

Minutes of the Willimantic Taxing District Board of Directors Regular Meeting



Windham Town Hall Bellingham Auditorium, 2nd Floor
Tuesday, October 25, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order. Pledge of Allegiance.

Lynne Ide, President of the Willimantic Taxing District, called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Lynne Ide, Thomas DeVivo, Nectalis Martinez, Dennis O'Brien (arrived at 7:04 P.M.), James Flores (arrived at 7:04 P.M.), and Charles Krich

Lorraine McDevitt was excused.

Town Manager Neal Beets was also in attendance.

2. Public Comment.

None

3. Councilmember Comment.

None

4. Approval of Minutes.

a. Regular Meeting of September 27, 2016.

DeVivo MOVED, Martinez seconded, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2016. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Report from the Police Chief. Discuss and possibly take action.

a. PD News and Operating Statistics.

Police Chief Rosado reported on the Police Department News and Operating Statistics. He noted the college related disturbances were up slightly and there were 5 calls for assistance outside of the city limits. Police Chief Rosado also reported on 2 major crime incidents; one at the Abracadabra Club and one in the area of Emerald Avenue. He noted both incidents are still under investigation. In addition, Police Chief Rosado reported the 2014 Path Academy shooting incident is nearing the end and sentencing is likely to take place in December.

b. PD Budget Update for current fiscal year.

Police Chief Rosado reported the budget is currently on target with approximately 26% spent in the first quarter. He noted adjustments are being made to the Detective hours to in order to keep from overspending in overtime.

c. Parking and traffic control in Willimantic.

Police Chief Rosado provided the Council with a power point presentation regarding parking issues in Willimantic. He gave an overview of the current parking areas, complaints from downtown business owners and areas surrounding ECSU, statistical information and possible recommendations. Police Chief Rosado also answered questions from the Council.

MOTION:Krich MOVED, O'Brien seconded, to set a Public Hearing on November 15, 2016 in the Bellingham Auditorium at 6:00 P.M. to hear public comment regarding parking in the Willimantic Taxing District. All were in favor except Flores who did not vote at all. MOTION PASSED.

6. Report from the Fire Chief. Discuss and possibly take action.

a. FD News and Operating Statistics.

Fire Chief Scrivener reported on the Fire Department News and Operating Statistics. He noted there is a radiator issue with the 1977 ladder truck and the cost to repair the truck is being looked at.

Fire Chief Scrivener also reported he had met with WHS Principal Jason Foster and Career Counselor Brian Usher to discuss career outreach to students. He noted Mr. Usher had visited the firehouse and will begin to work to identify students that he and Chief Scrivener can work with to develop and train for a possible career in firefighting.

Chief Scrivener reported that he and Personnel Director Paul Hongo had attended a presentation regarding the Statewide entry-level test for firefighters and noted discussions are being held about the possibilities of partnerships between municipalities with COST and CCM as part of the discussions. He noted another meeting is scheduled for Friday.

In addition, Chief Scrivener reported the fire department hosted 20 Windham Tech students for 1st Responder Day. He also noted while visiting the Kramer Building he spoke to some kids about their interest in a career as a firefighter and stated he would like to put up a banner explaining what being a firefighter is about.

b. FD Budget Update for current fiscal year.

Fire Chief Scrivener reported he had no great concerns with the budget. He stated the budget is approximately 34% spent which includes expenditures and encumbrances.

c. Community outreach and employment diversity.

Chief Scrivener reported on community outreach and employment diversity in the first segment of his report under FD News and Operating Statistics. He also answered questions from the Council.

7. Report from the Town Manager. Discuss and possibly take action.

No Report

8. Future Agenda Items.

- a. Tuesday, November 22, 2016: 7 pm WTD Meeting. Discussion on parking ideas coming out of the Public Hearing.

9. Public Comment.

James Flores spoke about the parking issues and the benefits of having ECSU students in our community.

Dennis O'Brien stated it was nice to hear Police Chief Rosado mention the parking garage in his report. He urged everyone to support the parking garage project which he feels is essential for our community.

10. Adjournment.

DeVivo MOVED, Krich seconded, to adjourn the Willimantic Taxing District Regular Meeting at 8:35 P.M. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by:

**Barbara J. McKinney
Clerk of the Council**