voters regarding the voting location change. He noted they will be doing a mailing to 6,400 voters, and the website will have this information. He stated the Superintendent of Schools will do a robo-call a couple times before each election to remind people about their voting location.

He stated there is no budget impact with this recommendation.

Councilor Mangini questioned whether there will be a resolution concerning this, and Mr. Fiore stated the Council has a resolution within its packet, and that resolution makes it official. He noted they will send a copy of that resolution to the Secretary of State's Office.

Councilor Bosco suggested adding this information to the ticker on ETV.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

George Young, 8 Holly Lane

Stated his belief Councilor Sferrazza does a great job in his continued support of the Enfield Police Department. He noted in the past few years, he sees the same lack of respect for police that he saw in the 1960's when servicemen didn't wear their uniforms in public due to the negativity of the war. He noted they need to bring back some respect. He stated no one should strike a police officer, and when they do, he feels they lose many of their rights.

As concerns the tax credit for the elderly, Mr. Young stated he was glad to hear Councilor Riley, a Republican, contacted Enfield's legislators about reinstating this program. He suggested more Councilors, especially the Democratic Councilors, contact their legislators since the State is dominantly Democratically controlled. He noted they need the state to support the program they mandated. He suggested a copy be sent to Melissa McCaw, Secretary of OPM, as she is the Connecticut budget chief. He noted it would be important to get her support to get the funds, which appear in the Governor's budget this year as Property Tax Relief Program. He stated perhaps the Town's tax bill should be revised, as some suggested, to change the wording to not give recognition to the state. He noted the change in wording should be "Additional Town Benefits" instead of "Elderly State Benefit". He noted the seniors are appreciative of the Council's willingness to pay the state's portion of this benefit.

Mr. Young stated it's also good that the biennial application process has been simplified by the Assessor's Office by populating the forms with information that they have on file. He noted OPM sets the rule for this benefit, and OPM publishes a question and answer booklet each January, which is retroactive to October 1st of the prior year. He noted more than a year ago, they stated that a resident that holds their home in a revocable trust will not be eligible. He noted many seniors put their assets in trust at this time in their life. He stated if a person has an irrevocable trust, they might be eligible this year, and he believes they would have also been eligible last year if they met the other criteria.

Dick Hopkins, 29 Bigelow Avenue

Stated he recently moved to Enfield, and he's an attorney in Hartford. He spoke about a recent incident at Enfield High School. He questioned whether they want to treat children here as criminals for engaging in the kind of messy behavior and mistakes that's common with adolescence. He stated prior to becoming an attorney, he worked at a residential, psychiatric center for kids, and they taught restraining techniques and best practices for de-escalation. He noted in observing the video of the incident, he doesn't believe best practices were observed. He feels there was some risk in taking that student down. He noted this does provide an opportunity for people to think about implementing some of those best practices for school resource officers. He noted a scholarship exists, and he'd be willing to do some research if the Council is interested. He questioned whether the Town wants school resource officers intervening in that way because it does present some risks to students and to the officers, and it criminalizes the kind of behaviors that in the past have been dealt with effectively by student administration.

Robert Tkacz, 815 Woodgate Circle

Distributed a listing of what the Shelton Police Department provides. He noted he would like to see a listing of what Enfield provides.

Mr. Tkacz stated he does have a problem with the number of 70,000 people. He feels that number is bogus. He noted it's like the 60,000 figure that the former Police Chief gave for Enfield. He noted that number was probably real at one time, but now it's not.

Mr. Tkacz stated Shelton only charges taxpayers 22 mills to operate their town. He noted they have a volunteer fire department, EMS and they don't charge a fire tax. He stated in 2016 Shelton was 22 mills, and Enfield was 31 mills. He noted this is a differential that should be looked at.

He stated his belief there's no such thing as fixed costs in anything, and there's no such thing as mandates. He noted Shelton buys their own school buses. He stated if you have a contract with a school bus company, you are required to have seats for every student that's enrolled in the schools. He noted if you have your own school buses, you don't have to do that. He stated Shelton has saved millions of dollars over the years, and that's one reason why their mill rate is low.

Mr. Tkacz stated the people that come into Wallingford is 21,000, but the people who leave Wallingford for work is 18,000. He noted in Enfield, 13,000 are coming in, but 17,000 leave. He questioned how there can be 60,000 people in Enfield during the day. He stated his impression it sounds like a made-up number.

He stated if you look at the data sheets between Shelton and Enfield, they are similar. He noted the biggest disparity that he sees is the school test scores. He noted Enfield is below state average and Shelton is above state average. He feels they should do something about improving test scores in Enfield.

George Young, 8 Holly Lane

Stated there is a new question and answer booklet published by OPM in January 2020 retroactive to October 1, 2019. He noted they've changed the wording and eliminated the sentence that says, "Property under a revocable trust will not qualify for the benefit." He noted in its place is a new sentence that says, "Per Public Act 19-66, the primary ingredient of the trust agreement is that the owner and such owner's spouse or grantor and the beneficiary of the trust." He questioned if this means that the revocable trust is now eligible. He noted this is a big change, and he hopes someone can explain this to people trying to get this credit, so it doesn't get rejected months later when OPM reviews it after it leaves Enfield for approval. He stated seniors should know that there's always a possibility to appeal any decision to our Assessor's office or to the Secretary of the OPM. He reminded people if they're rejected, they can reapply the next year if their circumstances change, without having to wait the two years. He noted if people are approved and their circumstances change within the two years, they can also reapply. He stated there's a lot of information in this area, and he hopes the Town staff will continue to get the support of the Director to implement and inform the staff of all the changes which are necessary to complete the application properly. He stated veterans should know that even if they don't qualify for the elderly credit, they can still be qualified for the veterans exemption. He questioned if it's possible to get a more accurate figure on the number of seniors, etc., that participate in this program because the approximately 500 participants he heard about at the last meeting makes him feel leery of the total cost. He noted when he inquired at the Assessors Office about that figure during the summer of 2018, it was about 591 participants. He stated that would make a big difference in the average dollar each participant was awarded. He pointed out this is by house and not by individual. He stated two or more qualified individuals in one house is one participant. He noted if they use the

500 figure, then the \$600,000 budget they're spending would equate to \$1,200 per household, which seems high to him. He stated as he understands the program, the current maximum is \$1,250 for a married couple and \$1,000 for a single person and the scale is based on income, similar to the Internal Revenue Service.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Councilor Sferrazza referred to the comment by a speaker about Enfield High School and criminalizing behavior. He stated his belief the State of Connecticut answered that, and he hopes the community backs that, in that when a person tells a police officer that they are going to be punched and then follows through with that repeatedly, he believes they should criminalize that behavior, and he believes most people would support that. He noted if that's not supported, that is allowing full-out physical assaults on law enforcement people, and he questioned what does that say for the safety of everyone. He stated he is not making judgements on this case, but rather he's responding generally about criminalizing punching a police officer.

MOTION #5390 by Councilor Sferrazza, seconded by Councilor Muller to suspend the rules to address under Miscellaneous this evening Items 14, E, F, G, H, I, J, and K.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5390** adopted 9-0-0.

Councilor Mangini stated she and Councilors Kiner, Hemmeler, Muller and Ludwick had the pleasure of reading Dr. Seuss books to second graders today at Enfield Street School.

Councilor Bosco questioned the progress of addressing the Charles Garden trash pick-up.

Councilor Hemmeler stated she enjoyed reading at Enfield Street School today. She noted last week she attended the Panera ribbon cutting and many people attended. She stated she also attended with the Mayor a 90th birthday party for Harry Seilhammer, a veteran and Secretary for the Enfield Veterans Council.

Councilor Hemmeler stated she received information from a resident about potholes in the area of Spier Avenue and Enfield Street. She noted as she drove down Enfield Street, she noticed the same problem at the intersections of several other streets. She acknowledged Enfield Street is a state road and a lot of construction is being done, but she'd like the status as to when these areas can be addressed.

Councilor Muller stated the Buzz Robotics pasta supper is this Wednesday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Bernard's Church.

Councilor Muller stated the JFK Building Committee will be meeting this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Enfield Room.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bromson referred to Charles Garden trash pick-up and noted the Director of Public Works is working with the condo association, and that matter will probably be addressed after July 1st in the new budget.

He stated the Journal Inquirer had an article, which might have been of concern to some seniors regarding lunches and that there will be cutbacks due to budgetary concerns. He noted the Town has a contingency to pay for those meals for the weeks that CRT will not, so they won't miss any meals at the senior center. He noted this will also be addressed in the budget.

As concerns the coronavirus situation, Mr. Bromson stated the Emergency Management Director and the Health Department have been staying informed, and they will be reviewing all protocols.

Councilor Sferrazza referred to the coronavirus issue and stated they certainly want to be sure that all emergency first responders are outfitted with the PPE's in the cars, so there's no scrambling for protective equipment. Mr. Bromson stated they've addressed all those issues, and Enfield is always well prepared and well positioned. He noted it's important to keep inventories up and supplies fresh.

Chairman Ludwick stated he heard the first meeting of the Chess Club went great, and he believes this is a great program to teach youth to strategize and to think.

TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Tallberg stated he had no report this evening.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL

Councilor Sferrazza stated last Monday he represented the Town of Enfield in Hartford at the regional CRCOG meeting--the transportation division, and the topic of conversation was the fact that Governor Lamont has pulled the tolls off the table, and the Governor's plan at this point is to bond for transportation, but the committee felt that might be a problem because the bonding dollars can't all go to transportation because there are school projects.

He stated he never personally supported the tolls, and he feels this Council took the lead last year and passed a resolution that Enfield was against the tolls. He noted shortly thereafter, Enfield was contacted by other towns, and in the end, there were between 16 and 20 towns that passed that resolution.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS (TOWN COUNCIL)

MOTION #5391 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini to remove Item #3 from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5391** adopted 9-0-0.

NOMINATION #5392 by Councilor Mangini to appoint Carolyn Surdel (U) to the Enfield Beautification Committee for a term which expires 12/01/2022.

MOTION #5393 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Cekala to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5393** adopted 9-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Carolyn Surdel appointed to the Enfield Beautification Committee by a 9-0-0 vote.

MOTION #5394 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini to remove Item #9 from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5394** adopted 9-0-0.

NOMINATION #5395 by Councilor Muller to appoint Timothy Neville (D) to the Joint Facilities Committee.

MOTION #5396 by Councilor Sferrazza, seconded by Councilor Muller to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5396** adopted 9-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Timothy Neville appointed to the Joint Facilities Committee by a 9-0-0 vote.

MOTION #5397 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini to remove Item #12 from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5397** adopted 9-0-0.

NOMINATION #5398 by Councilor Muller to reappoint Ignatius Maniscalco (D) to the Patriot Award Committee for a term which expires 7/31/2021.

MOTION #5399 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Cekala to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5399** adopted 9-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Ignatius Maniscalco reappointed to the Patriot Award Committee by a 9-0-0 vote.

MOTION #5400 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Muller to remove Item #13 from the table.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5400** adopted 9-0-0.

NOMINATION #5401 by Councilor Mangini to reappoint Frank J. Pasini, Jr. to the Patriot Award Committee for a term which expires 7/31/2021.

MOTION #5402 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Cekala to close nominations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5402** adopted 9-0-0.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared Frank Pasini reappointed to the Patriot Award Committee by a 9-0-0 vote.

All other Old Business items remained tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Items B1 and E remained on the agenda.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

All items have been moved to Miscellaneous.

MISCELLANEOUS

RESOLUTION #5403 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

TO: Community Development

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| Supplemental Certified Grant-Other Profess Serv 23306137-533900 | \$30,000 |
| CLG Historic Grant-Other Profess Serv 23306138-533900 | \$19,000 |
| CLG Historic Grant-Advertising 23306138-554000 | \$ 1,000 |

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| FROM: Community Development | |
| Supplemental Certified Grant-Revenue 23306137-460331 | \$30,000 |
| CLG Historic Grant-Revenue 23306138-460332 | \$20,000 |

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of February 20, 2020.

/s/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Mr. Tereso stated this is a request to transfer funds to the Community Development account, and these are existing grant funds that came from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development through the State Historic Preservation Office. He noted the Town received two grants, which totaled \$50,000. He explained one of them was to conduct a town-wide historic resource inventory survey. He noted they're currently under contract with the historical consultant and work is to proceed this spring and finalize in the fall. He stated the other grant was for \$20,000 under a Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant to conduct two state and national register nominations of two-owned historic buildings – one at 100 High Street, and that application is currently with the state for approval. He noted he's hoping to have the nomination made at the end of March or April, so the Opera House Players can begin applying for state historic tax credits in support of the rehabilitation of that building. He stated the other property is 33 North River Street, which is currently being prepared for national register nomination by the historical consultant. He pointed out none of these funds are coming from the Town, but rather it's all money coming from the state into this account.

Mr. Bromson stated since Mr. Tereso's arrival in Enfield, he has applied for and received many grants, and that effort is being continued. He noted they've put together a grant committee, and Mr. Tereso and the Assistant Town Manager, Kasia Purciello, are working on Grant Finder, which lists grants from all over the country. He noted there is a lot of grant money available, and through this committee, they hope to get some of this funding for projects, which alleviates the need for taxpayers to have to pay for some of those projects that have to be done. He thanked Mr. Tereso for his efforts in this area.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5403** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5404 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini.

RESOLVED, the Enfield Town Council hereby authorizes the funding in the amount of \$301,340 for roof replacement project Phase III at Henry Barnard Elementary School.

Present for this item was Chris Cykley from Construction Solutions Group.

Mr. Cykley stated this is the last step before submitting the grant application, which will go to the state by the end of this week. He noted they are still on target to complete the last section of the roof this summer.

Chairman Ludwick stated this is good news, so the Town can apply for the 70% reimbursement.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5404** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5405 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Muller.

WHEREAS, due to the construction at the John F. Kennedy Middle School, the Registrars of Voters wish to temporarily move the voting location for Town Council District 1 and the portions of State House Districts 58 and 59 located within District 1 to the Enfield Senior Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council does hereby move the voting location of the above-referenced Town Council and State House Districts to the Enfield Senior Center effective May 1, 2020,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 9-168, 9-168a, 9-168b and 9-169 the Secretary of State's office will be notified of this change and in addition all the registered Voters in said district will also be notified.

Chairman Ludwick stated his belief the Registrars of Voters did a very nice job presenting this with much detail.

Councilor Bosco stated he doesn't like this, but he doesn't see there's any other choice, and he will support this.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5405** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5406 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini.

WHEREAS, the North Central Area Agency on Aging (MCAAA) provides several grants to the Town's Department of Social Services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is in the process of submitting grant applications to the NCAAA for funds that will be available to the Town in Fiscal year 2020-21,

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Christopher W. Bromson, is authorized to sign and submit the grant applications, subject to review and approval by the Town Attorney, in the name and on behalf of the Town of Enfield with the North Central Area Agency on Aging and to affix the Corporate Seal.

Ms. Guerreri stated this is their annual reapplication, and it sustains the program for outreach efforts for isolated seniors and the senior minor repair program.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5406** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5407 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Muller.

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services intends to apply for Fiscal Year 2020-21 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant Program Regulation 24 CFR 570.486(a) required that a public hearing be held to discuss the proposed application; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to seek input from the residents of the Town of Enfield regarding the Town's Shelter Diversion program and other potential project ideas based on need,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council will hold a Public Hearing in the Enfield Town Hall Council Chambers, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:50 p.m. to allow interested residents an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the proposed application.

Ms. Guerreri stated this is a reapplication and there's a requirement for a public hearing to get feedback and comments on the Shelter Diversion Program.

Chairman Ludwick questioned how this program is going. Ms. Guerreri stated a lot of this is learning how to get the word out and identify locations where people can go to get their assessments, and they're working with the warming center and Loaves and Fishes, so they're expanding where they're doing assessments.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5407** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5408 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini.

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Development intends to apply for Fiscal Year 2020-21 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant Program Regulation 24 CFR 570.486(a) requires that a public hearing be held to discuss the proposed application; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council wishes to seek input from the residents of the Town of Enfield regarding the Town's community development and housing needs and potential project ideas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Enfield Town Council will hold a Public Hearing in the Enfield Town Hall Council Chambers, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:55 p.m. to allow interested residents an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the proposed application.

Mr. Tereso explained this is the same pot of money the Town is eligible to apply for – both homeless shelter diversion and for CDBG for housing projects in town. He recommended they apply again this year. He noted last year they did receive a grant through this program to cover electrical upgrades at Laurel Park, and that project is proceeding as planned, and the Enfield Housing Authority is in the process of preparing the final bid package to go out to bid. He noted they're finalizing the contract with the State of Connecticut Department of Housing to close on the grant. He noted this amounted to \$175,000 with an additional \$75,000 that they need to spend from their existing program income account, which is from the revolving loan program for housing rehab. He noted this is a total of \$250,000, and the Enfield Housing Authority is covering all the admin and engineering.

He stated in this round he's making a recommendation to go out for \$200,000. He noted he's recommending \$100,000 to cover the housing rehab program. He stated when he first arrived in town, there was about \$200,000 in their program income for housing rehab, and they've moved \$100,000 of that for the First Time Homebuyer Program, which is moving forward as planned.

Mr. Tereso stated they closed on two properties – one on Russell Street and one on Till Street. He noted there is another on in the works. Mr. Bromson stated his belief this is a success story.

He then spoke about blight remediation underway and noted Associated Building Wreckers out of Springfield, Massachusetts is demolishing properties at 28 South River Street, and they will begin demolishing the Church Street property in five to ten days. He noted the Enfield Housing Authority can require the Adult Day Center be demolished. He stated in case that situation does happen, he will recommend applying for money to assist with the demolition of that building since the lease will expire at the end of the month. Mr. Bromson stated this is something they knew would be coming, and they've been in constant contact with the Housing Authority, and the Town is working collaboratively with them.

Mr. Bromson stated Ms. Guerreri has provided an update in regard to the transition of the clients of the Adult Day Center, and they've all found other facilities to attend, primarily the Felician Sisters, and they all have their transportation needs being met.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5408** adopted 9-0-0.

RESOLUTION #5409 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini.

WHEREAS, REKOR Recognition Systems seeks to grant two software licenses to the Town of Enfield/Enfield Police Department under the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding; and

WHEREAS, these licenses will provide a search capability within the video footage captured by the Enfield Police Department Joint Operations Center that will vastly improve unit efficiency and crime solving capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Enfield may discontinue the use of these software licenses within their discretion, in the future, should they so wish,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding in furtherance of the receipt of these software licenses.

Chief Fox explained REKOR is a vendor who simply seeks to provide the Town with these two software licenses. He noted there's no cost, no obligation and no expense, however, it's not as simple as taking them because it must be done under a Memorandum of Understanding.

Councilor Mangini questioned if they don't currently have the program in place, and Chief Fox responded that's correct, they do not have it.

Mr. Bromson stated the Chief of Police has worked with this company to be offering this to the Town at no current cost or future cost, therefore, it's a great opportunity.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5409** adopted 8-0-1, with Councilor Bosco abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Robert Tkacz, 815 Woodgate Circle

Stated his belief Public Communications should be open to beyond Enfield residents because out-of-town people could have some good suggestions for the Town Council.

Mr. Tkacz stated the previous Town Manager said Enfield is the third largest real estate holder in Enfield. He questioned when the Fermi building will be on the list for auction to see what kind of money it would bring in because it's a prime piece of property.

He stated there are 1,500 people left at Mass Mutual, and at one time there were 3,000 people. He noted all those people will be going to Springfield.

Mr. Tkacz stated the west side of the state line is in good shape, but the other side is in poor shape. He requested the Town Manager have someone clean up the debris in this area. He noted on Roy Street, there appears to be three vehicles parked on a tree belt. He requested the police look into this. He noted he'd like the Town to make efforts to improve this area.

George Young, 8 Holly Lane

Stated his belief the Community Development Block Grant Program is a great idea. He referred to the Home Loan Forgiveness Program and recalled other programs whereby people were required to stay in that home for a certain period, but if they moved, they might have to pay back that loan. He feels this would be a great idea.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Unghire stated after the last Town Council meeting, she attended a legislative breakfast in Hartford regarding education in the state. She noted Wendy Costa and Jonathan LeBlanc were also in attendance. She stated an interesting opportunity came up during that meeting. She noted they're looking for minority teachers, and through CAFE they're going to offer a program to help people get a teacher's certificate if they have a bachelor's degree.

Councilor Unghire stated residents have other opportunities to speak to the Town Council because Council members contact information is out there.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #5410 by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Sferrazza to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5410** adopted 9-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 9:18 p.m.