

REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009
7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 104
SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT

MINUTES

◆ CALL OF THE MEETING/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Papa called the meeting to order at 7 P.M. in room 104 of the Shelton City Hall. All in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

IN ATTENDANCE **ALDERMAN PAPA, CHAIRMAN**
ALDERMAN FINN
ALDERMAN MCGORTY

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE **ALDERMAN MCPHERSON**
POLICE CHIEF HURLIMAN
FIRE CHIEF JONES
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT,
THOMAS TAYLOR

◆ PUBLIC PORTION

NO ONE WAS IN ATTENDANCE FROM THE PUBLIC

◆ AGENDA ITEMS

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO ADD TO THE AGENDA ITEM #2.7 16 E. VILLAGE ROAD. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MCGORTY. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

◆ **CORRESPONDENCE**

THERE WAS NOT ANY ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 5, 2009

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO WAIVE THE READING AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY MEETING OF AUGUST 5, 2009. . SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MCGORTY. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

2.1 WELLINGTON COURT SIGN REQUEST

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO APPROVE, PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE, TO HAVE HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES INSTALL 'NO PARKING' SIGNS ON WELLINGTON COURT, LOCATION TO BE

DETERMINED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MCGORTY. ALL IN FAVOR.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Note to clerk to send motion to Albert Miklus of 24

Wellington Court.

2.2 KERON DRIVE – SPEEDING AND STREETLIGHT REQUEST

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE FULL BOARD, PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE, TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A 4000 LUMEN 50 WATT STREETLIGHT ON POLE #1485 LOCATED ON KERON DRIVE AT A COST OF \$88.90 PER YEAR.

FURTHER MOVE TO APPROVE, PER THE

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE, TO

HAVE HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES INSTALL '25 MPH'

SIGNS AT KERON DRIVE, LOCATIONS TO BE

DETERMINED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MCGORTY. ALL IN FAVOR.

MOTION CARRIED 3-0

Note to clerk: send motion to Frances Mastrogoivana of
23 Keron Dr. who requested this light.

**2.3 114 HILLSIDE AVENUE – REQUEST TO UPGRADE
STREETLIGHT**

Alderman Papa asks the Chief of Police about this request, who states there are currently two street lights. He will look into this and will bring back to the next agenda.

2.4 31 SAGAMORE ROAD – STOP SIGN REQUEST

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE, TO DENY AT THIS TIME THE REQUEST FOR STOP SIGNS AT THE CORNERS OF SACHEM DRIVE AND SAGAMORE ROAD. . SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MCGORTY. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Alderman Finn asked the Chief to look into this again and maybe he could put in one more stop sign instead of three as was previously requested. The Chief states that the request was for a three way stop to reduce speed and that is not what a stop sign is for. Chief will look at one additional stop sign.

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO TABLE THIS REQUEST AT THIS TIME. . SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MCGORTY. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

2.5 TRAFFIC LIGHT REQUEST AT OAK AVENUE AND PERRY HILL ROAD

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE, TO DENY AT THIS TIME THE REQUEST FOR A TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF BRIDGEPORT AVENUE RTE 714, OAK AVENUE AND PERRY HILL ROAD. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MCGORTY. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

2.6 NO LITTERING SIGN REQUEST ON PLATT ROAD

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO APPROVE, PER THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE, TO HAVE HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES INSTALL 'NO LITTERING' SIGNS ON PLATT ROAD, LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. . SECONDED BY ALDERMAN MCGORTY. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Note to clerk send letter to Ingrid Waters of 261 Long Hill Crossroads as to result

2.7 16 E. VILLAGE ROAD- Barriers on road

Alderman Papa states that we do not have the authority to tell the state to put up Jersey barriers. Alderman Finn states they were very lucky it was a pickup truck and not a school bus. He called the Administrative Assistant but not the Chief of Police. Alderman Finn states there was a police report. He feels the committee has the authority. He did call the Mayor. He called DOT and Paul - State Inspector for DOT has called the contractor Brennan and he has not returned the call. He emailed D. Debicella. Alderman Finn states this should not be put aside – it is a safety issue.

Alderman Papa states that the course of action is contact City Hall and take notice of that it is unsafe. Alderman Finn states everyone says it is unsafe. Even the home owner in front of the accident. This happened on the weekend. The road is still the same. Pictures of this accident will be attached to submitted minutes.

Thomas Taylor will look into this road situation and report back to Alderman Papa

4. REPORTS OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES
A. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Alderman McGorty will represent EMS tonight only. There will be someone representing them in the future. She feels since she is an alderman now it is inappropriate for her to report for EMS. Alderman

Finn states he feels it is okay as it is okay for him to report on matters from the Registrar of Voters office. He feels his ethics was questioned at a budget hearing for the Registrar's office when he addressed the Board for funds. Again, Alderman McGorty did have time at this meeting but in the future someone else will report for the EMS. This EMS report is attached to the minutes to be submitted to the website for all to view.

Alderman McGorty explains the format is the same for every month's minutes. The outreach programs report first. These minutes will be sent electronically to T. Adcox for viewing by the Aldermen in advance. These reports show number of calls responded to. She explains the format and what was discussed.

Alderman Papa states these formats are great but as you stated having this packet in advance of the meetings will help with any questions the Committee might have.

B. POLICE SERVICES

The December infraction Report will be attached to these minutes and the November Report will be forwarded from the Chief's Staff.

Chief Hurliman reports the following:

Criminal Arrests:

November-45

December-38

Driving Under the Influence Arrests:

November-2

December-3

Vehicle Accidents:

November-113, one fatal with two fatalities

(Nov 2008 129)

December-148, one of which had over 50 vehicles

(Dec 2008 193 with one fatal)

Total number of incidents:

November-2006

December-2055

Chief also talks about the November report with the info on Click it or Ticket which he does jointly with the other valley towns. People question what Seymour or Derby Police are doing in Shelton. They cooperate with all regional towns. Alderman Finn asks about grant money. Chief states it is only partial funds.

He discusses annual Toy Drive to those in need of toys for the holiday season and Home for the Holidays for the 102nd Infantry and 250th Bridge Company. He states this year they participated in this program prior to the troops deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan. They raised over \$4,200 here and overall over \$250,000.00 and also helped another 18 people at Fort Polk. Also some soldiers for Christmas dinner.

C. FIRE SERVICES

Chief Fran Jones of Fire Service. He has submitted a report and this will be submitted with minutes. They still do not have their final stats tabulated. That comes from the Fire Marshal. They will receive them in the next two weeks and will be submitted before the next meeting. He does know they responded to over 1,000 incidents. It has been the Fire Department's busiest year. This past month was very busy – all three services – EMS, Fire and Police. There was the 52 car pile up on Rte 110. They had a mudslide incident and fatal accidents and structural fire call.

They had a few Haz Mat incidents. What is good about Shelton is the three services work together for all concerned.

The Board of Fire Commissioners will be coming to the Board for much needed equipment. Some trucks are more than 30 years old. Ladder One is out of service more than in service. They will have more specific time frames. Alderman Papa states the Budget is due by January 15 and that is the time to ask for these budgeted items. Chief Jones states they will have this on their next agenda.

Again, Alderman Papa states that these report need to be in before the meeting so the Alderman can present any questions they may have.

He is working with Charlene DeFilippo on 350 Howe Ave. They responded there on 12/15/2009 for smoke detector sounding and the structure (Johnny's Pizza) is on the anti-blight for awhile. They have

reissued letters. They secured and corded it off. He put a do not enter for firefighters because of the condition of this building.

Alderman McPherson is writing to the Building Board of Appeals because in September they were talking about taking the building down. The owner asked for time and it has been three months. He would like to know from the Building Board of Appeals where the situation is at this time. What is being done to be corrected? If it is just sitting- it should come down. Alderman Papa states the owner wants to straighten it out. Alderman McPherson concerns are where he is getting the money to straighten it out.

Alderman Papa asks about the Anti-Blight Ordinance and its guidelines. Alderman Finn states the Chief sent a letter to Mrs. DeFilippo and she acts on the letter. The reports are very valuable. In January the ordinance was discussed to remove the reports of the Fire Department. He thinks it would be a great mistake to take those reports out of the ordinance. It was that report that brought to the Building Board of Appeals attention the alarm and condition of that building on Howe Ave. Alderman Papa states Ms. DeFilippo reacts on the report and informs the owners of the violations. The owner has been informed. Alderman Finn states if that ordinance is approved with that report being removed – the Fire Chief's report will no longer mean anything.

Alderman McGorty asks about regular resident – wouldn't it be treated the same way.

Alderman McPherson states what if it says “Fire Chief” or “Fire Marshal”. The ordinance prior to that has the same terminology. The only thing we are changing is the 10” grass. Alderman Finn has no problem with that. He is against the report being removed – it should be in there.

At the Public Hearing on Ordinances on January 26 it will be discussed.

The report of the Fire Marshal was always in there – it is discussed about Fire Chief. Chief Jones states a “Fire Department Report” – and official Fire Department report is sufficient. Not a report from all 235 firemen.

They responded because of an alarm and the process was started. He sent an official report to Building Office, C. DeFilippo and others. Alderman Papa states that is what the Mayor wants – one official report – not a report from all the firemen.

Alderman McPherson will get in touch with Building Board of Appeals as to the specific time line. Not to drag this out for another 2 years. There is no progress with this building – he was approved to fix it up and if not take the building down. Alderman Papa asks about the response back from C. DeFilippo. The Chairman asks the Administrative Assistant to check with C. DeFilippo as to the process

– how long will it sit like that and it is a public safety issue. Alderman McPherson will call for this building to be demolished. The cost will be on the owner. The owner has had an offer to buy from the Donut Shop. Either you fix it or sell it or it will come down.

Alderman Papa asks that the clerk contact John Millo, Director about reporting to the committee on Emergency Management. An email or report or from one of the deputies will be accepted.

Alderman McPherson feels that a strong wind can knock it down and hurt someone.

Mr. Taylor will notify Alderman Papa when he has the answers to these **questions**.

Alderman Finn is glad the report of the services are back on the agenda and he is thanking Alderman McPherson for putting this back on the agenda.

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
BOARD OF ALDERMAN
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**