

Minutes of the Willimantic Taxing District Regular Meeting

Windham Town Hall Bellingham Auditorium, 2nd Floor
Tuesday, November 24, 2015 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Tom DeVivo, President of the Willimantic Taxing District, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Thomas DeVivo, Lorraine McDevitt, Lynne Ide, Dennis O'Brien and James Flores

Charles Krich and Nectalis Martinez were absent

Town Manager Neal Beets was also in attendance

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Willimantic Taxing District President Tom DeVivo led all in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

Henry Crane, Willimantic, spoke in support of both Police Captain Jack Reed continuing to serve on the Police Department and the federal government's 1033 Program.

4. Councilmember Comment. Welcome newly elected and reelected Members

James Flores spoke about militarization in the Country. He also stated he was very proud of our Police Chief and Police Department.

Tom DeVivo spoke about the Police Citizens Academy and the possibility of the Fire Department holding a similar event. He also spoke about the promotion of two Police Officers.

Lorraine McDevitt noted she was impressed by the attendance of both new and retired Police Officers who attended the event on the promotion for the two Police Officers.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. October 27, 2015, Meeting

McDevitt MOVED, Flores seconded, to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2015 meeting. All were in favor except Ide and O'Brien who abstained. MOTION PASSED.

6. Discuss and possibly act on the following organizational matters:

- a. Election of President of the Willimantic Taxing District Board of Directors.**
O'Brien MOVED, DeVivo seconded, to nominate Lynne Ide as President of the Willimantic Taxing District Board of Directors. All were in favor except McDevitt who opposed and Flores who abstained. MOTION PASSED.

Tom DeVivo turned the meeting over to newly elected President of the Willimantic Taxing District Board of Directors Lynne Ide.

- b. Election of Vice President of the Willimantic Taxing District Board of Directors.**
O'Brien MOVED, Ide seconded, to nominate Tom DeVivo as Vice President of the Willimantic Taxing District Board of Directors. All were in favor except McDevitt who opposed and Flores who abstained. MOTION PASSED.
- c. Election of Secretary of the Willimantic Taxing District Board of Directors.**
DeVivo MOVED, O'Brien seconded, to nominate Charles Krich as Secretary of the Willimantic Taxing District Board of Directors. All were in favor except McDevitt who opposed and Flores who abstained. MOTION PASSED.
- d. Election of Treasurer of the Willimantic Taxing District Board of Directors.**
DeVivo MOVED, O'Brien seconded, to nominate Nectalis Martinez as Treasurer of the Willimantic Taxing District Board of Directors. All were in favor except McDevitt who opposed and Flores who abstained. MOTION PASSED.
- e. Amendments to the Bylaws for the Willimantic Taxing District?**
O'Brien MOVED, Flores seconded, to defer the discussion of the Amendments to the Bylaws for the Willimantic Taxing District until the next meeting. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION: Flores MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to amend the agenda to add Item #6g to follow Item #6f: Discussion and possible action to have a standing agenda item for the Town Manager to provide a report. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- f. Establish a 2016 Meeting Schedule for the Willimantic Taxing District Board of Directors.**
DeVivo MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to meet the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Bellingham Auditorium. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

g. Discussion and possible action to have a standing agenda item for the Town Manager to provide a report.

Flores MOVED, DeVivo seconded, to have a standing agenda item for the Town Manager to provide a report. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Discuss and possibly approve a motion, pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, authorizing Captain Jack Reed to continue to serve on the Police Department beyond the age of 65.

DeVivo MOVED, Flores seconded, to approve a motion, pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, authorizing Captain Jack Reed to continue to serve on the Police Department beyond the age of 65. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. Discuss and possibly adopt a policy about acquisition of equipment for the Police Department under the federal government's 1033 Program

McDevitt MOVED, DeVivo seconded, to ask Chief Maruzo-Bolduc to give reasonable notice to the Willimantic Taxing District Board of Directors when requesting equipment and before obtaining equipment from the federal government's 1033 Program unless the equipment is non-lethal. All were in favor. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

a. Operating Statistics

Chief Maruzo-Bolduc reported on the status of the department and noted there is currently one opening in the department and four officers in the academy. She also reported the Officers are from the local area with two of them having participated in the Citizens Academy.

Lt. Buckner reported on the continuing issues with the stats report however he explained the problem should be resolved in January when Next-Gen will be separating the data to provide a more accurate report.

b. Budget Update

Chief Maruzo-Bolduc reported on the budget noting vehicle repairs were a bit high however there was nothing out of the ordinary in the report. She also noted there was a question on the report regarding meals which she is asking the finance department about.

Chief Maruzo-Bolduc also reported on the shots fired on Mansfield Avenue, the upgrade on the phone system, the cell block renovations and the Stuff a Cruiser event at Stop & Shop on December 6th.

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

a. Operating Statistics

Captain Ron Palmer gave a brief report on the operating status of the Fire Department. He responded to the Town Manager's question on response time and spoke about the need to update the current software system to allow for more accurate reporting.

Captain Palmer also reported on the new ambulance and noted there is no contract with private ambulance companies with regards to transports. He explained the process used for transporting patients.

b. Budget Update

Captain Palmer deferred the budget report until Chief Scrivener returned.

Captain Palmer also responded to a question on community engagement and explained the services the Fire Department provides to the community.

11. Public Comment

Henry Crane, Willimantic, spoke in support of the Police Department and is hoping for more female officers.

James Flores spoke about the Police Department, community engagement and stopping militarization.

MOTION: Flores MOVED, DeVivo seconded, to cancel the December 22nd meeting. All were in favor. **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

12. Adjournment

DeVivo MOVED, McDevitt seconded, to adjourn the Willimantic Taxing District Council regular meeting adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

Submitted By:
Barbara J. McKinney
Clerk of the Council