

**MINUTES OF WEST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2009 LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER AGENDA No. 26**

President Scott Slifka called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

President Slifka: Good evening everybody. I am going to call the Council meeting to order, and as I do that, I want to welcome some special friends that we had in for a little visit and that's why we are a couple of minutes late because we were in the back and showing them around. They had all sorts of great questions for us about the town. We have Girl Scout Troop 10495 from Aiken School and Cub Scout Pack 46 from Whiting Lane School, and they are going to help us lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Within that Girl Scout Troop, we do have a daughter of one of our members, Lani Davidoff is here, and we are thrilled to have you guys. So come on up and help us with the Pledge.

ITEM #2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Slifka: Thank you very much. Good job. They were not so much interested in shaking my hand. They found out that I had shaken President Obama's hand, and there is sort of a transitive property apparently related to that. It is very limited. Thank you very much. Can we have a roll call, please, Ms. Labrot?

ITEM #3: ROLL CALL

Present were Councilors Steven Adler, Tim Brennan, Shari Cantor, Chuck Coursey, Leon Davidoff, Scott Slifka, and Carolyn Thornberry.

Councilors Verrengia and Visconti were absent.

President Slifka: Thank you, Ms. Labrot.

ITEM #4: PUBLIC FORUM

President Slifka: We are up to the Public Forum. The Public Forum section of the Town Council Meeting provides our residents with the opportunity to address items on the Town Council Agenda, those items that we will act upon at tonight's meeting. To ensure that everybody has an opportunity to be heard and that the Council can efficiently administer its business, certain rules have been traditionally followed by the Council over the years. They are fairly simple. If you are to speak at the Public Forum, first please state your name and address for the record. In the event that you are not from West Hartford, i.e., if you are not a taxpayer or resident, please let us know, and we may entertain a motion to suspend the rules to allow you to speak. You have up to 3 minutes to speak, and you are allowed to speak to any item that is on the Agenda, which is not the subject of a Public Hearing. I see Keith Robertson is on the list first. Keith, you are actually on the Agenda for a couple of minutes from now. So we will take care of that. Next is George Kennedy. Come on up, George. George you are a veteran of this. I have

to ask you a procedural question. You put down #4 as the Item and #4 is actually the Public Forum itself, which is not an Item. It has got to be an Item on the Agenda so if you could help me clarify what it is you are...

Mr. Kennedy: I just want to commend the Council among other things.

President Slifka: Sadly, that is not an Item.

Mr. Kennedy: My name is George Kennedy and I live at 19 Waterside Lane. I have been a resident of the town since 1951. I am the President of the West Hartford Taxpayer's Association. Incidentally, Mr. Mayor, you do realize that traditionally scouts are republicans. Think about this.

President Slifka: I was a scout so...

Mr. Kennedy: As present of the West Hartford Taxpayer's Association, I again want to commend the Mayor, the Town Manager, and the Superintendent of Schools for their budget presentation and candor at last Wednesday's tax forum. The open forum...open meeting forum you chose reflects how town government is supposed to work and we applaud your efforts. I think that you will find as we move through this depression that you and the town will be better served if you continue to share with the taxpayers the problems, constraints, and potential courses of action. We can and want to help. Too much needed energy is often wasted in confrontation with no gain to anyone. Now, having said these good things, we aren't going to let you off the hook. The town's budget has spiraled out of control, especially in light of declining financial resources and you, our elected leaders, have to develop a budget that reflects today's realities and provides a sustainable spending plan for the future. As the President of the West Hartford Taxpayer's Association and also representing those people who voted no in the last 3 referendums, I say to the Council do your duty in these frightening times and set a 0% budget increase. Publicly state that is your target. Many of our fellow citizens forget that we are in a revaluation phase. That phase-in alone will add 4.5% to our budget without any budget spending increases. Since 80% of the budget are salaries and benefits, the only realistic and mathematical solution to achieve a 0% increase in a budget is for the Council to take a strong leadership position and demand that the union, nonunion and management staff reduce their salaries and benefits, otherwise cost reductions will have to be achieved by layoffs. You confirmed at the tax forum that the main cause of the budgetary growth is two-fold; town employees earning too much money and guaranteed too many costly benefits and perks, most of which are not available to us taxpayers working in the private sector. We, you need to address this imbalance. Benefits have to be made compatible. It is only fair. Unfunded State mandates is the second one. We need our town officials and all of our taxpayers to contact our state legislatures and demand that they rescind these mandates and that we get our portion of ECS funds. To quote Mr. Davidoff, the system is broken. It is. The budget development process needs a new mindset and methodology. Past quick fixes to plug holes, such as eliminating leaf collection, eliminating the Quest Program and selling land are just that, quick fixes, not mandated, not needed changes. We need to fix the

system. In simple terms, we need to get back to planning and budgeting basics, questioning and challenging why we need a position, a program, an item or why we even perform certain functions. Now is the time to engage your taxpayers and initiate an ongoing due diligent best practices audit to evaluate the way we do business and provide a budget platform to process...

President Slifka: Mr. Kennedy, the buzzer has gone off. I'm going to have to ask you to wrap up.

Mr. Kennedy: I thought I get 5 minutes as President...

President Slifka: Well, we've given you some latitude because you did not write in. We've got to be consistent with the rules. I had said I would take this under #18, which was budget related but under that, it is 3 minutes. So we will give you a little latitude given it is a short Agenda, but I need to be consistent with the rules, notwithstanding your kind comments at the beginning.

Mr. Kennedy: I can't finish?

President Slifka: Well, if you could start to wrap up.

Mr. Kennedy: Okay, to the union and nonunion management staff, I say be fair and realistic. We can't expect them, the unions, to sacrifice if they see nonunion staff not sacrificing. To the unions, give back. My observation to the union behaviors is that older members usually want new members to join and support the union, but when the sacrifices are required, they quickly abandon the junior members. I say it all of the time, employees, please understand that salary and benefits contest is pretty much over for a while in the private sector and government employees should not be treated differently. The taxpayer for whom you work cannot and will not tolerate a 4% to 7% property tax growth. Bluntly, you have a golden goose employment situation. Don't kill the golden goose with short-sided demands. Then, to the Town Council, Town Management, and Board of Education, now of all times is to lead what we elected you to do and protect our town while doing so. The chickens have come home to roost. Administration after administration has finessed the budget problem by approving bloated budgets, reducing services while raising taxes. Hopefully, this is over. West Hartford is not all unique in this, look around. This budget should not and must not be driven and established by special interest groups, and you shouldn't count on us to save the budget bacon by running a referendum. We don't want to. Basically, the referendums are costly, time-consuming, and they divide the town. Now, right now is the time to fix the budget process in this budget and regain control of the town. Thank you.

President Slifka: Thank you, Mr. Kennedy. Next is Robert Milne.

Mr. Milne: Robert Milne, 3 Osage Road, and it is nice to see how the rules are observed. I guess if you say something nice you don't even have to write in. I'm speaking on behalf of a young lady that will be speaking tonight, Ms. DiNapoli, with regard to the

FOI concerns. More specifically with the FOI, most very disconcerting in one of the town meetings was an estimate that Ron Van Winkle gave regarding tens of thousands of dollars of cost. Let me give you an example. What I have experienced is obstruction, and as a testament to that, on October 26, 2007, Attorney Pat Alair basically told me that he would no longer accommodate me in any way with regard to any FOI requests. He basically cut me off and none of the departments would deal with me. A year later Mr. Van Winkle, November 12, 2008, over a year ago, sends me back to the same department who is telling me they don't want to deal with me. So, if there is any cost associated with \$10,000, it is in Mr. Alair's interest to run the tab up with all kinds of legal proceedings, and these estimates I would like to see the analysis. I would like to see that information at some point. If I don't get it, I will ask under the FOI. I think it is unfair for any employee or representative of this town to be able to make outlandish comments, which I've observed throughout my speaking before this Council. We like to embellish and exaggerate. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

President Slifka: That concludes the Public Forum. Is there anybody who did not sign up who wishes to speak to an Item that is on the Agenda? Okay, then we move to #5, Mr. Coursey.

ITEM #5: MINUTES OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON 1-27-09, OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 1-27-09 REGARDING 45 RAYMOND ROAD

RECEIVED

Vice President Coursey: I move that we receive.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. No Petitions, so we go to the Consent Calendar.

ITEM #7: CONSENT CALENDAR: ITEMS 18 AND 19 TO RECEIVE.

Vice President Coursey: I move that we place Items 18 and 19 on the Consent Calendar.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. We are up to Communications.

COMMUNICATIONS:

ITEM #8: FROM RENE ROSADO (01-24-09) RESIGNING FROM THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

RECEIVED

Vice President Coursey: I move that we receive.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. I would like to thank Rene for his service and make a pitch on behalf of the remaining board members that if there is anybody who might be interested on serving on this board of whatever political persuasion we would eagerly accept applicants. This is...all of the folks who have served in this...it is a very time consuming job, but it is one that the town could not run without their service. It is a tough task admittedly where you have to speak to fellow residents about appeals on their assessments, but it is a necessary task and these folks who are on there, Dana Gordon, the Chair, and some others who have served over the years have spent many years doing those many hours sort of in anonymity, and we really are thankful for them and don't thank them enough. They did ask that I make a pitch that if there is anybody, after I have so sugar coated this position, who might be interested in serving, please send your application to anyone of us, and I'm sure we would process it quickly but also to our Town Clerk, Ms. Labrot, and she will get it in the hopper as well. So all those in favor? Those opposed. Motion carries. #9, Mr. Coursey.

ITEM #9: FROM GREGG GABINELLE (01-27-09) RESIGNING FROM THE CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION.

RECEIVED

Vice President Coursey: I move that we receive.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. I have done some work with this Commission, and I just wanted to commend Gregg for his service. He's one of those very active parents who just has a few too many demands on his time, and he sadly had to resign but he made a great contribution to the Commission. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. We are up to #10.

ITEM #10: FROM KEITH ROBERTSON (01-21-09) REQUESTING PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE TOWN COUNCIL REGARDING RELAY FOR LIFE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 26 AND 27

RECEIVED

Vice President Coursey: I move that we receive.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. Keith, welcome...welcome back.

Mr. Robertson: Hi, I'm Keith Robertson and I live at 127 Four Mile Road. My wife, Debra, and I are the co-chairs of the 2009 West Hartford Relay for Life. I want to thank you for the opportunity to discuss Relay for Life here in front of the Council. This will be the 10th year of Relay for Life in West Hartford and of course, we are hoping that this will be the best turnout yet. We are returning to Northwest Catholic High School, and we will be on the track on Friday, June 26, beginning at 4 p.m. and ending at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 27. Relay for Life is a primary fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. It is a very unique event involving hundreds, potentially thousands of participants in teams of 8 to 15 people who pledge to keep one member of their team on the track for the entire 18 hours of relay. While other team members are walking around the track, the rest of the members of the teams are camping out in the infield of the track, eating, participating in activities, enjoying the entertainment, talking, laughing, crying or just having a good time. Each member of the team tries to raise money for the battle against cancer. For those of you who have been to the event, you know that part of what makes Relay for Life so special are the events within the event. For instance, there is the survivor lap, where survivors of cancer are honored for their strength and courage in battling cancer. There is a luminaria ceremony where survivors and those who are no longer with us are honored. There is a fight back ceremony where participants pledge to do something throughout the year to fight back against cancer. Relay for Life is a wonderful, fun-filled family event all geared toward fighting cancer. Part of what makes Relay for Life so special is there are just so many ways to get involved. You can organize a team, you can join a team, you can contribute to someone on a team, you can purchase a luminaria for someone you know who has been affected by cancer. You can volunteer in the planning of the event. You can volunteer for the day of the event or you can just show up at the event and enjoy the festivities. There are just so many ways to get involved. In these very difficult economic times, many of us just don't have the excess cash to contribute to many of the causes that we believe so dearly in. Relay for Life offers an opportunity to make a difference in the battle against cancer and you don't need to give a lot of money to get involved. Participation is basically free and what you are doing is so very rewarding, not only for you but for everyone who has been or at some point might be affected by cancer in their future. We are having a Relay for Life kickoff rally at Flemings Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar located at 44 South Main Street on Sunday, March 1 at 6 p.m. The kickoff rally is a free event for anyone looking for more information on Relay for Life. We hope you all can attend. Again, thank you for the opportunity to discuss Relay for Life, and I hope to see you all at Northwest Catholic on Friday and Saturday June 26 and 27. If you have any additional questions, you can go to the website www.rflwesthartford.com. Thanks again.

President Slifka: Thank you, Keith. I think many of us have been to this event over the years and Keith and Deb took hold of it...what is it two years ago, Keith?

Mr. Kennedy: Yes.

President Slifka: And really have made it a very special West Hartford event and this involved countless hours if anybody has ever been involved in a volunteer endeavor like this. You know, it is really a...it takes a lot of devotion, and they have certainly done that and I hope...understand that this is one where the eyes of the state are on the event, and through Keith and Deb's work, they have gotten it to West Hartford and that there is special attention paid on the fact that it is in West Hartford, and it is really a special honor for the town and we thank them for doing that and hope that everybody can make it this year. You are very welcome, Keith. Up to #11, Mr. Coursey.

ITEM # 11: FROM LINDA M. DINAPOLI (01-05-09) REQUESTING PERMISSION TO ADDRESS THE TOWN COUNCIL REGARDING SENIOR JOB BANK, CRRA, AND FOI.

RECEIVED

Vice President Coursey: I move that we receive.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. Ms. DiNapoli, you have 5 minutes.

Ms. DiNapoli: Mr. Mayor, I have a special request before I start on my 5-minute time. I would like to make a statement in thanks for Councilman Coursey.

President Slifka: Okay, Ms. DiNapoli.

Ms. DiNapoli: No, I just want to say personally on a personal basis I want to thank Councilman Coursey very much for his service to the Town of West Hartford. I have really enjoyed watching him. I've always personally felt that he was very even-minded and grabbed onto all of the issues from both sides. I thank him and I wish him well with his 5 children and his wife, Mary.

Vice President Coursey: Thank you much.

President Slifka: Thank you, Ms. DiNapoli. Republicans have asked that that be counted against your time. Just kidding.

Ms. DiNapoli: They wouldn't dare do that. Anyway, ready, I'm Linda DiNapoli from 214 Mohegan Drive. Good evening ladies and gentleman of the Town Council. First, regarding the CRRA, first let me say I am not advocating the abandoning of recycling but perhaps a committee of our citizens knowledgeable on this issue should be appointed to evaluate the pros and cons as you cannot turn recycling on and off. Town Council members and particularly those at the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting on Monday, February 9, which I attended, along with Mayor Slifka, Mrs. Cantor, and Mr. Visconti, Mr. Davidoff, Mr. Van Winkle, Deputy Counsel Alair and others, Mr. Van

Winkle stated that the Town of West Hartford may be charged \$12 per ton for recyclables by the CRRA soon. He notified me late this afternoon that we are not being charged now. Should that happen, however, using 7,000 tons as an arbitrary figure that amounts to \$84,000 in payments to the CRRA, as opposed to receiving a check from them for \$66,000. This is a swaying of \$150,000, ladies and gentleman. With the cost of picking up recyclables well over \$100 per ton, no one is talking about that. Hasn't enough time elapsed before you the Council have some of these residents with expertise on this subject speak about this? In the Hartford Courant this morning, Mr. Van Winkle said nothing about the cost of picking the materials up. Just remember, taxpayers, we are spending 1.1 million dollars of our money on this costly service. The question to the Council Members should be, are we doing right by our taxpayers? Also, I find it curious that within minutes this afternoon I receive an email from Mr. Van Winkle followed very quickly with one from Mr. Nonnenmacher of the CRRA. Some of you may recall I brought this to your attention some weeks ago and apparently you, the Town Council, closed your ears to the truth. The question now is yours to answer. Mr. Van Winkle even indicated at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting just this week and I quote him "The CRRA may be out of business within the next 2 to 3 years." What do you do then after having made this huge investment in an unprofitable endeavor for the Town of West Hartford? I have heard from the following people at CRRA. Thomas Kirk, President, his assistant, Sue Rice, Thomas Gaffney, Director of Recycling and Paul Nonnenmacher, Director of Public Affairs. If this wasn't a potentially important issue, then why are all of these people in contact with me and why was Mr. Nonnenmacher on TV just the other day touting CRRA? This CRRA has a contract with the MDC who you may recall is the agency this Council took a no confidence vote on and never pursued it further. The unfunded wage and benefit mandates due under this contract that they have with MDC may be problematic for them.

Moving on to another subject, namely the Senior Job Bank. This is an important asset to the Town of West Hartford. Again, citizens with ideas should be encouraged to offer their suggestions to keep this and other areas of our town services adequately servicing the taxpayers of West Hartford. If the Council would just follow New Haven Mayor DiStefano's lead, remember him, our own Mayor was his running mate in the last Gubernatorial election. Mayor DiStefano is asking the unions for 10 million dollars in concessions. He is eliminating 240 jobs, 160 of which are full time. What are the Mayor and Town Council in West Hartford planning on doing? Nothing other than cutting services and asking the unions for zero concessions and few job cuts. Real problems facing West Hartford are wages, benefits, and unfunded pensions. We need reductions and vacation buybacks and other benefits, salary freezes, changes in credit card policy, my favorite, meal allowances, travel and nonpublic safety vehicles.

Lastly, recently, Mr. Van Winkle stated that FOIs were costing the town tens of thousands of dollars. There is no proof that that is factual statements. Mr. Van Winkle merely needs to instruct his employees and remind himself to provide taxpayers with information they are entitled to, and I for one will not need FOIs at all. In the absence of that instruction, I intend to seek out the information I'm entitled to. Thank you and good evening.

President Slifka: Okay, there were so many misstatements of fact in there that unfortunately we are going to have to address them right now. I'm going to turn over to Mr. Van Winkle in a moment but just on the unions for a second. Apparently, Ms. DiNapoli was the one person who attended our forum the other night that didn't hear what we said about that. We have actually been in the process, sitting down with each and every one of our bargaining units. I'm doing most of it personally to ask them for concessions. They have been meeting with us, they have been receptive and those discussions are progressing. We expect more information as we develop the budget. I am very familiar with Mr. DiStefano's situation and his has unfortunately gotten to the point of being a little more contentious. The reason he has not actually cut the jobs, in addition to spending, he has said to the union because they have not agreed to those discussions like our unions have. He has said, look, unless you give me exactly this number, I am going to be forced to cut those jobs. We may get to a point like that but right now we've had very collaborative discussions with our unions, and we hope it doesn't become at that level of animosity. So we, rest assured, we are doing exactly what you would ask us to do in speaking to all of our employees, and in addition to all of our nonunion employees who are not getting raises, there has been a freeze there in place and it will continue into next year and I think our...I appreciate the efforts of Mr. Kennedy and the Taxpayer's Association who have actually helped us clarify that this is fact this year and not conjecture. So I guess the communication section of the Council...I got to check the rules Mr. Davidoff but, apparently, it is a section where people can come and say things whether they are true or not but, thankfully, we have a rebuttal opportunity and Mr. Van Winkle...I gotta say. I'm sad we have to do that tonight because that forum the other night was so good. I was going to do this later, but we really want to thank all of the residents who came out, who watched...we had I guess it was 250 people were in attendance from what estimate we got from the paper. We've all received dozens of emails from people who watched on TV and the thing that they liked about it was whatever political stripe they are in was the civility of it. That it was a real community discussion. It wasn't accusatory. We were responsive to the questions and we answered them all until people ran out. We still have a lot of work to do and that is not the end of the process, but I think we as a town have set quite a model. Sadly, Ms. DiNapoli...I didn't see you ask any questions that night. I guess you were saving that for this evening because you would have been drowned out by the goodwill that night, but we are going to rebut this evening, and I'm sorry we have to do it but we will. So Mr. Van Winkle, would you like to take the rest?

Mr. Van Winkle. Just a couple of things, when there was a suggestion, I made a statement that we will soon be paying \$12 a ton for recycling. I don't know anything about us soon and paying \$12 a ton. If I said it, it must have come out of nowhere because I have no knowledge of that possibility at all. CRRA is an organization that the state created entities that has contracts with the town for the elimination of our trash. We take our trash to CRRA. They burn some of it, they landfill some of it. That contract runs out in 3 years and so we are looking at our options. CRRA may be in existence for another 20 years. They may be the source where we are going to continue to take it. There are other options that we are looking at. We are trying to make sure that we find the best, most cost effective, best opportunity for our taxpayers for disposal of their trash.

So working with CRRA, working with the MDC and the regions mayors, we are trying to come up with what those options might be. CRRA isn't necessarily going out of business but their contract ends, so they have to think about what their options are, how they would close down at this time if that were the outcome. We have to think about what our opportunities are so that we can make sure that if they are the best outcome for us that they continue to exist. So it isn't quite as dire as it was described.

President Slifka: Thank you, Mr. Van Winkle. We are up to New Business, Mr. Coursey.

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM #13: ORDINANCE (FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE: CANTOR, SLIFKA, DAVIDOFF) CREATING TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TRUST.

SET FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 24, 2009 AT 7:20 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of West Hartford desires to establish and fund a trust to hold assets to be used to pay non-pension post-employment benefits (also known as "Other Post-Employment Benefits" or "OPEB") to eligible retirees and their beneficiaries in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-450 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the provision of OPEB to retirees is an essential governmental function and an integral part of the tax-exempt activities to the Town;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WEST HARTFORD that Chapter 18 of the West Hartford Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by the addition of the following section thereto:

(New) § 18-38.1 Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust.

- A. Pursuant to the authority granted to it in C.G.S. § 7-450(b) as that section may be amended or recodified from time to time, there shall be created and established the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust (the "OPEB Trust") to fund certain retiree benefits which the Town may be obligated to provide pursuant to the terms of previously established plans for the benefit of certain employees, retirees, their spouses and dependents.
- B. Upon the enactment of this ordinance, the members of the Risk Management Advisory Board shall also serve as, and shall constitute the Other Post-Employment Benefits Advisory Board, hereinafter referred to as the "OPEB Board." The terms of the members of the OPEB Board

shall be coextensive with their respective terms as members of the Town of West Hartford Risk Management Advisory Board.

- C. Upon the enactment of this ordinance, the Director of Financial Services shall be appointed as Trustee for the OPEB Trust and shall perform the duties set forth in the OPEB Trust Agreement, as amended from time to time, relating to the management of the assets held in the OPEB Trust, and shall have the care and custody of all assets funds and the power to invest such assets in accord with all applicable provisions of law.

Vice President Coursey: I move that we set for a Public Hearing on February 24, 2009 at 7:20 p.m. in the Legislative Chamber. Again, this is the ordinance creating the Town of West Hartford other post employment benefits trust. I move that we set for Public Hearing on February 24, 2009 at 7:20.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. #14, Mr. Coursey.

ITEM #14: RESOLUTION (VAN WINKLE) CONCERNING STATE FILING FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AT SEDGWICK MIDDLE SCHOOL

ADOPTED

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there is a need to perform asbestos abatement and floor replacement in three classrooms at Sedgwick Middle School, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education and the Town Council have appropriated sufficient funding in the Asbestos Abatement account to undertake this project, and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for State school construction grant funds, the State Department of Education requires the authorization of the Town Council to initiate a school construction project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of West Hartford that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized to work with the established building committee, begin architectural drawing and make application for grant assistance from the State Department of Education, Bureau of School Facilities.

Vice President Coursey: I move that we adopt.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. Discussion, Mr. Van Winkle, can you address this?

Mr. Van Winkle: Yes, this is part of a state grant process received from the State of Connecticut, a grant in the amount of 40% of the cost of removal of asbestos. In this case, we are replacing some rugs in a few classrooms at Sedgwick School. Those rugs were put down on top of asbestos tile, and when you pull them up, the tile will come up also. So you have to do an asbestos abatement project. This will be done this summer when there are no students in the school, and we will receive a 40% grant from the State of Connecticut. It requires your approval as well as the Board's approval for us to make this grant application.

President Slifka: So I think the bottom line people would like to know is that there is no cost to the town.

Mr. Van Winkle: The grant would cover 40%.

President Slifka: I'm sorry 40%. That's what I meant. I apologize. I'm thinking of the next one. Okay, got that clarified. Mr. Adler.

Councilor Adler: Through you, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Van Winkle, in terms of other schools besides Sedgwick, has there been any other kind of assessment done in terms of potential asbestos and some of the work...I think there has been some work through the Capitol Improvement Plan in terms of previous work that was done. I was wondering if you could just update us on that.

Mr. Van Winkle: Through you, Mr. Mayor, every school has what is called an asbestos abatement plan in place, where asbestos within the school is identified and scheduled for abatement at the time it is needed to be abated. When we do a major renovation of a school, we are usually doing the abatement of all asbestos that we can find. We have no friable asbestos, no dangerous asbestos. Where there is asbestos, it is contained. It is in floor tile and it is sitting there and there is no danger in that, but when we must do some work, for example, often to our heating systems, there is still some that are jacketed with asbestos, and we will need to do a containment and removal of the asbestos when the students aren't in school. We've been doing this for 25 years. We've removed a tremendous amount of asbestos, and there is still some to go.

President Slifka: Any further discussion? Okay, seeing none. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. #15, Mr. Coursey.

ITEM #15: RESOLUTION (VAN WINKLE) AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR ACQUISITION OF A DIAL-A-RIDE VAN.

ADOPTED

WHEREAS the Town has need of a wheelchair accessible van in connection with its Dial-a-Ride program; and

WHEREAS the Town Council previously authorized the Town Manager to apply for a grant from the State of Connecticut to aid in the purchase of such a van by resolution adopted on March 25, 2008; and

WHEREAS the State of Connecticut has now agreed to aid the Town with the acquisition of this van through a \$40,000 grant

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF WEST HARTFORD THAT Ronald Van Winkle, Interim Town Manager, be, and hereby is authorized to execute a contract entitled "Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of West Hartford for a Cash Grant Toward the Purchase of Wheelchair-Accessible Motor Vehicle(s) for Services to Elderly and/or Disabled Persons, FTA Grant No. CT-16-X034, State Project No. DOT 01702851RS" in substantially the form attached hereto.

Vice President Coursey: I move that we adopt.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. Mr. Van Winkle, this is the one I meant in the previous section. Sorry about that. As we discussed in Mrs. Cantor's Finance and Budget Committee Meeting, this is an 80% grant, but the 20% that would go to the town is actually coming out of a trust fund that was established by a resident who donated the money. So in terms of tax dollars to the town, there is no charge.

Mr. Van Winkle: Yes, Mr. Mayor, that is correct.

President Slifka: Good.

Mr. Van Winkle: Some months ago you made an application...you gave permission to the Town Manager to make an application to the State of Connecticut for a grant to purchase a Dial-A-Ride van. Most of our Dial-A-Ride vans have 120,000 to 140,000 miles on them, and in this case, this is an 80% grant. That's a pretty wonderful grant of \$40,000. The additional \$10,000 will come from a bequest to the town to support our Dial-A-Ride system. So there will be no general fund cost to the town. We will have a new van, and we will be able to take one of the older vans or the oldest vans and sell it for what we can get.

President Slifka: Thank you, Mr. Van Winkle. Anyone else? Dr. Thornberry.

Councilor Thornberry: I just want to comment. This grant has been around for a while and several years ago we readjusted how we distribute it so that we can live off the income and so the principle would not be, you know, spent down in a short period of time. It has been around for as long as I've been on the Council and Chairing Human Services, I have always been so grateful to the person who donated this money. It has been a wonderful gift to have, and it has done so much and this is just one example of the

many things that has happened because someone was kind enough to remember the Town of West Hartford in their estate and we put this money in trust. So thank you again.

President Slifka: Thank you, Dr. Thornberry. Anyone else? Seeing none. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. We are up to Report from the Town Manager, Mr. Van Winkle.

REPORTS:

ITEM # 16: FROM TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Van Winkle: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, a couple of things. One, I need to note that the Cramer Family Charitable Trust, Steven and Elise Cramer Slitt has made a donation to the Town that Cares Fund in the amount of \$7,000. The Town that Cares Fund is a fund that receives many small donations from many people all over the town. We thank everyone who has given money to the Town that Cares. It is unusual for us to get a grant this size. They gave this grant to the Town that Cares Fund to draw attention to the work that they do and to entice others to donate also to that fund. So we thank Steven and Elise Cramer Slitt for their kind donation to the Town that Cares.

We've talked about volunteers in West Hartford and how many we have and my Human Services Department, the Town that Cares Fund, which includes volunteer services which is elderly support, our HANOC programs, our special projects, the Food Pantry, the Elmwood Community Center, the Bishops Corner Senior Center, Westmoor Park and the All Sports Council, all of our sports programs in the town went out and did a calculation of how many people donate their time and volunteers to that group of our town, to that piece of our town and that's 2,702 residents donate time to those programs. A total of 105,282 hours, and we use a number that is used in the literature and how do you value their time and it comes out to \$2,026,679 of volunteer time for those uses for there. That doesn't include those who volunteer at the library where there are significant numbers, those who volunteer at the Police Department and other programs around town. Volunteers in West Hartford, like yourself who volunteer to serve on this Council, make an enormous contribution to this government and to the community that we live in. I just wanted to note that because it was so extraordinary.

My last one is just to note...I try to do a budget saver each meeting where are doing something special and our Public Works Department, Brian LaVoie, supervisor, working with his public works team has analyzed and evaluated how we do our winter storm fighting and have come up with a way to substantially reduce the amount of trucks and people that we have to put on the street when we first treat the roads. Several years ago we started to buy a different kind of vehicle for public works, a larger truck that had a salting system built right into it. Because of the size of that vehicle and its ability to stay out on the road longer, we are going to be able to reduce the number of people who are out early fighting a storm from 24 to 14 with a reconfiguring of how we deal with that. That will be a significant savings to the Public Works Department and a great productivity increase using the technology of the truck and the ingenuity of this public work's team to come up with that solution. That's my report tonight.

President Slifka: Thank you, Mr. Van Winkle. Anybody have any questions for Mr. Van Winkle? Mr. Brennan.

Councilor Brennan: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, I've always been interested in the issue of volunteer time. Since I've been on this Council for a year now, I've been so impressed by the amount of time that simply I've encountered. I haven't encountered all of the folks that you've talked about, the quality of their work and I've always wondered, wow, could you attribute some sort of value to that and somehow communicate it to the town because I've always worried that should we diminish services to the point where the town isn't attractive to people those who come to volunteer might not stay either. So if I heard you correctly, that was just a portion of the town, is there a way without it being too overly burden to calculated for the entire town. I mean I don't want to create a burden that...but I just think that it is a very, very important point to highlight as we go through this process.

Mr. Van Winkle: Through you, Mr. Mayor, it peaked my interest, too, because the number was so extraordinary when we finally calculated it. I am going to try to make a calculation. I know the library keeps very good track, and I'll be able to pick that up off of there. The other departments all have smaller programs with people that work with them, so we are going to try to put those numbers together, and I was going to put a page in our Budget just to note that, although we are talking about a general fund budget, here's a whole piece of what goes on in West Hartford. We couldn't run our sports programs without all of the volunteers that do that. We couldn't run so many of our senior services without all of those volunteers. So as we look at our budget and we think about where we get our money from to pay for all of the things we do, we have this non-monetary volunteer who gives so much to this community. So we are going to try to put that in the Budget as a document.

Councilor Brennan: Great. Great idea. Thank you.

President Slifka: Thank you, Mr. Brennan, anyone else? Mr. Van Winkle, we did have a comment earlier from one of the speakers about a figure that has been tossed around regarding the revaluation and its affect on the Budget, and before it festers a bit, we thought we ought to nip in the bud. Maybe you could address that.

Mr. Van Winkle: Yes, Mr. Mayor, there was a comment that revaluation will add another 4.5% to our taxes. This is government-ease but it is...when we look at the amount of taxes we raise through a tax on your property, on your vehicle we raise in West Hartford 180 million dollars. When I look at last year's Budget to this year's Budget, that's the number I'm going to look at. How much do we increase our taxes if we have to increase our taxes? How much does that have to go up in order to make our new budget work? That is the tax increase. So that would include revaluation, that would include everything. We are trying to get that to a minimum number and the numbers that we have been talking about in our Public Hearings, which are too high, we've suggested that given what we're looking at, a reduction intergovernmental revenues, reduction in our own revenues that we get in the Town of West Hartford

directly, we are looking at a potential at this moment in time 6% increase in taxes in West Hartford, which would be too high. There wouldn't be fixed percent plus another 4.5%. There would be a 6% increase in that, the levy number that we are talking about. Revaluation is a complex kind of thing. Your home this year may be going up a little and your home may be going up a lot. It depends on how it was valued when we redid a revaluation. If you lived in a neighborhood where prices went up a lot, then we phased you in over a period of time, and some people will pay more than some other people because of the value of their real estate. It is complex. If somebody wants to come into my office, I'd be happy to sit down and do the numbers with him for their individual property so that they could understand it or the assessor would, but it is certainly not a tax increase with a tax increase on top of it. When we talk about our tax increase...when I talk about our tax increase, I'm talking about the increase in the levy. I'm not talking about your home in particular, I'm talking about the increase in the levy and that's that 6% number, which we are going to work down.

President Slifka: Thank you, Mr. Van Winkle. Any other questions? Mr. Davidoff.

Councilor Davidoff: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, through you, Mr. Van Winkle, could you share with everyone the grand list growth which was announced this week during the Finance and Budget. I think that's a little bright light of good news for the community and I think it is worth spreading this evening.

Mr. Van Winkle: Yes, through you, Mr. Mayor, West Hartford is a fully developed community. We don't have, you know, a whole new section of subdivision going in. We don't have a space left in West Hartford. Blue Back Square was an extraordinary unusual situation. It brought...Blue Back Square brought to us an additional 3 million dollars in taxes based on the development as it is now, and we will see some more taxes out of that as new stores open and some of the offices fill up. Our grand list growth this year was 1.5% and our grand list is 6.2 million dollars. That's the largest grand list anywhere in central Connecticut. I don't look at Greenwich or Fairfield County, but it is larger than the City of Hartford and it is larger than any of our communities around here. This is a community that is fully developed with a large grand list. We usually see a growth of ½% a year, except for the years in which Blue Back Square was here, we would see ½% growth and most of that growth was coming from new cars that people were buying and getting rid of their old car. We weren't seeing a lot of new development. This 1.5% is really a great number and good for a Budget this coming year. I would love to see 4% but we are never going to have those kinds of numbers in West Hartford because we are fully developed. The 1.5% is high for us. It will result in somewhere between 2 and 2.5 million dollars in new taxes for that new development, that new addition to the grand list. So all of that helps us work down the problems we are facing with revenues.

President Slifka: Mr. Adler.

Councilor Adler: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

President Slifka: Maybe we should just clarify that quickly. Chuck.

Vice President Coursey: Mr. Van Winkle, I'm getting old. My hearing is failing me, but I thought you might have just said 6.2 million. It is actually 6.2 billion.

Mr. Van Winkle: 6.2 billion. Yes, thank you.

Vice President Coursey: A couple more zeros.

Mr. Van Winkle: Thank you.

Councilor Adler: Through you, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Van Winkle, could you give us an idea of where we are currently with 2008-2009 Budget that is currently in play and kind of how deep we are currently and kind of some of the drivers around those issues. Thanks.

Mr. Van Winkle: The Town Manager is up to his ears in the Budget right now. I have been reviewing each department budget. Every department I have reviewed at this point is either 0 or below 0 in their growth. I've got police and fire yet to go. They are working to reduce their growth. The budget that we are putting together, we are working toward a 0 expenditure increased budget, and we are working hard to do that. This is going to be a very different Budget than you've seen in the past. This is a brand new Town Manager that you have doing this. This is a brand new approach to the budget, more detail, more information, and we are going to present a lot of options and policies for you to talk about. Leaves, we are going to be...there is going to be a discussion in there about leaves and how we handle leaves. There's going to be a discussion in there about how we handle voting in West Hartford. There is going to be lots of issues for you to think about and for us to discuss. We can put numbers on those, put cost on those so we can think about how we can reduce those. We are looking at options to increase the revenues that we get through user fees, so that we get revenues from the intergovernmental, the state and federal. We get revenues from our property taxes and we also get revenues from people who are doing something in West Hartford, for example, a building permit and they pay a user fee for that. So we are looking at all of our fees whether they are fined fees or whatnot so that we can maximize those revenues. Town Manager budget is the first meeting in March, which I think is the 10th of March, where I will present my budget to you and then you will do your work.

Councilor Adler: Thank you, Mr. Van Winkle. Through you, again, Mr. Mayor, I guess the original question, and I do appreciate your detail around the planning for the next budget but the current budget that is in play that we are working right now...no, you gave us good information. I appreciate that but the 2008-2009 Budget in terms of where we are with our current deficit position and kind of the drivers around, you know, what is creating some of that and more importantly what are we doing to resolve some of those issues. Thanks.

Mr. Van Winkle: Through you, Mr. Mayor, excuse me, when you say the current budget, it's the one I'm wrestling with at the moment, but as you know, this recession this year which really bit hard in Connecticut in late summer affected our revenues quite dramatically. We have had a fall off in revenues and have begun to institute a certain

number of things. You, in October, instituted a 25 million dollar cut in our capitol budget, largest cut we've ever done in West Hartford. That allowed us to reduce, you know, the cost of projects going forward and the principle interest we pay in bonds for those things. We instituted a hiring freeze. We put in a restriction on out-of-state travel. We have begun to lay off part-time workers in a number of departments, as we attempt to shrink our expenditures this year. In my last report to you, we were about still \$380,000 in deficit. We are expecting to be able to bring that in to zero by the end of the year. It is a multitude of different things that we are looking at and we are shrinking and we are working down, but I would expect that at the end of this year we will be able to say to you that we've been able to balance our budget.

President Slifka: Thank you. Anyone else? Okay, we have a couple of announcements that Mr. Van Winkle has handed me. Unfortunately, in light of the economy, these are maybe particularly important. Basic computer training for job seekers, a 4-session hands-on class in basic computer skills for locating and applying for jobs online is being co-sponsored by the West Hartford Public Library and the West Hartford Department of Human and Leisure Services. Classes will be held at the Noah Webster Library from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 18, and 25. So there is one tomorrow morning. You can practice using a mouse, learn basic board processing, set up free email accounts if needed, and be introduced to job posting websites. Registration is required. Please call 561-6690 to register and ask questions. Also, your parking is validated by the West Hartford Public Library if you park here in the garages.

The U.S. Census is hiring for all types of positions. You can take the test to qualify for a census job. It takes place at the Noah Webster Library on the following Mondays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., February 23, March 2, 16, 23, and 30. Also, testing is offered at the Faxon Branch Library on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. on February 26. You can call 768-9111 to get more information.

On the happier notes, we have call for entries for our annual Historic Preservation awards sponsored by the West Hartford Historic District Commission. They will be recognized at a ceremony on May 14. Awards are given to homeowners, commercial property owners and developers, architectural firms, local governments, civic organizations and many more for their efforts that have preserved and protected the architectural character of the town. The projects associated with the nominations must have been completed between January 1, 2007 and March 15, 2009 and the focus is on the rehab of structures that are at least 50 years old. The entry form must be received by March 16, and it is on our town website.

Family Fun Day at Bishops Corner will take place on February 14 and 28. Families, children and teens are invited to drop by anytime between 12 and 4 at the Bishops Corner Branch Library to play board games at the library or try their skills at dance at Dance Revolution. I expect to see you all there.

Hartt School presents a free evening of music, dance, theater on February 13. That's at the University of Hartford. It is a unique opportunity to experience the full range of performing arts disciplines all in one evening. Admission is free.

Last, but certainly not least, the St. Joseph 3rd Annual Indoor Sprint Triathlon takes place on February 15 at 9 a.m. It is a part of their celebration of National Girl and Women in Sports Day. Women of all ages can participate in this indoor triathlon, which

if you don't know what that is, I was going to defer to Mrs. Cantor since I'm sure she knows but the race consists of a 20-minute pool swim, 20-minute bike ride on a spinning bike and a 20-minute indoor track run. All participants must register in advance as space is limited. Again, open to women only, so Chuck you are out of luck. Please contact Dee Fiske at sjc.edu or call 231-5423 with questions or to register.

No one has other announcements. Mr. Van Winkle has one. I thought you gave every one to me.

Mr. Van Winkle: We are going to see something appear on Boulevard which may make everyone wonder what is going on. Last summer when we were doing traffic calming around town one of the issues that we were wrestling with was speeding. Speeding is an issue we get more complaints about than anything else in West Hartford. People are speeding through residential neighborhoods. We purchased and had delivered to us only a few weeks ago, it has been several months since we ordered it, a camera speed sign. This sign will tell you how fast you are going and will take a picture of your car and license if you go through it. Now, in the State of Connecticut, we can't issue a ticket, but if you are doing more than 15 miles an hour over the speed limit, we are going to turn that picture over to the police and they are going to send you a letter saying that you were observed speeding in this area. That letter will just be a reprimand. If it is your teenage son, you are probably going to pull him up and make sure they do better, but it is an experiment again to see whether this is something that we can use to slow people down. We have in some neighborhoods people who are doing 50 up to 70 miles an hour at times, even during the day. So what we are trying to do is catch those people with this sign. It is a sign which has got a solar cell on the top so it gets power from the sun and will be installed at Boulevard but can be moved from Boulevard to other neighborhoods as we move it around town to see whether it has an ability to slow cars down. We selected Boulevard eastbound so stay under that speed limit. Boulevard is 30 miles an hour, 15 miles over would be 45. At the intersection of Boulevard and Whiting Lane, we've had a number of accidents over the years and we have tried a lot of different things to reduce those accidents. We still seem to have a problem there and it is mostly because the cars are coming too fast down Boulevard, so we are going to start there and then we will see this appear in other neighborhoods around town.

President Slifka: Mr. Coursey.

Vice President Coursey: Yes, thank you, Mr. Van Winkle. I'm glad you brought that up. That was something you shared with us at our Public Safety Meeting earlier in the week. I think we were all disappointed earlier in the fall when some of the work that we were doing on traffic calming really had to take a back seat because of the current financial crisis that we are in. It is one of those nice-to-haves but not must have but I think this is a very cost-effective measure that most importantly is going to reduce speed and I think it is going to prevent accidents and save lives, where in those states where the legislature has allowed for ticketing to be used through cameras, you have seen a marked drop in average speeds, a marked drop in accidents and a drop in the fatality rate. So this is something that is going to be probably very controversial. There are a lot of privacy issues at stake here, but I think we have to look at the greater good. I, for one, will be

urging my legislators in Hartford to support this if it does come to a vote but thank you Mr. Van Winkle for bringing that up.

President Slifka: Okay, anyone else? Mr. Brennan.

Councilor Brennan: Thanks. Mr. Van Winkle, I also, on a related note, I've gotten a few questions about the cameras that sit on top of the new lights that we've installed. I think you may have explained it to us perhaps in Public Safety or somewhere else but I have forgotten, and for the sake of mentioning it to the rest of the folks, if you could do that, it would be great.

Mr. Van Winkle: Well, for all of the speeders out there and red light runners, I would like them to think that those cameras are watching them and we can see every hair on their happy face. In fact, those cameras are just a new technology to determine when cars at the lights. It is a camera that actually sees you sitting at that red light and tells the computer there are cars here and we need to change the light. Previous to that, we would put wires under the ground and the magnetic field of your car would be felt by those wires and communicate that. Often they were broken when we had frost or broken when we did construction. This is a new technology that is erected on that pole. It is not recorded. It is not recording you sitting there, it is not recording anything that is going on, although it has that capability and the police have expressed at times discussion with us that in intersection where we have problems we may want to put a recorder on it, so that we can keep a better understanding of how traffic accidents are occurring. But right now all they do out there is detect the fact that you are sitting there in your car. It doesn't record you and, again, I would note that this is a 6 million dollar federally funded program. It pays for everything we are doing out there, all the poles, all the lights, all the work, all the engineers that work for the Town of West Hartford. They are paid, they designed it, and they inspected it. It is all paid out of that federal grant and it is a great new system. Some people complained about the size of the poles. That's all required by federal specifications. So it is truly a great project because if we didn't have that grant in the next few years we would be spending our own dollars replacing older systems. Our traffic lights had been replaced over years but the last time we did anything substantial was in the 80s. So this is a timely grant and replaces all but a minor handful of lights in the Town of West Hartford.

Councilor Brennan: Great, that sounds very stimulative. Thanks.

President Slifka: Anyone else? Okay, thank you, Mr. Van Winkle. We are on to Report from the Corporation Counsel, Mr. O'Brien.

ITEM # 17: FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL

Mr. O'Brien: Well, we have no need for Executive Session, and I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have.

President Slifka: Thank you, and are there questions for Mr. O'Brien? Okay, seeing none.

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you.

President Slifka: Well done, Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. O'Brien: Thank you. Brevity is a gift.

President Slifka: We are up to #22, Mr. Coursey.

ITEM # 22: ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR: ADOPTED.

**ITEM #18: FROM BLUM, SHAPIRO & COMPANY, P.C. RE:
COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2007 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008 AND THE JUNE 30, 2008 FEDERAL
SINGLE AUDIT REPORT.**

**ITEM #19: FROM DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE RE: 309
NORTH MAIN STREET – RECOMMENDING APPROVAL.**

Vice President Coursey: I move that we adopt.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. We are up to #23. There are several appointments, Mr. Coursey.

ITEM # 23: APPOINTMENTS:

Vice President Coursey: Yes, Mr. Mayor, I move that we reappoint Sheila Amdur, a member of the Housing Authority for a term ending 02-28-2014, appoint Kevin J. Cuddeback and Matthew Moskal to the Risk Management Advisory Board for a term ending 12-31-2011 and 12-31-09 respectively.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: A motion has been made and seconded. All those in favor? Those opposed? Motion carries. Mr. O'Brien said no need for Executive Session.

ITEM #24: EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE.

ITEM #25: ADJOURNMENT:

President Slifka: I would like to entertain a motion to adjourn.

Vice President Coursey: So moved.

Councilor Brennan: Second.

President Slifka: All those in favor? Those opposed? We are adjourned. Good night.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Essie S. Labrot
Town Clerk/Council Clerk

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