

MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - JULY 16, 2019

MINUTES of SPECIAL TOWN MEETING held July 16, 2019 7:00 p.m. in the Old Saybrook Town Hall first floor conference room, 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook, Connecticut, with approximately 20 persons attending.

First Selectman Fortuna called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced himself and Selectman Carol Conklin.

First Selectman Fortuna nominated Christina Antolino as Moderator for the meeting, duly seconded and unanimously voted. The Moderator called on the Town Clerk, Sarah V. Becker, to read the call of the meeting:

ITEM 1. To recommend to Town Meeting, based upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance, a transfer of \$138,000 from the Public Works Highway and Street fiscal year 2019 budget (account 57400) to the Public Works Paving Exchange, Fund 7400 (account 57400).

First Selectman Fortuna explained the use for these funds and noted they will be spent in this fiscal year. On a motion duly made and seconded, Item 2 was unanimously ADOPTED.

ITEM 2. To recommend to Town Meeting, based upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance, a transfer of \$40,000 from the fiscal year 2019 Transfer Station Waste Transport and Disposal budget (General Fund 1005, sub department 840300) to a new fund called "PW water installation".

First Selectman Fortuna explained that the Public Works/Town Garage facilities have well water. By connecting to the public water supply insures a source of water at a greater pressure in case of fire. This is a public safety issue and provides more protection than can be accomplished by a well. On a motion duly made and seconded, Item 2 was unanimously ADOPTED.

ITEM 3. To recommend to Town Meeting, based upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance, a transfer of \$25,000 from the fiscal year 2019 Library budget (General Fund 1005, sub department 450100) to a new fund called 'KHCAC Gutter Repair".

First Selectman Fortuna explained that the gutter system at The Kate has not been maintained and they are packed with debris and pulling away from the fascia. Replacement gutters will be a heavier material. Will be putting into next year's and following years budgets monies to regularly clean gutters of town buildings so that maintenance issue will be under control. On a motion duly made and seconded, Item 3 was unanimously ADOPTED.

ITEM 4. To recommend to Town Meeting the transfer of funds in the amount of \$32,382 from the Police Field Service Budget (420101) to the retiree health insurance budget (414200) for the purpose of covering a deficit in excess of \$25,000 in the Retiree Health Insurance budget.

Lee Ann Palladino, Finance Director, explained the request. First Selectman Fortuna also clarified the request advising that when Anthem demutualized the Town received \$600,000 which has grown to \$1.3 million which the Pension Board decided to use with the input from advisors and brokers. Lee Ann also elaborated on the long term liability of the pension plan and health insurance. On a motion duly made and seconded, Item 4 was ADOPTED.

ITEM 5. Discussion and possible action to recommend to Town Meeting revision of the Town of Old Saybrook Code, Part 1, Administrative Legislation, Chapter 23, Code of Ethics, as recommended by the Ethics Commission. A copy of said revised ordinance is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

First Selectman Fortuna introduced Ed Cassella, Chairman of the Ethics Commission who explained the changes made to the Code of Ethics and the process used by the Board to resolve complaints. Michael

Cronin, Town Counsel, commented. At the passage of this Item, notice will be published by the Town Clerk and will become effective 15 days following publication.

A copy of the Amended MUNICIPAL CODE TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK and amended OLD SAYBROOK ETHICS COMMISSION PROCEDURES FOR COMPLAINTS AND ADVISORY OPINIONS attached to these minutes for reference.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to ADOPT Item 5.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah V. Becker
Town Clerk