



BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF SHELTON
REGULAR FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2026
SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT
Live Streamed at www.cityofshelton.org

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lauretti called the regular Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Shelton City Hall. All those present stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President – Present
Alderman Bernard Simons, Vice President – Present
Alderman Lorenzo Durante – Present
Alderman Porter McKinnon – Present via Zoom
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – Present
Alderman Benjamin Perry – Present
Alderman Bryan Lizotte – Present
Alderman Michael Duncan – Present

Administration

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti - Present
Fran Teodosio, Corporation Counsel – Present
Thomas Cotter, Assistant Corporation Counsel – Present
Frances Freer, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor – Present

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Lauretti asked if anyone wished to address the board.

Jerry Bloom
24 Fairfield Avenue, Shelton, CT

You skipped the roll call again, however we do have new faces up there today. I want to thank Mayor Lauretti for not having Santa Claus ride around town on a firetruck with the lights and sirens. They were using the horn instead.

I see here on the agenda under financial business 8.2 rescission for citywide road repairs and reappropriations. As we all know, the Riverview Park road is still dirt, gravel and potholes. I have been

asking you all to pave it for the last several years now. Hopefully the 8.2 rescission act will appropriate funds to do so.

I need a show of hands from Mayor Lauretti and all of you aldermen up there who are in favor of national security and public safety. A show of hands please. Let the record show there were no hands raised. We all get these in the mail from our representatives and State Senators telling us what they are doing to improve our lives. The one that struck me was one from our State Senator Perillo, under strengthening public safety. Have you read it? I'll just highlight the last paragraph. He goes on to say I have worked to ensure that every child in our State is protected and supported by holding the Department of Children and Families accountable, by also maintaining home school freedom that provides the flexibility and resources families need to guide their children's education. I spoke with him last September at the Senior Center and asked him if he was going to do anything to repeal the Connecticut Trust Act. You should all be familiar with it. It enables the illegal aliens in our State to trust our government and politicians not to work with federal agencies to deport them. This results in higher housing costs, higher healthcare costs, larger traffic jams because all the illegal aliens in our State have been issued driver's licenses and also lower blue collar wages because the illegal aliens are working on the construction sites here in town. High crimes, especially drugs and sex related are safety issues. The politicians forever tell us how they are so concerned about our safety and yet will do nothing to address this crisis. Last month's latest poll showed that the majority, 55% of those polled are in favor of deporting all, ALL illegal aliens from our country. That is why I voted for President Trump three times in a row, yet we have the left, the democrats primarily and the media who are like oh, you are going to break up families, blah, blah, blah. Excuse me, someone once said one cannot weep for the world, it is not physically possible. One must choose. I choose America first and yet we see this chaos in the streets every day, there are crimes every day occurring because allegedly illegal aliens commit them. We are on the verge of – I'll sum it up with this – an observer who witnessed the fall of ancient Rome wrote, a great civilization cannot be conquered from without, it must rot out from within. Mayor Lauretti, please sign up with the Department of Homeland Security to help us enforce ICE regulations and deport these illegals. Thank you.

Mayor Lauretti asked if there was anyone else wishing to address the Board. Hearing none, the Public Portion is closed.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

1.1 BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 11, 2025

Alderman Anglace MOVED to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2025.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0)

Minutes can be viewed on the city website: www.cityofshelton.org.

5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

5.1.1 NO ITEMS

5.2 PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

5.2.1 NO ITEMS

5.3 STREET COMMITTEE

5.3.1 NO ITEMS

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Lauretti: I have no report.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Alderman Anglace: I spoke with Alderman Lizotte who had asked me a while back about what the City's plans were for the 250th Anniversary Celebration of the United States of America. Has your office received anything from the State?

Mayor Lauretti: Not that I am aware of.

Alderman Anglace: I am not aware of it either. I have asked that Alderman Lizotte to kindly forward to me anything that he might have to help us get started on this. I thought they were working on it from the State, a Sesquicentennial committee or something like that. Will wait to hear from the State but hopefully we will get something shortly.

6- LEGISLATIVE – OLD

6.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

6.1 A.NO ITEMS

7 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – OLD

7.1 NO ITEMS

8 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – NEW

8.1 JANUARY STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of \$13,314.09 be approved and that the Finance Director be directed to make payments in accordance with the certified list received from the Tax Collector with funds to come from the Statutory Refunds Account 001-0000-311.13.00.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

No discussion.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

8.2 RESCISSION OF ACTION FOR CITYWIDE ROAD REPAIRS AND REAPPROPRIATION

Alderman Anglace MOVED to rescind 'Item 8.6 Funding for Citywide Road Repairs' passed at the July 10, 2025 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting in an amount of \$416,645 with funding from the 2024-2025 fiscal year aldermanic bonding and,

Further move to appropriate an amount of \$385,645 for Citywide Road Repairs with funding to come from fiscal year 2024-2025 aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter and,

Further move to appropriate an amount of \$31,000 for Citywide Road Repairs with funding to come from Fiscal Year 2025-2026 aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

Seconded by Alderman Simons.

Discussion:

Mayor Lauretti: For the benefit of everyone, the reason for this action is that we had over-expended our aldermanic appropriation for bonding in that fiscal year, so this is a correction.

Alderman Anglace: This further goes to show you that we need to change the Charter to increase the amount that the Board of Aldermen can borrow. We don't have enough money and every year it is pulled back, we come up short. I would like to see this passed at some future time. It is not going to stop. Come budget time we will be talking about it again because we have to have the money and the Board of Education is going to ask this from us.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

8.3 PURCHASE OF STATE LAND – SHELTON LOCATION – EASTERLY SIDE OF 722 RIVER ROAD (ROUTE 110) FILE NO 126-081-016B

Alderman Anglace MOVED, subject to a favorable 8-24 referral from the Planning & Zoning Commission, to authorize the purchase State Land - Shelton Location - easterly side of 722 River Road (Route 110) identified as "RELEASE AREA" equaling approximately 649+/- SQ. FT. on a map entitled "TOWN OF SHELTON MAP SHOWING LAND RELEASED TO --- BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CT ROUTE 110 – RIVER ROAD, SCALE 1" = 20' DATED FEBRUARY 2025 PREPARED BY JAMES A. FALLON, P.E." in the amount of \$6,000 with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents to effectuate the same.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

Discussion:

Alderman Duncan: What is our interest in this property? It is a small piece.

Mayor Lauretti: I'm not sure that there is a lot of interest. I think, for me, the interest is that no one picked it up in the approval process. Maybe this will get their attention. You would think either the applicant or the members of the Planning & Zoning Commission would have said hey, this does not make any sense because it is a parking lot if you look at the map with what they approved. I guess I'm just trying to get their attention in a subtle way.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

8.4 ACCEPTANCE OF OPEN SPACE

Alderman Anglace MOVED based on the terms and conditions of the Shelton Planning and Zoning approval of Woods Way Constitution Blvd South Development, to approve acceptance of Warranty Deed for open space areas described as parcels A consisting of 2.408 acres and B consisting of .698 acres both as depicted on a map entitled OPEN SPACE WOODS WAY PARCEL CONVEYANCE MAP SHEET 1.1 dated March 15, 2025 last revised November 26, 2025 said map being on file in the office of the Town Clerk as Map #4970.

Further move that the Warranty Deed be provided and approved by Corporation Counsel before being recorded in the Office of the Shelton Town Clerk.

Seconded by Alderman Simons.

Discussion:

Mayor Lauretti: This happens quite a bit through Zoning. Sometimes it goes undetected, sometimes it doesn't. This is one of the situations where we call attention to it because it adjoins already City Open Space that we have. This would make sense as opposed to a piece of rock, a body of water or an island of land somewhere that no one can get to.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

8.5 MOHEGAN SCHOOL ROOF CHANGE ORDER – SILKTOWN ROOFING

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the change order for additional work performed on Mohegan School Roof by Silktown Roofing in an amount of \$30,346.63 with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents to effectuate the same.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

Discussion:

Alderman Simons: When they were finishing up the roof they had additional work to do. Behind the flashing, the trim on the outside, there was a lot of dry rot that had to be taken care of. On the roof also some of the decking had to be replaced and no one would have known until they stripped the roof off. It was basically concentrated around those areas, decking, dry rot and finishing up the fascia.

Alderman Anglace: I want to make an observation. The motions start off with the words "MOVE to approve the change order." That tells me that the Board of Aldermen has to approve the change order. What I want to know is how do they get all this done if the change order wasn't approved.

Mayor Lauretti: It was discussed months ago when the job was being done. It is up to the architect to file and do all the administration to this and forward all that stuff and that did not happen until he wanted to get paid. That is also what the next item is. At the end of the day, it was something that we were not going to do, but we had to do it. We had to do some testing for the debris that was found on the roof as well. With these school projects, especially roofs, you do them in the summertime and time is of the essence.

Alderman Anglace: This project was delayed considerably.

Alderman Simons: It was delayed about two years. It should have taken place sooner, but for whatever reason the Board was unable to get that taken care of, not our Board, but the Board of Education with the paperwork that had to be filed. Silkton, when they came in to do this job, they wanted to try to get it done before school opened. They literally brought in a massive crew of people to do a job that they had a 90 day contract for. They finished the job in four weeks. In addition to doing it in four weeks, the first day on the job they had over 12 people on that roof and by the time they finished it they had 24 people on the roof. They were over \$100,000 below our best bid and over \$1 million below the highest bid. In addition to that we had appropriated over \$2 million to do the roof and they did it for \$1.6 million so we are getting 38% back on it.

Mayor Lauretti: The reason that it took so long is because people at the Board of Education in leadership had never done a project before and didn't realize that they had to file an EDO49 form with the State before anything can move forward. I'll take credit for calling attention to that probably about a year ago.

Alderman Simons: They actually thought that our committee was supposed to do all that work.

Mayor Lauretti: It is a convoluted system that the State has and it has been in place for years. Maybe some of our State representatives can fight hard to change that. If we are paying for it, we should be in the lead on it. They are educators, they are not construction people, not building management people. They don't have the expertise. Yet the State requires them to have the sign off on it. We just have to pay. The next motion falls in the same category.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

8.6 MOHEGAN SCHOOL ROOF ENGINEERING SERVICES – SILVER PETRUCELLI

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate an amount of \$14,955.94 for additional engineering services for Mohegan School Roof performed by Silver Petrucelli (\$11,858.00 for Environmental Services and \$3097.94 for roof survey) with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

Further authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents to effectuate the same.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace: Will the value of the change order for this one and the previous be subject to reimbursement to the City?

Mayor Lauretti: Yes.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

9 – LEGISLATIVE – NEW

9.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

9.1 NO ITEMS

9.2 APPOINTMENT TO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appoint Sharon Herman to the Citizen’s Advisory Board effective immediately.

Sharon Herman - R
170 River Road
Shelton, CT 06484
sharonmayher@aol.com
Tel. 570-878-6002

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

No discussion.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed unanimously (8-0).

10 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.A REQUEST TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.1 NO ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to adjourn the Board of Aldermen Meeting.

Seconded by Alderman Simons.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously (8-0). Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Fonda

Donna Fonda
Acting Clerk, Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED _____

BY: _____
Mayor Mark A. Laretti