

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2011
7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 104
SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT

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

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

In Attendance
Alderman Papa
Alderman Finn
Alderman McGorty

Also in Attendance
Chief Joel Hurliman
Director John Millo, Emergency Management

Alderman Finn moved to amend agenda to move Reports of Emergency Management to front of meeting. Seconded by Alderman McGorty. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

John Millo, Emergency Management –

He is speaking on the Tropical Storm Irene. Downgraded at the same time it came into us. The City and Department Heads met and all were present for Conference Call with Department of Emergency Management & Public Protection. Also the Governor, Com. Peter Boynton, Director of Operation for the State and a representative from FEMA Reg. 1 Boston also. They were checking the weather – three days out and updated daily. On Saturday they entered into the Emergency Operations Center at about 4:00 P.M. The rest of the EOC staff was brought in by 10:30 P.M. that evening. Shelton was impacted with 51% of the Town with power outage. It is UI territory. The after math was to 350,000 plus UI customers and the rest of the state CL&P had 800,000 plus outages. Over 1,000,000 people without power. There was flooding at the Maples, there was rain and high winds

associated with this storm. A lot of Trees fell. They did not have a large tree limb problem but they had large fallen trees. With hurricane Gloria – 1985 – there were pruning of large trees.

UI had logistical issues. A UI rep was brought to the Center for 10 days during the emergency. City did everything they could to coordinate with UI and their liaisons. On Wednesday the recipe wasn't really working. They had a conference call with Cong. Himes office and 19 of the 22 towns that were on the call had similar problems. At that time they had another dedicated crew sent there so that they could put their people with them and open more roads and make it safe. We had 18 confirmed blocked roads and they had a meeting and had expectations of opening 15 by that afternoon. Only two were open. We made a unified decision in the command center that they needed help. They had resources available from the National Guard. Mr. Millo as Director requested it and in less than 45 minutes they were on the ground from the time of request. Chief Hurliman stated they wanted to make sure they weren't being taken away from someone who needed them more. They were told they were on the way from Redding to Guilford.

Mr. Millo stated all assets were discussed and the Gov. tripled the troops. They did a great job in 5 hours. The UI people were here with them they were able to not loose control has they had been. The command center had 3 UI liaisons. Tree service was not enough. You needed a representative to be there to prevent electrocution.

They distributed:

16,800 Bottles of Water

14,000 MRE

8,000 Bags of Ice from FEMA

There were donations from Shop Rite and Stop and Shop. The Shelter was at the High School with about ½ dozen people there looking for shelter. There were showers at the Community Center and Charging Systems at the Library. They had press conferences and used the city's website to keep residents informed. They sent out reverse 911 systems to keep residents in loop. They were not getting a time from UI. They had to make the State safe before they could energize. They had damage to their infrastructure.

After that it took about 2-3 days to have almost all back to service. The Emergency Center fielded thousands of calls from residents. They were more or less with the UI rep here to deal with any special needs people might have. The Fema assistance information will be on the website.

Alderman Papa asks if Emergency Management had a list of people with special needs. The City Emergency Services have a partial list. Through these types of emergencies it raises everyone's awareness. Just like it has raised everyone's awareness in the city because this is the largest wind event effecting trees down that he has lived through.

Alderman Papa states it is up to the people to report Handicapped needs. They were picking up from calls that needed special help. Mr. Millo states you should be proud of the Emergency Services you have in town. They did more than they were capable of. There were long days. John Anglace sent email to all aldermen. He kept everyone informed. Also, all of the Deputies kept information flowing.

◆ **PUBLIC PORTION**

No one from public wished to Speak.

◆ **AGENDA ITEMS**

◆ **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 6, 2011

Alderman McGorty Moved to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Public Health & Safety Meeting of April 6, 2011. Seconded by Alderman Finn. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 REQUEST FOR DUCK CROSSING SIGN ON BRIDGEPORT AVENUE

The Chief states that the request has been forwarded to the State for Approval and is ready for installation once permission is given.

2.2 REQUEST FOR STOP SIGN ON WOOSTER STREET AND REGAN CIRCLE

The Stop sign request for Wooster and Regan Circle has some merit for redesign of the area and different configuration on the signage. This is being done by traffic currently. The Street Department did some brush cleaning to improve the visibility in the meanwhile.

Alderman Finn questions redesign of signs? Chief Hurliman states that is true.

2.3 SIGNAGE REQUEST ON LONG HILL AVENUE AND MURPHY'S LANE

The request for upgraded signage by Jose Cooney also has merit and some new signs were installed on July 29, 2011 and the tree branches trimmed. There are more signs in need of replacement as well.

2.4 REQUEST FOR MIRROR ON POLE OF FORT HILL AVENUE

Alderman McGorty Moves to forward the request for a mirror on the pole at the corner of Fort Hill Avenue to the Chief of Police for review and recommendation. Seconded by Alderman Finn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Alderman Papa asks about who pays for Mirror. Chief states they will install usually but don't buy the mirror. This is under review by the traffic division. It is Geissler and Fort Hill.

**2.5 REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHT AT INTERSECTION OF
HUNTINGTON STREET AND BUDDINGTON ROAD.**

Alderman Finn Moved to forward the request for installation of traffic light at intersection of Huntington Street and Buddington Road to the Chief of Police for review and recommendation. Seconded by Alderman McGorty. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Alderman Papa tells Chief about the “t” that is in the works for that section of town. Chief Hurliman states you need warrants for that. You got a layout from Bob Kulacz. Alderman Finn mentions a turning lane.

2.6 REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF A YIELD SIGN - HUNTINGTON STREET ONTO BUDDINGTON ROAD

Alderman McGorty moved to forward the request for a yield sign by traffic island as one turns right from Huntington Street onto Buddington to the Chief of Police for review and recommendation. Seconded by Alderman Finn. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

2.7 INSTALLATION OF A SPEED LIMIT SIGN ON WESLEY DRIVE

Alderman Finn Moved to forward the request for a speed limit sign on Wesley Drive to the Chief of Police for review and recommendation. Seconded by Alderman McGorty. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

2.8 REQUEST FOR SPEED LIMIT SIGN OR RADAR TO BE INSTALLED ON GREAT OAK ROAD BETWEEN BUDDINGTON AND CATHY DRIVE

Alderman McGorty Moved to forward the request for a speed limit sign to be installed or to run radar on Great Oak Road between Buddington and Cathy Drive to the Chief of Police for review and recommendation. Seconded by Alderman Finn. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Alderman Finn states it is hard to run radar there.

2.9 STREET LIGHT REQUEST ON 7 HORSE STABLE CIRCLE AT #8049

Alderman Finn Moved to forward the request for a street light at 7 Horse Stable Circle on Pole #8049 to the Chief of Police for review and recommendation. Seconded by Alderman McGorty. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 NO ITEMS

4. REPORTS OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES

A. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Report from EMS is available with the original minutes in the Town Clerk's Office.

Alderman Finn stated the EMS did a great job. Chief Chaffee and Joe Laucella. They had an ambulance at each Fire House at all times.

B. POLICE SERVICES

Chief Hurliman stated that he had submitted infraction reports for June, July & August which are available with original minutes. There were several drug arrests on Howe Ave. Warrant arrest at 70 Cornell Street and recovered ecstasy, marijuana and a gun which was stolen.

They also had a DWI checkpoint that moved in various areas of the City and in the downtown netted 2 people DWI. Alcohol by minor, Going wrong way on a one way street – to avoid checkpoint and also had a warrant for arrest.

Alderman Finn mentioned tickets for cell phones and seat belts.

Alderman Papa asks about the Chief being part of Task Force for storm. Chief states he was not the only one – it was Capt. Madden and a Lieutenant and also Police Officers at all Fire Stations and they could respond from there quickly and avoid being blocked from down trees. It didn't seem so windy to some people but during the night it was very bad and all the rain. They said about 281 trees down. Gloria had lots of branches. Now it was trees.

Alderman McPherson states Gloria moved quickly through and Irene took its time. This storm had a backwall. They thought it was over and then they lost power. A Category One storm does a lot of damage.

Alderman McPherson states our Emergency Personnel come through for us and they did a fine job as always in his opinion. This is every day not just in a storm.

Alderman Finn states Huntington Fire House had 40 calls and 4 in White hills. Firemen were calling in wires down and trees down after the storm was over.

If it is down from the Pole to the House – the owners are responsible.

There were 2 fatalities in State and also one who tried to hook his own service up and fell on his head.

Chief Hurliman states there is a new Public Act about Pawnshops and Precious Metal Dealers and Second Hand Shop Dealers. He has a copy and will send it to Corporation Counsel to review. We have already passed this ordinance but we must be sure that the new Public Act restrictions are not more than our restrictions. We can be more restrictive but not less than the Public Act. We will just have to amend the ordinance if need be.

C. FIRE SERVICES

D. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Mr. Millo gave his report at beginning of meeting

E. FIRE MARSHAL

A report was submitted by Fire Marshal Tortora. The Alderman would like the Fire Marshal to also submitted fines collected.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Finn moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. Seconded by Alderman McGorty. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Weber, Clerk
Public Health & Safety Committee