



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
*REGULAR MEETING*  
*MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 7, 2015*  
*SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, CT*

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◆ **CALL OF THE MEETING/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Papa at 7:00 p.m. He led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Committee Member's Present:**

- Alderman John Papa
- Alderman John "Jack" Finn

**Others Present:**

- Mike Maglione, Director of Office of Emergency Management
- Lt. David Moore, Shelton Police Department

◆ **PUBLIC PORTION**

No one from the public wished to speak at this time.

◆ **AGENDA ITEMS**

◆ **CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1.1 REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 1, 2014**

Alderman Finn made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and to approve them as written. Alderman Papa seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**2.1 UPGRADE OF STREETLIGHTS POLE #336 AND POLE #737 IN**

**FRONT OF FIRE STATION AT 379 CORAM AVENUE – REQUESTED BY BOFC**

A. Alderman Finn moved to recommend to the Full Board, per the recommendation of the Chief of Police, to authorize the increase of watts for Pole #336 at 379 Coram Avenue from 100 w HPS Cobra Head to 175w MH Cobra Head at a cost of \$280.70 per year with funding to come from Street Lights Account #001-4600-716.35-03. Alderman Papa seconded the motion.

B. Alderman Finn moved recommend to the Full Board, per the recommendation of the Chief of Police, to authorize the increase of the watts for Pole #737 at 379 Coram Avenue from 100w HPS Cobra Head to 175w MH Cobra Head at a cost of \$280.70 per year with funding to come from Street Lights Account #001-4600-716.35-03. Alderman Papa seconded the motion.

Discussion:

The cost is minimal to upgrade the wattage and to have the 12' arm cover more of the street.

Vote:

All were in favor.

**2.2 SPEEDING ON BLUEBERRY LANE**

This item was tabled to next month's meeting.

Note: the Police Department will be placing radar speed boxes on Blueberry Lane after the New Year.

Lt. Moore stated that they will wait until the extremely cold weather ends because that type of cold will drain the batteries quickly.

**OLD BUSINESS – STATUS UPDATE**

**3.1 TRANSFER OF STREETLIGHT POLE #7677 ON MEADOW STREET TO POLE #8296 ONLAKE ROAD**

Alderman Finn moved, per the recommendation of the Chief of Police, to authorize the U.I. to take down the street light on U.I. Pole #7677 on Meadow Street and transfer it to U.I. Pole # 8296 on Lake Road at no cost to the City. Alderman Papa seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Condominium president Deborah Bailey thanked the Committee for their help.

3.2 LIBRARY PARKING LOT SAFETY ISSUES & REQUEST FOR STOP SIGN –  
PERRY AVENUE AT JUNCTION WITH WOOSTER STREET

Library Representatives:  
James E. Geissler  
7 Wheeler Street  
Shelton, Ct. 06484

Aleta Miner  
35 Beacon Hill Terrace  
Shelton, Ct. 06484

Alderman Finn moved, per the recommendation of the Chief of Police, to deny the request for a stop sign at Perry Avenue at junction with Wooster Street.

Further, recommend that handicapped access be re-established or expanded at the rear of the library building. Alderman Papa seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Alderman Finn: Cut-outs needed in the front of the library per the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Ms. Miner: The lot needs to be restriped. We need an elevator and a location for the handicapped parking spaces.

*(Using drawn diagram of library)*

Alderman Finn: The pitch of the ramp in the rear of the building isn't correct and doesn't allow access to all areas.

Mr. Geissler: The ramp isn't adequate. Once the elevator goes in (points to place on diagram) this is a better area for access.

Ms. Miner: We like where the four handicapped parking spaces are proposed on the library side, not in rear.

Alderman Papa: Will they look at the ramp when the elevator is done?

Ms. Miner: No. The ramp should probably be taken out completely. We need to address the safety issues with people crossing the street.

Alderman Papa: PD Memo read

Shelton Police Department:

Handicapped parking spaces for the new Library Parking lot. The CT General Statutes 14-253a require handicapped parking in public parking lots of 20 cars or more. The law requires that spaces be adjacent to curb cuts or other unobstructed means of access for blind or other handicapped persons and be as close to the building as possible. The new lot does not offer curb cuts or ease of access. It is also some distance from the building and across a road. It is recommended that handicapped access be re-established and or expanded at the rear of the Library Building to be in compliance.

Shelton Police Department:

Stop Sign Request for Perry Ave. at Junction with Wooster Street The completion of the new parking lot has markedly improved the sight line to approximately 125 feet. This is not an intersection and does not meet the warrants for installation at this time. Therefore the installation is not recommended at this time.

Alderman Finn: Signs need to be on both sides of the crosswalk. Can they be installed?

Lt. Moore: I can look into it.

Mr. Geissler: There's a better sight line now that the house is down.

Ms. Miner: How about a speed bump?

Lt. Moore: I don't think that's likely.

Alderman Finn: Can you look into a speed bump?

Alderman Papa: Have there been any accidents?

Lt. Moore: I don't think there have been accidents.

Alderman Finn: Can we put a speed box there?

Lt. Moore: We could but it would have to be beyond the corner. At certain times of day the sun is in your face there.

Ms. Miner: Yes, but we're worried that people in the crosswalk won't be seen.

Lt. Moore: Historically there may be an accident there but there are none that I can remember.

Alderman Finn: You can look into the crosswalk signs?

Lt. Moore: Yes.

Alderman Papa: Can we spray the crosswalk and the handicapped spots?

Lt. Moore: Yes, in the spring.

Mr. Geissler: Barbara asked me to bring up one other issue. Can the parking lot be fixed up prior to painting?

Alderman Papa: Put it into your five year budget.

Mr. Geissler: If there's going to be an elevator going in we might want to wait until after it's in because of the construction vehicles.

Both library representatives thanked the Committee for all of their help.

Vote:

All were in favor.

### 3.3 INTERSECTION OF CORAM AVENUE & HILL STREET

Alderman Finn moved, per the recommendation of the Chief of Police, to deny the request for a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Coram and Hill Street.

Further authorize Highways and Bridges to install intersection warning signs on both approaches to Hill Street and reflective material to be added to the stop sign posts.

Alderman Papa seconded the motion. No discussion. All were in favor.

Alderman Papa asked Lt. Moore to have Highways and Bridges put the signs up. Mike Maglione wanted to know if it is standard for reflective stickers to be on stop signs. Lt. Moore informed him that it is becoming standard.

**3. REPORTS OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES**

A. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

B. POLICE SERVICES

Alderman Papa: All the fine money goes to the State?

Lt. Moore: Yes.

Alderman Finn: There seems to be a lot of vandalism going on in particular areas. Are patrols being increased?

Lt. Moore: Our cars are aware of what's going on and we have a vehicle description.

C. FIRE SERVICES – REPORT SUBMITTED.

D. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mike Maglione: We need to replace a truck that's been in service for 24 years. We bought it used from New York City. We will have a couple of new command cars this month. Squad 1 and 30 are operational. Generally things are normal business.

Alderman Papa: Is there training going on?

Mike Maglione: Yes.

Alderman Papa: The police department has requested funds from Homeland Security for Regional Special Operations Communication equipment.

Mike Maglione: The conversation for putting up a tower is looking good and moving along.

E. FIRE MARSHAL

Alderman Finn: There was an incident where there was a fuel tank leak and the resident pumped the fuel into his back yard. Police and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection responded. The police department had to be called to because the individual didn't comply with initial requests to stop pumping the fuel into the back yard. The Fire Marshall was called but didn't respond.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Finn made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Alderman Papa seconded the motion. All were in favor.

*Respectfully submitted by K. Anglace, Clerk*