

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022**

A Special Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Cressotti on Wednesday, July 20, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL-CALL- Present were Councilors Cekala, Cressotti, Despard, Finger, Hopkins, Mangini, Pyznar, and Santanella. Councilors Ludwick and Unghire were absent. Also present were Town Manager, Ellen Zoppo-Sassu; Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey

RESOLUTION #6310 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Santanella.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Enfield Town Council that it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by the State of Connecticut; and, that the filing of an application for state financial assistance by the Town of Enfield in an amount not to exceed \$2.5 million is hereby approved. The Council further directs Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Town Manager, to execute and file such application with the CT DECD, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendment, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Enfield.

Councilor Pyznar inquired if we should get the \$2.5 million, is it only going to be spent in certain areas, how will it be dispersed?

Ms. Zoppo-Sassu stated that this grant from the Community Investment Fund is for all businesses, not just Thompsonville and North Thompsonville, however, they are getting priority because of the qualified census tracts. Businesses in Hazardville and along Route 5 can apply, they just must meet the state definition which is under 100 employees.

Councilor Pyznar asked how it coincides with ARPA funds.

Ms. Zoppo-Sassu stated that they will dovetail the two projects. The Economic Development Commission is working to create the parameters for small businesses assistance. Some of these funds can be used for technical assistance. We can coordinate facade improvement, historic preservation, and streetscape. We were not going to apply, but Tom Arnone insisted that we apply. We are not ready for the capital projects side of this grant, but we are ready for the small business assistance because of the train platform and so many things happening in the area.

Councilor Pyznar reiterated that parameters will be set. She asked, will this money be paid back in any way?

Ms. Zoppo-Sassu stated that they have not answered this question yet, but they are thinking they may model it after the Enfield Home Rehabilitation, Home Buyer program. That program has a forgiveness piece where for every year you stay in your home, 10% of your loan is forgiven. Councilor Pyznar asked if individuals could fill anything out for the grant yet.

Ms. Zoppo-Sassu stated that it is just municipalities, non-profits in partnership with municipalities, and development corporations. The timeline is, they will tell us in November and start receiving funds in December and the second round of funds we will apply in January. There will be two rounds for the next several years. We need to work with a grant writer. There is so much money flowing through the state. We are not positioned to apply for some of the bigger pools because we just don't have the staff. We will need to have policy conversations on whether that is good use of ARPA funds.

Councilor Hopkins stated that he is very happy that we got this application in. He is looking forward to next year.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the chair declared **RESOLUTION #6310** adopted 8-0-0.

DISCUSSION to discuss the possible change of meeting dates for August and September meetings and to take any action as necessary.

Ms. Zoppo-Sassu stated that we are looking at moving the regular Council meeting from August 1 to August 8. Some of the items Town Council needs to look at are Registrar of Voters redistricting plan. It needs to be advertised and a public hearing needs to be held. She said it might make sense to do an additional meeting on August 29th. This would mean that there would not be a meeting the day after Labor Day. Then we could resume the regular meeting schedule on September 19th. This will give department heads enough time like the public safety referendum and whether it will be on the ballot. Her suggestion is meeting August 8th and 29th, skip September 6th, and resume regular schedule on September 19th.

Chairman Cressotti thinks it is a good idea since there are five Mondays in August. He also agrees that the Tuesday after the holiday is difficult to get everybody to attend.

Ms. Zoppo-Sassu stated that this gives a lot of the subcommittees time to meet and come back to the Council with items for discussion.

MOTION #6311 by Chairman Cressotti, seconded by Councilor Cekala to approve the suggested dates of August 8th and August 29th and September 19th.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the chair declared **MOTION #6311** adopted 8-0-0.

RESOLUTION #6312 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Cekala.

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

TO: Municipal Facilities
Furniture and Fixtures 31008110-573300 \$6,411

FROM: Municipal Facilities
 Other Equipment 31008110-573900 \$6,411

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of July 15, 2022.

/s/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Councilor Pyznar asked what we have in excess funds available, she never received that information.

Ms. Zoppo-Sassu stated that they don't know yet. The auditors are here right now, and we should know by Friday. This is a line-item transfer. They would like to lock in this price because there is an anticipated price increase with the vendor.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the chair declared **RESOLUTION #6312** adopted 8-0-0.

RESOLUTION #6313 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Santanella.

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

GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS

FROM:		TO:	
31104000-460987	\$31,570	31108746-545000	\$48,570
Grant Funded Projects Revenue Hazardville Mem Roof		Hazardville Mem Roof Construction Services	
31104000-460988	\$28,242	31108747-545000	\$43,450
Grant Funded Projects Revenue Eli Whitney Roof		Eli Whitney Roof – Construction Services	
31104000-488015	\$32,208		
Grant Funded Projects Revenue-Capital Fund Transfer In			

CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING FUND

FROM:		TO:	
31008875-533900	\$32,208	31108875-593010	\$32,208

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/s/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Councilor Mangini wanted to confirm that both projects are underway and will be completed by the beginning of the next school year.

Ms. Zoppo-Sassu stated that both projects are on schedule as well as the two driveway replacement projects at Barnard and Enfield Street School. The driveways will be ready for the election on August 9th. The other two projects will be shortly thereafter. These are change orders that need to be approved. They came up last night in Joint Facilities.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the chair declared **RESOLUTION #6313** adopted 7-0-0. Councilor Despard having left the meeting.

RESOLUTION #6314 by Councilor Santanella, seconded by Councilor Cekala.

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

TO: Child Youth and Family Services

Advertising	22040417-554000	\$600
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FROM: Child Youth and Family Services

Miscellaneous Revenue	22040417-417000	\$600
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CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of July 20, 2022.

/s/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the chair declared **RESOLUTION #6314** adopted 7-0-0.

DISCUSSION to entertain a request from the Town Manager’s Office to waive the indoor pool resident fees for open swim during the month of July.

Chairman Cressotti recommended that we do this until school opens back up or at least mid-August. He wants to waive the \$1.00 fee for residents at the Annex.

Councilor Mangini supports waiving the fee.

Ms. Zoppo-Sassu stated that the proposal is to waive the 50 cents for children and \$1.00 for adults for residents and leave the fees at \$1.00 and \$1.50 for non-residents. This came up because of the heat wave and not a lot of cooling opportunities in Thompsonville. With the Magic Carpet being free, it gives people the opportunity to go to the Annex to use the pool on Saturdays. There is no bus Sundays but if they have a way there, they can swim from noon until 4:00pm.

Councilor Cekala is in support and asked if we could release some press about it.

Councilor Hopkins asked about an end date.

Chairman Cressotti said August 31st would be a good end date.

MOTION #6315 by Chairman Cressotti, seconded by Councilor Hopkins to waive the indoor pool resident fees. Non-resident fees will remain.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the chair declared **MOTION #6315** adopted 7-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #6316 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Pyznar to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the chair declared **MOTION #6316** adopted and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey
Clerk of the Council
Town Clerk

Tina Demers
Secretary to the Council