



**TOWN COUNCIL
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

**REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
MOTIONS**

**WATERTOWN TOWN HALL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
61 ECHO LAKE RD.
WATERTOWN, CT 06795**

1. Call Meeting to Order.
Chair Jonathan Ramsay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.
Chair Jonathan Ramsay led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call.

PRESENT: Jonathan Ramsay, Chair
Mary Ann Rosa, Vice Chair
Ken Demirs
Robert Desena
Anthony DiBona
Gary Lafferty
Robert Retallick
Denise Russ
Rachael Ryan

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Raimo, Town Manager
Susan Zappone, Asst. Town Manager/Finance Director

4. Public Comment – none.

5. Minutes.

a. Regular Meeting, August 15, 2022

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to accept the Regular Meeting minutes dated August 15, 2022 as presented.

Aye: 8 Ramsay, Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Lafferty, Retallick, Russ

Nay: 0

Abstain: 1 Ryan

Motion passes

6. Chairman's Report – no report.

a. Correspondence.

7. Town Manager's Report.

8. Subcommittee Reports – none.

9. New Business.

a. Consider a resolution regarding the adoption of the proposed bond ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,500,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A FIRE TRUCK AND RELATED EQUIPMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Retallick: I make a motion to approve the resolution regarding the adoption of the proposed ordinance entitled, "An ordinance appropriating \$1,500,000 for the acquisition of a fire truck and related equipment; and authorizing the issue of bonds or notes and temporary notes in the same amount to finance the appropriation."

ROLL CALL VOTE:

IN FAVOR: 9 Ramsay, Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Retallick, Lafferty, Russ, Ryan

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

Motion passes unanimously

- b. Consider a resolution regarding the adoption of the proposed bond ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$5,000,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Ken Demirs: I make a motion to approve the resolution regarding the adoption of the proposed ordinance entitled, “An ordinance appropriating \$5,000,000 for various road improvements and related work; and authorizing the issue of bonds or notes and temporary notes in the same amount to finance the appropriation.”

ROLL CALL VOTE:

IN FAVOR: 9 Ramsay, Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Retallick, Lafferty, Russ, Ryan

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

Motion passes unanimously

- c. Consider a resolution regarding the adoption of the proposed bond ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$11,000,000 FOR VARIOUS SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Retallick: I make a motion to amend the resolution regarding the adoption of the proposed ordinance to change the appropriation for the various school capital improvements to \$12,861,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

IN FAVOR: 9 Ramsay, Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Retallick, Lafferty, Russ, Ryan

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

Motion passes unanimously

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Retallick: I make a motion to approve the resolution regarding the adoption of the proposed ordinance entitled: “An ordinance appropriating \$12,861,000 for various school capital improvements; and authorizing the issue of bonds or notes and temporary notes in the same amount to finance the appropriation as amended.”

ROLL CALL VOTE:

IN FAVOR: 9 Ramsay, Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Retallick, Lafferty, Russ, Ryan

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

Motion passes unanimously

- d. Consider a resolution setting a referendum and ballot questions for the resolutions approved under Agenda Items a-c.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to approve following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the ordinances considered under agenda items 9 a. 9b and 9c. be submitted to the electors for approval or disapproval at referendum to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2022, in conjunction with the election to be held on that date, and shall be published in full within ten days in a newspaper having circulation within the Town. The Town Clerk shall publish notice of the referendum, which shall be incorporated into the notice of said election. The ballot headings for the ordinances submitted under said items shall read as follows:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN APPROPRIATE \$1,500,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A FIRE TRUCK AND RELATED EQUIPMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?”

“SHALL THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN APPROPRIATE \$5,000,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED WORK; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION

“SHALL THE TOWN OF WATERTOWN APPROPRIATE \$12,861,000 FOR VARIOUS SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS OR NOTES AND TEMPORARY NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE THE APPROPRIATION?”

Electors approving the ordinance shall vote “Yes” and those opposed to the ordinance shall vote “No”. Polls shall be open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

IN FAVOR: 9 Ramsay, Rosa, Demirs, Desena, DiBona, Retallick, Lafferty, Russ, Ryan

OPPOSED: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

Motion passes unanimously

- e. Consider a resolution authorizing explanatory text and materials for the bond referendum for Agenda Items 9a-c.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Rachael Ryan: I move to approve the resolution authorizing explanatory text and materials for the bond referendum for the approved ordinances under agenda items 9 a through c.

Motion passed unanimously

- f. Consider an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$4,992.26 for absentee ballots. Funds received as a grant from the Secretary of State.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$4,992.26 for absentee ballots. Funds received as a grant from the Secretary of State.

Motion passed unanimously

- g. Consider an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$12,500 for Police overtime associated with the Police Academy for adults and youth and use of force training. Funds received from a JAG Local Violent Crime Prevention grant.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Desena: I move to approve an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$12,500 for Police overtime associated with the Police Academy for adults and youth and use of force training. Funds received from a JAG Local Violent Crime Prevention grant.

Motion passed unanimously

- h. Consider an appropriation in the amount of \$7,508.13 for Police overtime. Funds received from the Drug Enforcement Administration for reimbursement for participation.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Desena: I move to approve an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$7,508.13 for Police overtime. Funds received from the Drug Enforcement Administration for reimbursement for participation.

Motion passed unanimously

- i. Consider an appropriation in the amount of \$2,136.96 for Police overtime. Funds received from the FBI for participation in the Gant Task Force.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Desena: I move to approve an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$2,136.96 for Police overtime. Funds received from the FBI for participation in the Gant Task Force.

Motion passed unanimously

- j. Consider an appropriation in the amount of \$25,500 from the General Fund for engineering services for the Guernseytown at West Road project.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Ken Demirs: I move to approve an appropriation of \$25,500 from the General Fund for engineering services for the Guernseytown at West Road Project.

Motion passed unanimously

- k. Consider authorizing entering into an agreement with for Extra Duty Solutions for special duty administration and collections.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Desena: I move to authorize entering into an agreement with for *Extra Duty Solutions* for special duty administration and collections.

Motion passed unanimously

- l. Consider a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between line items for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Retallick: I move to approve the resolution authorizing the transfer of funds between line items for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Motion passed unanimously

- m. Consider a resolution authorizing an appropriation of \$28,000 for tax refunds.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Desena: I move to approve the resolution authorizing an appropriation from the General Fund in the amount of \$28,000 for tax refunds.

Motion passed unanimously

- n. Consider a resolution authorizing tax refunds.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Desena: I move to approve the resolution authorizing tax refunds.

Motion passed unanimously

Time in 7:52

Break for Non-Public Meeting to Discuss Labor Negotiations

Time out 8:10

10. New Business Continued.

- a. Consider approval of the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with C.S.EA. Watertown Town Hall Supervisors.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Robert Desena: I move to approve the proposed collective bargaining agreement with C.S.E.A. Watertown Town Hall Supervisors.

Motion approved unanimously

- b. Consider approval of a job description for Building Maintainer II position in the AFCME Public Works Contract.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Ken Demirs: I move to approve a job description for Building Maintainer II position in the AFCME Public Works Bargaining Unit.

Motion approved unanimously

11. Adjournment.

Motion: Mary Ann Rosa seconded by Ken Demirs: to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously