CALL OF THE MEETING/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Papa in Room 104, Shelton City Hall. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alderman Papa
                Alderman Finn
                Alderman Lanzi

Also in attendance was Chief Robert Voccola

PUBLIC PORTION

Mrs. Sandra Nesteriak – 21 Maple Lane

Mrs. Nesteriak wants to address item #3 – Blueberry Left Turn Lane. She would like to speak against that happening. The people who live between Blueberry and the Center really rely on a traffic slowdown at Blueberry. #1 to make a left hand turn out of their streets at traffic time. #2 it helps slow traffic down which is very important. Speed is excessive on this street. She herself, two years ago, was stopped for a left turn into her street and was hit in the rear by someone going about 40 MPH. Her car was severally damaged, fortunately she was not injured. It happens all the time. She realizes the intent is to get those people off Huntington Street expeditiously. She would rather see a Traffic Light than a left turn lane. They rely on people turning left to slow traffic down so they can get out of the street fairly safely. For your information there are 47 families between Maple Lane and Maple Lane ext., with two cars per household. On Cortland, which is the next street there are 11 families and about 22 cars. Over 100 people who have no other way to
get to their street other than off of Huntington Street. There is no other access to their homes. When she serviced on the Board in August of 1979 it was an issue then.

Alderman Papa stated this will be going to Street Committee.

Mrs. Nesteriak would like her comments to be sent to them also.

Mr. Steve Nesteriak – 21 Maple Lane

Mr. Nesteriak would like to states that it is easy to realize how busy it is. It is the main way into the Center from Soundview & Ripton. It is easy to forget how fast cars go. Having a left hand turn lane for Blueberry is going to increase the speed of cars from Merritt Parkway and Route 8 from the Center. He rides his bicycle everyday and you loose sense of how fast cars go until you are either walking or riding a bicycle on these streets. If you put a left turn lane for Blueberry you are just going to make those cars go a little quicker down to the center. They have to come to a stop anyway when they come to the point. There is a pole at the end of Maple Lane that has been hit a number of times. Two weeks ago there was a head on crash when a car was trying to turn into Maple Lane.

Alderman Kudej comments that this item was being sent to the Planning & Zoning for a 8-24 referral.

Alderman Papa would like the clerk to forward comments from the Nesteriaks and also any correspondence to Planning & Zoning for their information.

♦ AGENDA ITEMS

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO ADD ON AS NEW BUSINESS ITEM #2.1 2004 RECOMMENDED LIST OF BLIGHTED PROPERTIES. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

♦ CORRESPONDENCE

16 Letters were read into the minutes and will be attached to these minutes.
Alderman Lanzi commented about Sullivan Street and the hedges being too high and the fence in the way.

Alderman Papa stated the clerk should send a letter to Highway & Bridges about the hedges to correct the problem on Sullivan Street and Bridgeport Ave.

Chief Voccola stated he contacted the State about the snow blowing across the highway at Rte 108 and they have refused to install a snow fence. He has also asked if they would respond in writing and they have not replied. He will contact Brownson Country Club to see if they will do something to correct this problem also.

Alderman Papa would like the clerk to send a letter to Mrs. Roog informing her of the decision of the Board and Chief of Police.

Alderman Lanzi asks about all the Stop Signs on East Village Road. Chief states they were all replaced – it looked like vandalism.

Alderman Finn States he has received many phone calls from the Summerfield Condo Association pertaining to signs. Do you have a time frame of when they will be installed.

The Chief states they did put a couple of signs up on Independence. They posted the corner for NO PARKING. He had a discussion with the Board of Education people. He also spoke to the Mayor yesterday. It will take more of a study for them to determine what they are going to do. Tomorrow night there is a function going on there and he will be there himself to monitor it. Alderman Finn states the past two Wednesday evenings, there was up to 200 cars parked on Independence Drive and Constitution Blvd. There were also School Buses.

The Chief wants the Board of Education to take some responsibility for it. He wants some of that stuff – buses and handicapped spots that they want on the street, perhaps put out to the Board Ed property not out to the street. The overflow property, the police will handle. But first they need to take advantage of the parking that is there from the school. They need to look at it a little more.

Alderman Finn stated they have instructed the Athletic Director to inform all the visiting teams that the buses are suppose to park in the parking lot as well as any vehicles traveling with the buses. Only load and pick up at the entrance way at Constitution Blvd. The Assistant Superintendent will be advising anyone using the field of these rules. The Chief will set up a meeting with John Nickse.

Alderman Papa suggest no Parking on one side. Then they will get the message. The Chief is on record for many years saying he does not believe in a lot a signage. You get to the point where you have sign blight. They would like to look at it closer.
Alderman Papa states when they have a football game, there is a real problem.

Alderman Finn states the Condo’s concern is for their safety. People have doors open as they are trying to pass.

Alderman Finn mentioned the parking along Rte 110 by Indian Well Road. The Chief has contacted the DOT. There is not enough parking spaces. They collect a fee at the gate and they have demanded to have enough people to collect the money so the backup isn’t so bad.

_The clerk should send a letter to Mr. Bourque informing him of the decision of the Chief and the Board._

There is also a report from the Chief on moving violations.

There is a letter from the clerk about the intersection of Cornell and Howe Ave. This will be referred to the Chief for his review and evaluation.

### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**1. REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2004**

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD TO WAIVE THE READING AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2004. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. MOTION CARRIED 3-0. ALL IN FAVOR.

### 2. NEW BUSINESS

**2.1 2004 RECOMMENDED LIST OF BLIGHTED PROPERTIES**

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMM. TO FORWARD TO THE FULL BOARD FOR APPROVAL THE RECOMMENDATION OF CHARLENE DEFLIPPO, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THE 2004 RECOMMENDED LIST OF BLIGHTED PROPERTIES. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

### 3. OLD BUSINESS

**3.1 HUNTINGTON STREET – LEFT TURN LANE AT BLUEBERRY LANE**
This item has been referred to the Street Committee. The clerk should forward all information to the Street Committee and Planning and Zoning and also the comments from the public at tonight’s meeting.

1. REPORTS OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES

   A. POLICE SERVICES

   The Chief comments on motor vehicle report. There are about 100 speeding tickets. Alderman Papa states this is a continuous problem. Chief Voccola states they have added another Officer to the Traffic Squad. Alderman Finn states that in Monroe they have an empty vehicle near the speed trailer.

   The Chief states years ago they lost their license for speeding. Now they pay it and it has no bearing on their license or insurance. No points. His staff is now 54 sworn officers.

   B. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

   Jason Perillo – Chief of Echo Ambulance – 7 Plaskon Dr. Ext.

   He states that they are trying to address Radio Communication. The Commission is transferring funds to implement Phase 1. Also on April 30 they submitted a Grant Application to the Mathies Foundation. Total cost of plan is $50,000.00 which would change coverage from 50% coverage to 95% coverage.

   Questions are asked about Life Star in town recently for an emergency. Alderman Finn states there were problems with communication with Lifestar and the Fire Chief.

   Alderman Finn states the Fire, Police and Ambulance should be able to communicate with each other. Mr. Perillo states that AMR can not communicate with them but Echo can with the Fire Department.

   Alderman Papa asks about funds from Homeland Security. Mr. Perillo states money is beginning to filter down from Homeland Security.

   Alderman Finn asks about the responder in Fire Chief’s car. What if the Fire Chief is out of town. Can the trucks have these radios. Mr. Perillo states he does not know what the Fire Dept. trucks have. Lifestar can communicate with everyone they have all frequencies.
♦ ADJOURNMENT

ALDERMAN LANZI MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:35 P.M. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FINN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

MARGARET WEBER, CLERK

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMM.