

**SPECIAL M E E T I N G**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**  
**AT 7 P.M. IN ROOM 104**  
**SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT**  
**Minutes**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM by Chairman John Pappa. He led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:**

Alderman John Papa, Chairman  
Alderman John “Jack” Finn  
Alderman Noreen McGorty

**Also Present:**

Chief Joel Hurliman

**Public Present:**

Steven Guralnick  
47 Mustang Drive  
Shelton, Ct. 06484

Jaimie King  
826 Long Hill Avenue  
Shelton, Ct. 06484

◆ **AGENDA ITEMS**

◆ **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Alderman Finn:**

He commented that he didn't see the letter about the request for a stop sign at East Village, Vista and Revere until tonight. He noted that in a previous meeting he has requested that correspondence be forwarded to him if it concerned his ward.

Chairman Papa: There may not have been time to forward this to you. We can look into this. We can give the letter to the Chief and have him look into it.

Alderman Finn: There's a proposal from Atlantic Pavement to line the library parking area.

Chairman Papa: Highways and Bridges will put in the posts for the signs.

Alderman Finn: Back in December a crosswalk was put in but nobody has put in the required cut-outs and signage. We were waiting for the ground to thaw, now it's late summer.

Chief Hurliman: He commented that he has asked for it to be done more than once.

Chairman Papa: We will have a memo sent to the mayor about the handicapped crosswalks at the library.

## **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **1.1 REGULAR MEETING – MAY 6, 2015**

Jack Finn moved to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Public Health & Safety Meeting of May 6, 2015. Noreen McGorty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

## **2. NEW BUSINESS**

### **2.1 REQUEST FOR 4-WAY STOP SIGN AT EAST VILLAGE, VISTA & REVERE**

Alderman Finn made a motion to request a 4-way stop sign at East Village, Vista and Revere. Alderman McGorty seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Jack Finn: There are trees blocking the sight line at this intersection.

John Papa: We need to find out from the City Engineer if the trees are on city or private property in order to see who is responsible for removing them.

Chief Hurliman: A 4-way stop has to meet the requirements for stop and multi-stop, 2B.06 and 2B.07.

Chairman Papa: We will send a request to Bob Kulacz to go out and look at the intersection.

No action taken.

## 2.2 SPEEDING AT 826 LONG HILL AVENUE

Jaimie King: Since her family moved into their 826 Long Hill Avenue address on October 1, 2011 they have noticed that cars go exceeding fast on that road. She and her neighbors have sent emails and letters. She has witnessed two cars go around school buses. If any kind of truck blocks the road it becomes really dangerous. She is especially worried about her special needs daughter.

Chairman Papa: How far away from the school are you?

Jaimie King: We're less than a mile.

Alderman Finn: It gets worse after 3:00PM.

Jaimie King: Yes.

Chairman Papa: What do you think will help the situation?

Jaimie King: Stop signs at one or two of the side streets.

Chairman Papa: Chief, what is the situation with stop signs at Long Hill Avenue?

Chief Hurliman: They can't be used to control speed. They need to be at intersections.

Jaimie King: How about implementing a stop sign by the side street? We can't even cross the street to Pine Rock Park.

Alderman Finn: You have three side streets.

Chairman Papa: What about blinking lights like by the schools?

Alderman Finn: There are no school bus stop signs.

Chairman Papa: Chief, what can we do?

Chief Hurliman: We could do radar boxes that records the speed and sends an email so we know when people are traveling at the higher speeds. We could put up school bus stop signs,

one each way, that could help. We issued five infractions on May 5<sup>th</sup> and five more before that.

Chairman Papa: So they're stopping speeders, they just can't catch them all.

Chief Hurliman: These are federal guidelines (for stop signs).

Alderman Finn: Is it feasible to put a crosswalk sign there?

Alderman McGorty: You can put up all the signs but it must be enforced.

Jaimie King: I don't think you guys understand the magnitude of the problem.

Chairman Papa: We've got a couple of ideas.

Chief Hurliman: We will into a crosswalk, school bus stop signs, and this may be a good area for a traffic calming technique.

Jaimie King: What constitutes a safety reason for a stop sign?

Chief Hurliman: We'll send it to you.

Steven Guralnick: I really think the biggest concern is the time frames. Are you going to be looking at the time frames?

Chief Hurliman: We use that data.

Steven Guralnick: With the hill, even if they hit 25mph they will be going faster. Maybe we need to look at ways to slow the traffic. Maybe a stop light is needed. Long Hill and 110 is dangerous. Maybe we need to be more forward thinking and look at all of Long Hill Avenue.

Chairman Papa: 110 is a State road.

Steven Guralnick: Long Hill Crossroad and Long Hill intersection?

Chairman Papa: That's a City road.

Alderman Finn: Sometimes even if it's the State if it doesn't meet the warrants the City could pay to put up a light.

Steven Guralnick: Do we have to go through the same procedure?

Chief Hurliman: A stop sign is for 600 vehicles. The stop light is a higher number.

Steven Guralnick: So when we all started communicating about our area maybe we should have looked at all of Long Hill Avenue.

Chairman Papa: And there are more condos coming in.

Steven Guralnick: Yes.

Alderman Finn: So what we're saying is that we should put boxes throughout Long Hill Avenue all at the same time. Chief, could we look into that?

Chief Hurliman: Yes.

Chairman Papa: What about speed bumps?

Chief Hurliman: Some municipalities put them out in the summer and take them up for the winter.

Chairman Papa: So you would say it wouldn't be advantageous.

Steven Guralnick: I would also have a major concern about slowing down emergency vehicles.

Chairman Papa: Well, we have enough ideas. It's a citywide and a statewide problem.

### **OLD BUSINESS – STATUS UPDATE**

#### **3.1 NO ITEMS**

### **3. REPORTS OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES**

#### **A. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Alderman McGorty: The EMS Commission hasn't met in at least two months but the reports are here. The percentage for Echo Hose has gone up.

Chairman Papa: Echo Hose will be purchasing two new vans. The City doesn't pay for these.

Alderman McGorty: The City still owes \$30,000 because the invoice was received over the summer and the Commission hasn't met to approve the payment. They will do this at the September meeting.

#### **B. POLICE SERVICES**

Chairman Papa: A lot of infractions and violations have been issued.

Chief Hurliman: A lot of infractions were given in May at the seat belt top. The City gets none of that money.

Alderman Finn: How about cell phones?

Chief Hurliman: Yes, there were some.

**C. FIRE SERVICES**

Chairman Papa: Questions?

Alderman Finn: The two part-time mechanics are doing an excellent job.

**D. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Alderman Finn: They are going out for grants to purchase a generator. White Hills FD wants to purchase a diesel generator but we have a propane tank there. Why? It doesn't make sense.

**E. FIRE MARSHAL**

Alderman Finn: There are nine inspectors with zero hours. How can that be?

Chairman Papa: Maybe it could be a misprint. We can ask Mike Maglione. .

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jack Finn made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 PM. Noreen McGorty seconded the motion. All were in favor.