CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Anglace called the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 5:30 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

ROLL CALL

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President – present
Alderman Lynne Farrell – present
Alderman John J. Finn - present
Alderman Stanley Kudej – present
Alderman Noreen McGorty – excused
Alderman John P. Papa – excused
Alderman Eric McPherson – present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti - present

ADMINISTRATION

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti – present (arrived at 5:50 p.m.)
Corporation Counsel Attorney Welch - present

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Louis Marusic, Finance Director
Chuck Sutton, Chairman, Board of Fire Commissioners
Judson B. Crawford, Board of Apportionment & Taxation

AGENDA ITEMS

1. APPROVAL OF AUDITING SERVICES

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to approve the agreement between Levitsky & Berney, P.C. and the City of Shelton for auditing services for a period of five years. Commencing with 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, at a cost for each year as follows:

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with funding to come from the Professional Services Account #001-0300-412.30-01.
Further, authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign any document or agreement required by this resolution. Seconded by Alderman Kudej.

Mr. Marusic is here; so let the record show that he would like to make a comment.

Mr. Marusic suggested adding three words “for a period of up to five years” because we are committed to doing the five years. It is basically a three-year contract, with the option to renew the fourth and fifth year, but the city has the option to opt out of the contract after the first year.

Alderman Anglace said that an amendment to that effect would be in order.

Alderman Simonetti moved to amend the motion to insert the words “up to” after the word ‘of’ and before the word ‘five’. Seconded by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the amendment passed 6-0.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed as amended 5-1 (Finn opposed).

2. RECISSION OF ACTION – ITEM #4 OF MARCH 22, 2012 SPECIAL MEETING

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to rescind the action made by the Board of Aldermen at the Special Meeting of March 22, 2012 in the amount of $500,000 for Item #4 Appropriation for Communications System – Fire Department. Seconded by Alderman Kudej.

Alderman Anglace said that this is going to take a little more time to explain and I am very pleased to do it. With reviewing the proposal from Northeast, it was discovered that in the back-up proposal it was an option for the city to lease, versus purchase the system. It appears that everyone involved is of the opinion of “wow, this is a great deal because we don’t have to put down any money”. If we were to bond this thing now and buy it, we would have to pay interest. The first payment of the lease is due at the end of the first year. They continued to own the system and of course, as you know, they will own it, repair it, to do whatever they have to do to handle all the problems, etc. So it seems like it is a win-win for us. It just seemed like an option that was a real way to go, so our thinking was we had appropriated $500,000 for this, and we are not going to need it, so we rescind that. We will then go on to appropriate a number of other items here for the Fire Department, which I believe if my math is correct comes to around $100,000. In the next two weeks what we will do is sit down and look at all the bonding closer again, and see what we are going to do with the balance of that $500,000 because we don’t want to lose it, but use it and we certainly can use it. We are not certain right now what we are going to do with it.

Alderman Simonetti asked if this is the system that we want and it won’t be something else that we do not want? Correct? It is what the firemen want.

Alderman Anglace stated, yes it is the system.

Alderman Simonetti continued to ask if the system would be maintained like we owned it? It would be maintained at the highest quality all the time, we do not have to hassle with it?

Alderman Anglace stated that if we owned the system, the way it would work is that we would own it, but Northeast would be the people who would be fixing any difficulties. We are getting the same service without owning the system. Remember, this a proprietary system. It is developed by them for a particular area that is unique to Shelton only. They do not know anymore than we know what the issues are going to
be. From what I read, they think they can manage 95% of the problems, so that is where we are going with this.

Alderman Kudej stated that there has to be a cost to this, though, like a rental cost or something like that?

Alderman Anglace stated that the cost is in the lease agreement. Tom, have you had a chance to review the lease agreement for the Fire Department Communications System?

Corporation Counsel Welch responded, no I have not seen it.

Alderman Kudej stated that there has to be a charge or something.

Alderman Anglace stated that the numbers are in there, I do not recall them off the top of my head, and I do not have them with me.

Alderman Finn stated that he has three questions: Whom would this lease be with? This is my first question.

Alderman Anglace responded that Northeast is the company.

Alderman Finn asked when are we going to enter the lease with Northeast Utilities?

Alderman Anglace answered that he imagined as soon as Counsel reviewed it. The proposed system is acceptable to the management of the Fire Department, and they are recommending this system to us.

Alderman Finn stated that his last question was how many years would we be leasing the system before the City of Shelton owns the communication system?

Alderman Anglace responded, I have to apologize for not bringing that with me. I didn't think to bring it. I do not know if it is three or five. Alderman Anglace asked Atty. Thomas J. Welch if he reviewed it.

Atty. Thomas J. Welch stated, no actually, I have no information on it.

Alderman Anglace stated, I’m sorry Jack; I have the copy of the proposal.

Alderman Finn asked, when we look into this new system, would the lease provide communications for the Police Department, EMS, Highways & Bridges, Board of Education and the Fire Department, so that they could communicate during emergencies? In the past, we have discussed that we wanted to have communications among all emergency service providers from the City of Shelton, in the event of an emergency. We do not want to see what happened like 9/11, in New York happen again. My question would be: when we lease this system, would this system be also provided to the Board of Education, the Highways & Bridges Department, the Police Department, the Fire Department and the EMS? Will we have communication amongst all responders?

Alderman Anglace answered, my understanding is that the Public Safety Council is the body that is developing this system and developing the way it is going to work. I know for sure that it is going to work with the Fire Department and Police Department. I do not know if it is going to work with the Board of Education, I have not heard that. I have just heard comments when I attended the Public Safety Council meetings that the Police Department and the Fire Department will be on the same page.

Alderman Finn added that if we look back at Hurricane Irene, the main departments that were out there clearing the streets were the Highways & Bridges Department, which their radio systems are in one shot, the Police Department and then we had the Fire Department. The Fire Department went from street to street by identifying where
the wires were down. The Police Department took similar action, but the Highways & Bridges Department went out and cleaned up all the streets. It is important for everyone to have a communication system.

Alderman Anglace stated that the Public Safety Council, from the discussions I have listened to at their meetings, I am not a member of the Public Safety Council but I did attend their meetings just to see what was going on, and they are addressing that issue. They did talk specifically of the incidents of Hurricane Irene and the difficulties that were encountered. They have taken that up with Northeast and it is all addressed. I don’t think the Fire Department would sign off on this thing it were not. The Fire Department had Nick Verdicchio as the Assistant Fire Chief. He was the one who specifically managed it, and I think he did a pretty good job of it.

Alderman Simonetti added to Alderman Finn’s comment and asked if this would slow the time frame down?

Alderman Anglace replied no, in fact, this will take all of the financing obstacles out of the way. It precedes right to the lease agreement and moves forward.

Alderman Kudej added, I would think that everything included in the original proposal is going to be intact. The only thing that they didn’t have in here was Board of Ed, Fire, OEM, Police, EMS and all those people would be in tune with that. I would imagine that it is still going to be the same.

Alderman Anglace stated that they are all represented in the Public Safety Council and they were all there. A former fire chief, Chuck Sutton, is in the audience and with your permission I would like to ask him to comment.

Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners Chuck Sutton stated, I just want to elaborate a little bit on the system. Tomorrow afternoon, we are supposed to get confirmation from Pitney Bowes, in writing, if we can put another tower up there on that one building. On that building I understand that it is going to be sold. If they do not allow us to do that, we have to move into the building across the street. That means that now we have to do more investigating and see if we can pick up the same – maybe it is not going to be 95% coverage, maybe it might be 92%, but this study would have to get done if we did not get the ok. Everybody thinks that it is going to go through. Up at Pitney Bowes they said yes, but they had to – I guess it is in the real estate hands now. It has to go through those people, and we are supposed to get an answer tomorrow afternoon, I just spoke with the chief. If not, that is going to slow us down a little bit.

Alderman Anglace asked if he had any insights, with respect to other questions that were raised by the members of the board?

Chuck Sutton stated, as far as I know, all of the communications are to be grouped together. If I want to talk to Jack or Eric or to Anthony, we can do that. The only difference is the lease. It’s bonding- sign this paper and that paper. That’s all I know about that.

Alderman Anglace stated, I wish I brought it Jack, but I can’t give you specifics whether it is a three-year or five-year lease. I do recall that the first payment is due at the end of the first year.

Alderman Finn stated that the quicker we can clear up the communication problem... He has a scanner, and he can listen to it and he knows if anyone in the Police Department signed on, but yet the trucks have already responded, but he didn’t hear them. Then, somebody else will say yes, Tower 7 signed on, Engine 53 signed on. That is what we want to clear up so everyone knows what is on the road, who is at the scene of the fire, and if anyone is inside where the fire is and if the person can communicate with the truck that is outside? We had an incident at the high school where Engine 2 responded to the high school. They went inside to investigate and command could not
communicate with those inside the facility. He asked the Police Department if they
were able to communicate and they said no as well. That is what we would like to clear
up altogether.

Alderman Anglace stated that he could address that. Nick Verdicchio, who has been
managing this for the Fire Department as the Assistant Fire Chief, has brought up all of
those issues and with that, he has been wherever Northeast has been. He has talked
to them and he is satisfied that they have addressed the issues we have encountered.
The real good news is that they are going to own the system, and they are going to
have to provide us with a system that meets our specifications.

Chuck Sutton responded to Alderman Finn and said the way I understand is that if
someone is in the building, it cannot communicate with the Police Department and the
Fire Department. They will call a command in front, and the command who is in charge
of the fire will go back and forth to the Police Station, that way they do not have all
kinds of chatter on there. Your talking, he is talking, he is talking, I am talking; that
will eliminate all that.

Alderman Finn commented that there would then be a separate channel then.

Alderman Kudej asked then what is the bottom line? What are we paying? There has
to be a rental fee on it.

Mayor Lauretti answered, I am not sure, and I do not want to give a wrong number,
but I know and checked that it is cheaper than the rates for what we are borrowing the
money for right now.

Atty. Welch said that it has to come before the Board for approval.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0.
3. FUNDING FOR REPAIRS TO FIRE DEPARTMENT BRUSH TRUCK #54

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to appropriate an amount of $17,587.00 for repairs to the Fire Department Brush Truck #54 with funding to come from Aldermanic bonding per section 7.16 of the City Charter. Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0.

4. FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT OF OUTBOARD MOTOR FOR MARINE 1

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to appropriate an amount of $17,406.00 for the replacement of an outboard motor for Marine 1 with funding to come from Aldermanic bonding per section 7.16 of the City Charter. Seconded by Alderman Finn.

Alderman Simonetti asked how big the motor was?

Alderman Anglace added, the specifications are not attached, so I cannot tell you.

Alderman Kudej asked, was there only one bidder on the job?

Alderman Anglace responded, there is only one bidder.

Chuck Sutton interjected, I think it is a 175.

Alderman Simonetti stated, that is a good-sized motor.

Alderman Simonetti asked, the bid was for $35,000.

Alderman Simonetti asked, how long is the boat?

Chuck Sutton responded, it is about 18 to 21 feet.

Mayor Lauretti commented, that is a good-sized boat.

Alderman Simonetti added, Pine Rock just got a new boat. I was actually just down at the beacon looking at the boat.

Alderman Anglace stated, $35,000 was what they went out for; it included more than the motor. This motion is just to replace the motor: $17,406.00. Good question Stanley.

Alderman Simonetti said, the new motor needs supplies.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0.

5. FUNDING FOR OPTICOM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to appropriate an amount of $8,000 for upgrades to the Opticom traffic control devices with funding to come from Aldermanic bonding per section 7.16 of the City Charter. Further move, per the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, to waive the bids for the Opticom devices. Seconded by Alderman Finn.

Alderman Finn asked if this is for the intersection between Maple Avenue and Leavenworth Road?

Mayor Lauretti stated, it is for a number of intersections but I am not sure bonding is the appropriate form of payment for this. The mayor requested the motion be amended to have the funding come from Contingency General Account.
Alderman Anglace stated, I do not know where that account stands so I have to look it up.

Mayor Lauretti asked if there were $80,000 in there?

Alderman Anglace stated, we appropriated $316,254, and we have spent $250,000. So, we have about $66,000. This is as of May 15, 2012.

Mayor Lauretti said that the remaining balance was $86,000. I would recommend that you take it out of there.

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to amend the motion to have the funds come from Contingency General Account #001-9900-900.99-00. Seconded by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the amendment passed 6-0.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed as amended 6-0.

6. FUNDING FOR NEW COMPRESSOR FOR HUNTINGTON FIRE STATION

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to appropriate an amount of $52,043.00 for purchase of a new compressor for Huntington Fire Station with funding to come from Aldermanic bonding per section 7.16 of the City Charter. Seconded by Alderman Finn.

Alderman Simonetti amended the motion to say 'subject to the awarding of the bid’. Seconded by Alderman Finn. A voice vote was taken and the amendment passed 6-0.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed as amended 6-0.

7. FUNDING FOR ELECTRICAL SERVICE AT THE NEW PAVILION AT VETERAN’S MEMORIAL PARK

Alderman Simonetti MOVED to add the materials for the electrical service to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding in the amount of $7,500.00 to come from LOCIP. Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

Mayor Lauretti asked if it was verified that it is LOCIP eligible?

Alderman Anglace added, there is a letter here from Chris Potucek saying, “I am requesting funds to supply power to the new Riverwalk Pavilion. It is LOCIP eligible.” So it is verified.

A voice vote was taken and motion passed 6-0.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 6 p.m., Alderman Simonetti MOVED to enter Executive Session to discuss the following items:

Puryear v. Echo Hose Ambulance and City of Shelton

and invited Corporation Counsel Welch to remain in the Auditorium; SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

Return to Regular Session
At approximately 6:10 p.m., Alderman Simonetti MOVED to return to regular session; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

Alderman Anglace noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Anglace moved to adjourn the Special Board of Aldermen meeting; seconded by Stan Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0.

The meeting adjourned approximately at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Gannon
Acting Clerk, Board of Alderman

DATE APPROVED: ______________ BY: ______________________________

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton