



**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
April 1, 2024
5:30 PM - Scitico Room**

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Douglas Finger, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Lori Unghire

Absent: None. Councilor Cekala joined the meeting at 6:44 pm.

Also Present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Assistant Town Manager, Steve Bielenda; Interim Town Attorney, Tom Tyler; and Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey.

2. DISCUSSION OF MOU BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN REGARD TO TAX COLLECTION

Jack Flanagan, Hazardville Fire District Chief; Richard Tkacz, Board of Fire Commissioners Chairman Hazardville Fire District; David Deskis, Thompsonville Fire District Chief; Vincent Grady, Board of Fire Commissioners President Enfield Fire District; Peter Burk, Board of Fire Commissioners Shaker Pines Fire District; Jason Jones, Board of Fire Commissioners Chairman North Thompsonville Fire District; Patrick Droney, Board of Fire Commissioners President Enfield Fire District; Earl Provencher, North Thompsonville Fire District Chief; and Marge Perry, Board of Fire Commissioners Chair Thompsonville Fire District attended the meeting from 5:30 pm - 6:28 pm.

Members of the fire districts requested that the town sign a contract with the fire districts for the collection of their tax assessments rather than the existing MOU. Members stated that they felt bullied into signing the MOU, and for continuity and stability, they felt they needed the assurances of a multi-year contract. The fire district members were unhappy with the thirty-day termination notice clause within the MOU, as well as the amount of the fees paid to the town for the collection of fire district taxes.

The districts received a response to their RFQ for tax collection from QDS of less than half the rate they are currently paying the town. They respected the long-standing partnership with the town and wanted to give the town a chance to respond to their requests before making a decision.

Councilors stated that they would like to continue to meet with the fire districts to find

common ground. They would be open to signing a multi-year contract with the districts. Town Manager Bromson stated that he would meet with Finance Director John Wilcox to review the collection fees and the rate of collection.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion #6903 by: Cynthia Mangini seconded: Marie Pyznar

to go into Executive Session to discuss the following item(s).

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #6903** adopted.

Yes: Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Douglas Finger, Bob Hendrickson, Michael Ludwick, Cynthia Mangini, Jim Nasuta, Ken Nelson Jr., Marie Pyznar, John Santanella, Lori Unghire

No: None Abstain: None.

The Executive Session of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chair Nelson at 6:30 pm.

A. Real Estate Negotiations

- Nathan Hale Proposals

Chair Nelson reconvened the Special Meeting at 6:55 pm and stated that during the Executive Session, no votes or actions were taken by the Council.

4. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Marie Pyznar to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION** adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Lindsay Petrucci, Assistant Town Clerk
Secretary of the Council