CALL OF THE MEETING/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President John Anglace on Wednesday, September 4, 2013, called the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:30 P.M. in the auditorium, of Shelton City Hall and led the group in a pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Judson Crawford, Member of Board of A&T
AGENDA ITEMS

1. APPOINTMENT TO SHELTON HIGH SCHOOL FIRE REHABILITATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Papa MOVED to appoint Brian Lampart of 28 Rugby Road to the Shelton High School Fire Rehabilitation Building Committee effective immediately. Seconded by Alderman Finn. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SHELTON HIGH SCHOOL CODE COMPLIANCE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Papa MOVED to appoint to the Shelton High School Code Compliance Building Committee effective immediately;

Joseph Ballaro- 26 Ballaro Drive
Allan Cameron- 307 Meadowridge Road
John K. Fitzgerald- 318 Meadow Street
Donald Sheehy- 16 Bayberry Lane
James Tortora- 1009 Howe Avenue

Ex-Officio

Mark A. Lauretti- Mayor, City of Shelton
Freeman Burr- Superintendent, Shelton Public Schools
Dr. Beth Smith- Headmaster, Shelton Public School
Kenneth LaCroix- Supervisor, Custodial/Maintenance
SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace: The Fire Rehab Building Committee has decided at their meeting that this committee should be appointed, and its primary focus will be code compliance of the sprinkler system. This is the background: obviously we had architects, and no one picked up the fact that we can tap into the standpipes. The State Fire Marshal’s Office picked up on that, providing that the standpipes have enough pressure so you can tap them off and sprinkle the rooms that need to be sprinkled. The rooms that need to be sprinkled are the rooms without windows and the shops. So this group is going to take the organizational responsibilities, and the primary responsibility is to sprinkle those rooms. They have to develop a plan on what has to be done and a timeline to get it done.

Alderman Papa: You should also mention that the state is paying 40%. Don’t they have a grant that they give to us, on the fire extinguishers?

Alderman Anglace: I do not know anything about grants on that.

Alderman Finn: The committee is just being formed. I do not see how we can already start to apply for grant money.

Alderman Papa: When we build a building, don’t we get 40% from the state?

Alderman Finn: That was from new construction that we have already accepted.
Alderman Anglace: There was some discussion that it was possible.

Alderman Simonetti: For the record, I want to say before we went through the remodeling and renovation, that we paid $23,000 to have them review the plans, approve the plans and to say that we meet this code of the state. When we took over these rooms where the HVAC equipment was, we knew that there were spaces that there would be one door going here, or there. We looked at the sprinkler system for the entire school, and the cost was going to be extremely high, so that was when we asked for a cost without the sprinkler system because you don’t need it; you have staircases and everything. It was then a shock that the same company said that we couldn’t do this.

Alderman Anglace: The architect is the first person to review; and they didn’t come up with anything. You had the special code compliance company that came and did that with the approval from the state; nobody picked up on that.

So we are moving forward, and hopefully these guys will get going right to the nitty gritty.

Alderman Finn: What is everyone’s background with fire code compliance?

Is anyone an expert in fire codes in the State of Connecticut?

Alderman Anglace: They are of pretty much the necessity of fire code compliance. They are going to have to determine what has to be done: drawings, engineering- all of this stuff on where it goes, how to get it and to determine a timeline to get it all done.

Alderman Finn: I can see three of them addressing that. What does the Director of Finance for the Board of Education have to do with fire codes?
Alderman Anglace: The Board of Education has to be represented on the committee. Al will carry things back for them; things that they have to cooperate with, to make sure that it all gets done. You need to have someone to lean on to make sure if the Board of Education needs to bring their maintenance people in, that they get them there. He will be on the committee to watch over that.

Alderman Finn: This committee reports to the other committee. Am I correct?

Alderman Anglace: This committee has standing of its own once we appoint them, however, the oversight will come from the other committee we pointed out.

Alderman Papa: Do they already know what they have to do? They just have to make sure they implement it.

Alderman Anglace: They are going to have to get architectural drawings; there were things that they pointed out in the meeting the other day, for instance: the State Fire Marshal’s office pointed out that we do not have to close up the walls all the way up to the ceiling; that goes away. So, their job is to find out what kind of piping has to be in. That is another reason why Al is on the committee. Some of this work cannot be done while school is in session. He knows when they are in, and when they are not in; the time of vacation breaks, so he can work with them on that.

Alderman Finn: My understanding is the State Fire Marshal’s Office told the City of Shelton to stop sending these modifications, and to just sprinkle the building. That is what we seem to be doing.

Alderman Anglace: I do not know, so I cannot comment on that. All I know is the Fire Rehab Committee meeting, when we
decided that this was the way to go, you had to put a working group together, small enough in size to get the job done.

Alderman Finn: Also, this committee would be responsible for the Board of Education has already gone in and made certain corrections, and the State Fire Marshall’s Office has been back at Shelton High School for several weeks now, reviewing what they have already addressed. They are now telling the Board of Education to re-address it because it was not done correctly in the first place.

Will this committee oversee, and report back to the State Fire Marshal?

Alderman Anglace: No, I think this committee is working very specifically on code compliance as it pertains to the sprinkler system. To be honest with you, at the last meeting that I attended, I did not hear of any reports that the State Fire Marshall’s Office found. I do not know the specifics on that.

Alderman Finn: Some of the caulking in the holes in the walls that they did was not done properly, so they all had to be taken down again with fireproof caulking, etc.

Alderman Anglace: For instance, those doors that were pointed out at the meeting- we hired a subcontractor. The insurance company who insures us hired these people to go in and to correct the problems. They did not put in doors that were not fire resistant.

Alderman Finn: They changed the hinges on the doors. When you do not have the UL label on the door; which is supposed to be a fire raided door, right away you know that is not up to fire codes. Why was it approved in the first place?

Alderman Papa: It is now being corrected.
Alderman Anglace: No one approved it. It was done as a corrective measure by the third party insurance company who hired a fourth party to do the work. Then, they found out that it was not the right fire raided doors; it’s unbelievable.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED, 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany Gannon, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: _______________ BY: ____________________________

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Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton