

BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
***PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE***

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2004  
7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 104  
SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT

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

Chairman Papa called the meeting to order at 7:00 in Room 104 of Shelton City Hall. All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

IN ATTENDANCE:     Alderman Papa  
                          Alderman Finn

ABSENT:             Alderman Lanzi

❖ **PUBLIC PORTION**

Catherine Cervera of 116 Coram Ave. spoke about a stop sign on her street. She has police reports of accidents that occurred there. Since December there have been 3 accidents and only one reported. They happened all times of the day and her survey for it shows three cars per minute.

Thomas Stevens – 161 Toas Street has lived here 52 years. He almost was killed there. A car was heading right for his car. He

thinks Hillside should be one way down. No one follows the 20 MPH sign.

Tom Tulippe – 91 Toas Street – At the Board of Alderman meeting it was brought up about the intersection of Coram Ave. and Hillside Ave. They also indicated that the Traffic Officer was not on duty and does that mean the problem can't be taken care of or looked into. He has called City Hall about the flag that was upside down at the High School and he was told to call the school. Why isn't there a place to call for complaints and then someone will get back to you.

Alderman Papa states you should call the Assistant to the Mayor and she will document and follow up on the complaints.

Mr. Tulippe speaks on the intersection and the “do not enter” signs and stop signs.

❖ **AGENDA ITEMS**

❖ **CORRESPONDENCE**

Several Letters were read into the record.

The letters will be attached to the minutes.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. REGULAR MEETING JUNE, 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 JUNE 2, 2004.  
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PAPA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION  
CARRIED 2-0.**

**2.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**2.1 SAFETY REVIEW ROUTE 110**

A letter from the Chief is read into the minutes regarding Rte 110.

**Alderman Papa would like the clerk to send a letter to Rep. Belden along with a copy of the letter from Chief Voccola. He would like Re. Belden to maybe attend the next meeting and suggest what help he can get for them from the State.**

Alderman Finn would like the review of Rte. 110 to be from the Stratford line to Monroe.

Alderman Finn states there are a number of crosswalks that he feels needs signs. People should obey the state laws.

**2.2 UNREGISTERED CARS**

Tom Dingle, P & Z Enforcement Officer, spoke regarding a letter from Mrs. Mause concerning blight and unregistered vehicles, which is a chronic problem in the White Hills section. He would like an ordinance to expedite the removal of junk and unregistered cars.

Alderman Papa states that if a car is on the street and unregistered, it is the Police Department's responsibility. If it is parked on private property it is under the jurisdiction of the P & Z Commission.

Alderman Finn states there is an ordinance about no junkyards shall be within the City of Shelton boundaries. Also each homeowner may have one unregistered vehicle.

Tom Dingles states that for zoning regulations to be enforced – it is a civil suit – it takes a long time. If you have an ordinance to address a problem, you can address it immediately. After proper notice, if the person does not cooperate the police can issue a ticket.

Alderman Finn states that Shelton Pizza has several cars.

Mr. Dingle states the ordinance would have to spell out the procedure and a fine.

Alderman Papa talks about the situation on Ripton Road on the right – we all know there were ten cars and we had them towed away. Mr. Dingle states that was handled by a zoning regulation and Corporation Counsel had to go to Court, day after day etc.

Mr. Dingle would like an ordinance to state that after 15 to 30 days of notification to rectify the problem – then a ticket is issued – say \$50.00 and if it is still not rectified another ticket and so on.

**Alderman Finn would like the clerk to research an ordinance of this type with Conn. Council of Municipalities and then they will sit down with Corporation Counsel to draw up a rough draft of this ordinance.**

**The clerk would send all material, minutes letters and additional correspondence to Corporation Counsel for review.**

Mr. Dingle states it can include trailers, boats – unregistered vehicles etc.

### **2.3 INTERSECTION OF 115 – 118 CORAM AVE. & HILLSIDE AVE (ONE-WAY) STOP SIGN REQUEST.**

The letter from the Chief dated 6/15/2004 regarding Coram at Hillside Ave was read into the minutes. The letter stated Huntington Ave and that was a typo in the letter. It should read Hillside Ave.

The Chief states there is no reported accident activity for the past three years. There is a hard turn and that would not be conducive to the installation of adequate warning signs prior to the stop signs to warn drivers approaching the intersection.

A work order has been sent to the H & B dept. to cut back brush. Also traffic counters will be installed.

Mrs. Cervera states the stop sign would be before the turn. She states there is a lot of speeding. No one stays on their side of the yellow line.

Alderman Papa states when it comes to situations like this – the Chief is the Traffic Authority.

She went to the Traffic Officer and he states they do not put stop signs on hills.

Alderman Papa states they are concerned about snow.

Mrs. Cervera states she has police reports about accidents and the Chief states there is no accident activity. **These copies will be forwarded to the Chief.**

There is much discussion about the hill and the turn on this road.

Alderman Papa states if she has a problem getting out of her driveway, she can have a mirror put on a pole so she can see. She states there is a lot of traffic on this road. Speeding is a problem through out the city. She states that again it is not in a curve.

**Alderman Finn would like all copies of correspondence to the Chief.**  
**Alderman Papa would like this on the agenda for next month.**

#### **2.4 STREETLIGHT REQUEST – CONSTITUTION BLVD NORTH**

**ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF REQUEST FOR STREETLIGHTS ON CONSTITUTION BLVD NORTH. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PAPA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

Alderman Papa states the Mayor is aware of this and they did clean the area up. From the audience – they cut the grass but not the brush across from the ball field.

Alderman Papa states the Mayor is aware and that the Mayor is speaking with Board of Ed to have the streetlights tie in with their lights.

Much discussion from the audience – people speaking at same time.

Mr. Correia disagrees that the person in charge of the field will shut the lights off before the people have left in their cars. They could put a timer on the lights.

Alderman Finn states that the concerns are from Pole #2507 to circle. The Mayor is concerned with the entrance to the ballpark. Alderman Finn states the Board of Education is looking into the fact that where Ellis Dr. meets Constitution Blvd. they would like to remove trees and earth and put in a gravel parking lot for 50 cars. They are looking for inkind services from the city.

Alderman Papa states Public Health & Safety does not put lights where the Chief states it is not needed. He states the intersection of Independence and Constitution probably would warrant a light. They would not light up the Blvd.

Diane Alterio – Summerfield Gardens states their concern is the events where 100 cars are parked and it is dark up there. People are running in the street. They are putting no parking signs on one side. You still have 100 people walking the Blvd. in the dark.

Mr. Correia states the poles are on Independence, at entrance to ball field and on the corner. He asks about expenses and why not put it in the budget of baseball. It is about \$98.00 a light per year.

The discussion goes into sensors versus timers for all events – football, softball etc.

Alderman Papa states the expense for the whole city is about \$260,000.00.

Mr. Correia states the city has helped – Dean Cawthra and Fran from Parks & Recreation have been great.

Alderman Papa states that they could use a Timer. Alderman Finn states they have to upgrade the box. They blow fuses when they make Hot Chocolate at the Food Stand.

Alderman Papa states they are in the process of working on this.

Peter Delellio – Summerfield Gardens – states at the ball games when they put them on a timer, maybe it should be on 7 days a week for all events.

The discussion is about whom has the schedule of events for all the fields. People state that they have been asking for months for a full schedule. Alderman Papa states the Athletic Director has to know when people use his fields. They need his permission. They have a list from Ron Herrick.

**Alderman Finn states the Clerk should contact John Nickse, Athletic Director, for a full list of events at the field at the High School and Intermediate School. They must have a schedule.**

Alderman Kudej states that Board of Education & Parks & Recreation have American Legion Schedules. The problem is that there are two teams using the field (AAU) without permission. Alderman Papa states they have permission – they contacted Ron Herrick.

Alderman Papa states you can't count on RainOuts and rescheduled makeups.

Mr. Correia states the lights should be on from dusk to 11:00 P.M.

## **2.5 DEAD TREES**

Alderman Papa states a letter has been sent to Mrs. Nesteriak about 3 Dead Trees. Alderman Finn has additional dead trees. He states they have been waiting for the Tree Warden to cut it down. Also, Alderman Finn states Mrs. Nesteriak has been doing a great job with this issue.

The additional trees are located at:

1. 136 Maple Ave.
2. 19 Dimon Road
3. East Vill. Rd. in front of #29 at rear of Firehouse
4. Across from 61 East Village Road
5. French's Farm on the curve, they are being held up by vines
6. 164 East Village Road – large dead branch
7. Behind mail box of 211 East Village Road.
8. Shelton Community Center by Sign ? on city property

**The clerk should sent a letter to Mrs. Nesteriak from PH&S that these are our concerns and would like to put her on notice and these trees need to be addressed.**

Alderman Finn states the City Engineer goes out very promptly to decide if they are on City Property.

## **2.6 TRAFFIC LIGHT – SOUNDVIEW AVE. & RTE 108 SHELTON AVE**

A resident on Meetinghouse Lane called Alderman Finn about this traffic light. There have been a number of accidents there over the years. He would like to see the City of Shelton contact the State of Connecticut to come up with a delayed signalization for that intersection. The possibility that the light could be changed to allow Soundview Ave to enter Rte 108, yet Shelton Ave traffic would be at a red light.

**Alderman Papa states the clerk should send a letter to the Chief about this problem and have him contact the State of Connecticut.**

## **3. OLD BUSINESS**

### **3.1 STREETLIGHT REQUESTS**

#### **3.1.A WRIGHT STREET & LADAS PLACE STREETLIGHT REQUEST**

**ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A STREETLIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF WRIGHT STREET & LADAS**

**PLACE AT THIS TIME. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PAPA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

**3.1.B 209-215 HOWE AVE. STREETLIGHT REQUEST**

**ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO DENY THE REQUEST FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A STREETLIGHT AT 209-215 HOWE AVENUE AT THIS TIME.  
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PAPA. ALL IN FAVOR.  
MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

**3.1.C STONEWALL LANE & SAWMILL CITY ROAD STREETLIGHT REQUEST**

**ALDERMAN FINN MOVED PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD THE INSTALLATION OF A 4000 LUMEN 50 WATT STREETLIGHT, AT THE INTERSECTION OF STONEWALL LANE & SAW MILL CITY ROAD, UI POLE #2628, AT A COST OF \$96.40 PER YEAR.  
SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PAPA. ALL IN FAVOR.  
MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

**❖ REPORTS OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**A. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Noreen McGorty from EMS Commission reports from her commission:

1. First Responder – They start about a week ago with full time First Responder. It was met with great success. Average call about 11minutes – now about 6 minutes. She will have more statistics when it is in effect longer. There is one ambulance at Huntington FireHouse, one at station and one fly-car. It is from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M. They only had one ambulance and now they have 2 ambulances and one fly car (No transporter). Alderman Papa asks about double bill. That situation still exists today. She will bring it up at



the next meeting. It has not been an item for some time. Alderman Finn states there is a burden on the Senior Citizens. There is a discussion about this issue because there are dollars involved it is not an easy issue to settle.

2. The class at the High School – they gave money from the City Budget to provide an EMT class for the students. It was very successful. They are a level 1 and it was given after school. There were 13 students – 12 finished – 8 have taken practical exam – 6 have passed – others waiting for results – 2 joined ECHO Hose Ambulance Corp. It also teaches them to save lives. It has been added to the curriculum and now will earn credits for this program. It will be taught by EMT.
3. Valley Council of Govt. is analyzing Paramedic services and are sending out a survey to be filled out and they are conducting interviews. There have not had an interview with them yet. The City of Shelton is a very big representative of the paramedic service and we have the highest calls. She will bring back to the Commission reports as they happen.
4. Communications – they have submitted a PO for Phase One of Communication equipment and upgrade. It was submitted to Mayor's Office. They did a phase in process. The total will be about \$60,000.00. They asked for \$9,000.00 for the first shot. There will be 3 phases. They will reduce dead spots. The grant they submitted was issued to them for \$8,000.00 from the Matthews Foundation. Alderman Papa asks about grants from Homeland Security. Ms. McGorty will look into that. They have to apply for grants and they weigh each one. Alderman Papa wants all communications to talk to each other. Is that the ultimate goal? Ms. McGorty states that right now the UHF is a different frequency than the PD. However, with the UHF they hope the FireHouse will also use UHF. It will totally be beneficial. They don't need to do another if it is already there. Alderman Finn states it is very important that all three services communicate with each other. An example is the lifestar helicopter in the Bradley Parking lot – no one could communicate with each other. There was discussion about the PO for the Phase One communications. Alderman Finn asks about why ask for only \$9,000.00 first. You could set up a line-item for the whole \$60,000.00

## ❖ ADJOURNMENT

**ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 P.M. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN PAPA. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**MARGARET WEBER, CLERK  
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**