♦ CALL OF THE MEETING/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Papa called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in room 104 of Shelton City Hall. All in attendance recited the pledge of allegiance.

IN ATTENDANCE: Alderman Papa, Chairman
Alderman John “Jack” Finn
Alderman Noreen McGorty

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Alderman McPherson
Alderman Kudej
Chief Hurliman

♦ PUBLIC PORTION

Officer Dobbins addressed the Commission with a letter which is attached and also submitted a 155 page complaint against Chief Hurliman. He believes there was a Public “Safety” Violation committed at the Memorial Day Parade.
To: The Shelton Public Safety Committee

From: Officer Dobbins

Date: April 07, 2010

Subject: Public Safety / Possible State Law Violation

Dear Committee Members,

I have come to tonight's meeting to address the city's current administration and its practices. I previously filed a complaint against Chief Hurliman for his actions at the 2009 Memorial Day Parade. Subsequent to that complaint, the Mayors Office contracted with Attorney Mark Sommaruga to investigate the complaint.

As of this date, this officer has been denied access to that report or its findings. This has occurred after several documented attempts with the Mayors Office requesting such documents.

The basis of that complaint involved officers under the direction of Chief Hurliman being allowed to consume alcohol, on duty in uniform. The city and its administration have engaged in repeated changes of the Shelton Police Rules and Regulations to recklessly allow this conduct to continue.

Further it appears that the current rules continue to jeopardize public safety and violate state law. Such action also opens up residents to civil liability for allowing uniform officers to carry city owned firearms while consuming alcohol.

I hereby turn over copies of all documents, photographs and correspondence regarding the complaint. Thank you for your continued efforts to ensure the residents of Shelton a safe community.

Officer Edward Dobbins
Alderman Stanley Kudej requested a Traffic Sign on Coram Road before Audubon Lane coming from Laurel Heights Rd. This will be sent to the Chief of Police for investigation.

♦ AGENDA ITEMS

♦ CORRESPONDENCE

There are three letters sent to All Aldermen and will be part of these minutes for the record. Alderman Finn requests that the telephone numbers will be blacked out before submitting them. Letters are attached at end of minutes.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   1. REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 6, 2010

Alderman Finn moved to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Public Health & Safety Meeting of January 6, 2010. Seconded by Alderman McGorty. All in favor. 3-0 Motion carried

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #837- IDENTIFICATION OF LANDLORD ORDINANCE

Alderman Finn moved to send to Corporation Counsel Amendment to Ordinance #837 Identification of Landlord to review. Seconded by Alderman McGorty. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

The Alderman had a discussion and they would like the following items brought to the attention of Corporation Counsel for his review:
1. $250.00 fine but there is no defining authority and we are very generous with the time an absentee landlord has to notify the city w/telephone number etc. It is 21 days in the original ordinance and they would like to see 7 days.

2. Alderman questioned Fire Marshal or Assistant to impose fines in Art. “F”. They think it should be Building Official oversee and Tom Dingle (P & Z) authority to impose fines.

3. They question Dwelling – Single Family or Multi Family – issue is if you are a landlord you have responsibilities for your tenants. Would inspection be on single or multi family homes?

4. Article “G” Failure to pay fines and fines reach a certain amount (to be determined by City) the City would impose a lien on the property until fines are paid in full.

5. Do we have to have an appeals board?

The Aldermen would like a reply to these questions as soon as possible and bring this back to the Public Health & Safety Committee.

2.2 STREETLIGHT REQUEST – POLE #142 S – INTERSECTION OF AUDUBON & CORAM AVENUE

Alderman Finn moved per the recommendation of the Chief of Police to deny at this time the request for a streetlight at pole #142S at the corner of Audubon and Coram Avenue. Seconded by Alderman McGorty. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0.

Alderman McPherson suggested a look at the light pole near this intersection and see if the light can be moved or increase the wattage.
He will look into this.

Alderman Finn states the Chief rated this a Priority two.
Donald Hylton, 28 Audubon Lane stated that there are no lights on Audubon Lane and his child has to get the bus in the dark. The Chief will look into this again and report back to the Committee

2.3 STOP SIGN REQUEST AT BONA VISTA TERRACE AND EAST VILLAGE ROAD

Alderman Finn moved per the recommendation of the Chief of Police to deny at this time the request for a stop sign at the corner of East Village Road and Bona Vista Terrace. Seconded by Alderman McGorty for discussion.

Alderman Finn states there is high traffic on this road now due to park being open. Hopefully when this road is completed there will be another request for a stop sign. The Chief will revisit this road when construction is done.

Motion rescinded.

Alderman Finn moved to table this request until the completion of East Village Road. Seconded by Alderman McGorty. All in favor. Motion carried 3-0

2.4 BRIDGEPORT AVENUE/SULLIVAN AVENUE INTERSECTION - DISCUSSION

John Todice - 130 Wakelee Ave. Ext. This issue was also brought up at the June 2004 meeting. He feels the Police have done a good job but the cars are still going 60 mph. It is very dangerous. Something has to be addressed. Stop signs were his answer. The Chief states stop signs aren’t for speeding. A stop light will take too long because it is a state road. Chavez is opening up and the speed and turn in to store will be hazardous. Also at the Shell Gas Station there is a problem getting out into traffic. There was an
accident between two cars and someone died at the scene. Another accident was with a van and the car seats were ejected. Luckily there were no babies involved. It is 1,000 ft. of roadway.

Alderman Papa asks about speed bumps

Chief Hurliman states because it is a State Road – no speed bumps, light will take too long. More radar is a solution. Mr. Todice wants more overtime for Police to monitor this road. He feels maybe contact our Reps in Congress to get us more money. He also suggests Flashing light that are like the flashing lights at the schools. They will have to get permission from the State but Shelton will have to pay for it.

Chief will research Flashing Lights on this road. Mr. Todice would like the Aldermen to contact their state reps.

Some of the tickets given out last month were on this road.

3. OLD BUSINESS
3.1 NO ITEMS

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

A Copy of the EMS minutes of March 15, 2010 will be attached to the original minutes of this meeting in the Town Clerk’s Office.

Alderman Finn & McGorty discussed Bundle Billing and budget for next year. Alderman McGorty put in for $80,000.00 for the next budget. The Mayor budget $0

   B. POLICE SERVICES

The Infraction Report for January, February & March will be attached to the minutes on line. The Chief states there will be more Radar Trailers and units
on poles. The units on the Poles are not permanent and can be moved around where needed.

It was discussed about Cameras to check speeding and also Automatic License Plate Readers. The Chief states that Connecticut does not do this.

Alderman Finn states Madison has Automatic License Plate Readers.

Alderman Finn points out Beardsley & Birdseye Roads for speeders.

C. FIRE SERVICES

The Board received a report from Chief Jones Re: Monthly Chiefs Report.

A copy of this report will be in the Town Clerk’s Office attached to these minutes. The clerk will try to get this report electronically and attach it to the minutes on the website.

Alderman Finn states that Chief Jones made mention of the flooding at the “Maples” from the River. Alderman Finn states it was from a Pond from the other side of the railroad tracks. He submits pictures that will be attached to the original minutes. He states that there are no sandbags from the City – the owner put cinder block around his house. On top of the drain is a 60 lb. concrete block. The force of the water is lifting that block up. When the pipe burst within a half hour the street was flooded. It affected 12 homes. Address is 142 Indian Well Road.

Alderman Papa asks Thomas Taylor to look into this matter with Highway & Bridges. Mr. Taylor states it is from the State and the water is coming from an adjacent piece of private property. The problem is the grade they put the railroad on. It looks like a Dam. It is damming all the water that is coming off the ridge coming down towards Indian Wells. There are two intermittent streams that were like rivers and filling it right up.

Aldermen Finn states DEP and the Railroad will be coming down to look at it.
D. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Chief Hurliman spoke to Chairman Millo who asked the Chief to give a verbal report. The Office of Emergency Management responded to the flooding on the 29th and are filling the necessary reports for FEMA for a couple of properties that will be affected.

Alderman McGorty had one addition on the reports given. She would like the clerk to notify the Fire Marshal’s office to either report to this committee in person or send a report. It will be added as item E – Fire Marshal’s Office.

♦ ADJOURNMENT

Alderman McGorty adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.
Seconded by Alderman Finn. All in favor. Motion Carried 3-0

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Weber, Clerk
Board of Aldermen, Public
Health & Safety Committee
From: TOM CARSTENSEN [tcarstensen@anet.net]
Sent: Monday, March 01, 2010 3:06 PM
To: aldermanemc@abcglobal.net; lfgarrell@aol.com; lfarrell@wallingfordlawyers.com; jfangle@comcast.net; jf30760@aol.com; s.mcpheerson@cityofshelton.org; diadiui@abcglobal.net; sjuda@anet.net; mmazdam@aol.com; m.lauretti@cityofshelton.org; boaolkr@cityofshelton.org; conservation@cityofshelton.org
Cc: Ugotomeja@aol.com; bmrzuziatt.net; ugotomeja@aol.com; jamesbeatrice@anet.net; roycewyldefabcglobalnet; VRomanovna@anet.net; halley09@anet.net; macneaud@yahoo.com; twcc@vt.com; eltonetti831@yahoo.com; Moudah@abcglobal.net; mcasikoa@abcglobal.net; cett67@aol.com; Rick & Alisa Keelin
Subject: Community Garden Site Selection

Dear Theresa Adcox,

Please have the letter below read into the minutes of the next meeting of the BOA, the BOA Public Safety committee, and the ad hoc Community Garden Committee.

Thank you,
Tom and Diane Carstensen
8 Longview Road

Mayor Lauretti, Board of Alderman, Conservation Commission, and Community Garden Committee Members,

My wife, two children and I are residents of Longview Road and are concerned about the pending Community Garden being considered for the city owned property (Klapik property) at the end of our road. We feel that the decision to place a Community Garden at this location needs to be more fully studied, including fair and open public debate, prior to a final decision, which at this time we do not believe has occurred or is planned. The Klapik property may seem like an ideal spot for a community garden however, after careful consideration and evaluation we believe you will agree that this and any site under consideration requires a more thorough study, a community and local residential impact assessment, which in the end we believe will lead to the selection of the best site. The idea for a Community Garden at the Klapik property, in particular with access via Longview Road, has a number of issues that need careful evaluation and overall consideration before a final determination on this or any site can be finalized for this project. Our issues, concerns and general questions are as follows:

- Traffic in and out of the property - It is our understanding that the community Garden Committee is now considering up to 60 garden plots. This implies up to 60 or more cars coming and going from the garden site on any given day; with in many cases multiple trips per car per day. If the garden site selected is the Klapik property, and in particular the Longview Road access, this will significantly increase traffic which will not only be hazardous to the Longview residents but will also be beyond the capacity of the road. In addition, many Longview residents have children that frequently walk, ride bicycles, skate board, etc on the road and the anticipated traffic will significantly increase the likelihood of a pedestrian accident and or fatality. Does the city plan to conduct a traffic assessment to determine if the access to the Klapik property via Longview Road is safe and appropriate? If not why not? Shouldn't the adequacy of the infrastructure into the property and the resultant safety of the residents be a prime concern of our city leaders? If so, doesn't the increased traffic into and out of Longview Road and adjacent Laurelwood

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Drive needs to be thoroughly studied prior to this site being selected?

- Parking at the Klapik Property - Where will cars park? How many parking spaces will be available on the property if any? If there isn't enough parking at any given time will Longview Road be used for overflow parking? If so how will this be handled and monitored? Will there be enough road parking for the residents to continue to have family and friend gatherings without competing with the garden users for available parking; particularly on weekends when garden usage is expected to be high? Has a parking study been conducted? Has the Community Garden Committee studied other local community garden sites to understanding the quantity of necessary parking required per garden plot? If not, shouldn't this be studied and understood before selecting a final site and starting operation?

- Safety of the Neighbors - There are a number of elderly, single, and residents with young families within close proximity to the Klapik site; how will potential garden plot users be screened? Will background checks be conducted on prospective gardeners? If so, by who? Once completed will periodic checks be conducted on garden users? How will the residents of Longview Road be assured that their property and belongings will be safe? Will there be increased police patrols in the neighborhood? Has the Garden Committee studied crime rates in and around other suburban Community Gardens? If so what are the results? If not, why not? Shouldn't potential crime increase be a factor in any site selection?

- Rules and Regulations for the Garden Usage - Who, and how often, will the garden plots be monitored for compliance with the Community Garden Rules? What are the rules? How will violations be handled; fines, revoke of use privilege, etc? Who will handle monitoring rules and use compliance; the Community Garden Committee, the Conservation Commission, Shelton Police department or some other city officials? Will someone be stationed on-site during operating hours? What are the planned operating hours? What means will be used to prevent access to the site after closing to prevent after hours usage?

- Property Valuations - It is our understanding, and planned to be validated by a certified real estate appraiser, that our property value will be reduced due to proximity to the Community Garden. This means that it will not only be harder to sell our property in the future, but we will also get a lower price. If a community garden does go in, will the city conduct an interim property evaluation to take into account the lower valuation of our property?

- Site Selection - Shouldn't all available city sites be fairly and openly considered? Shouldn't site proximity to a majority of the citizens be a factor (The Klapik site is not centrally located)? Should proximity to other city properties (parks, trails, etc.) be a factor in order to efficiently monitor the site along with other city assets? Does the Klapik property have a water hook-up? If not how will water be provided to the garden users? We understand that city fire trucks are being considered to deliver water to holding tanks on the site. Is this a good use of vital city resources? Or is a water line being considered? If a water line is being considered who is paying for it? The city is already under severe fiscal constraints. Shouldn't a site with water already on site be a prime factor in site selection?

Please understand that the we are not opposed to the idea of a community garden. In fact we are avid home gardeners and understand the benefits, time commitment and resources needed to make a garden work. However, we believe that a thorough review of the need, proper site consideration, careful planning and open public debate are needed before moving forward with this project. Please take our comments into account before moving forward and making any decision. Please feel free to contact us if you wish to discuss this further.

Tom and Diane Carstensen
8 Longview Road

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Public Safety Committee, and the ad hoc Community Garden Committee.

Thank you

Mayor Lauretti, Board of Alderman, Conservation Commission, and Community Garden
Committee Members,

My family and I have been residents on Longview Rd for forty-two years. We
love living here because we are so close to the city life but, yet we have all the
advantages of the country. The Klapik land was purchased for OPEN SPACE and we feel
that it should remain so. I think the Community Garden is a great idea just not at the end
of our cul-de-sac. We enjoy our quiet neighborhood as you do on your quiet cul-de-sac.
Just think of the possibility of all that traffic on your street.

Reasons for Concerns about the Community Garden at the end of a
RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD CUL-DE-SAC:

1. For the SAFETY of our CHILDREN, the SIX SINGLE WOMAN (two of which
the property lines are adjacent to where you would like the garden to be), and also
our PETS (which one of my own has been attacked by two coyote’s)
2. VANDERLISM to our homes, cars, and properties. We keep a lot of lawn
ornaments out in the spring and summer months. Who’s going to be watching
when we all go to work?
3. PROPER MONITERING of the garden by the proper authorities. Are there going
to be extra? How exactly is that going to work? Also with the Rules and
Regulations of the Garden. This site is in a very secluded spot not visible from the
Road.
4. The street IS NOT BLACK TOP PAVED and is going to endure much traffic that
it can not handle. We as neighbors have problems with parking when one or more
of us have family gatherings on the same day.
5. I did some research about the locations of the Gardens in Cities and Towns that
where mentioned in the meeting minutes (Stratford, Trumbull, Bridgeport,
Milford, Derby, and Ansonia). NONE OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN
RESIDENTIAL SETTINGS. All these Gardens are on pre-existing Parks with
exceptions of Bridgeport (they use vacant lots where nobody wants houses to be
built and Stratford which is an old farm (Pithala Farm that required no changes to
its land and adjacent is Buncl High School).
I hope you take all this into consideration before rushing into a site that is clearly not fit for what you want to do. We are tax paying, law abiding citizens which are concerned for the preservation of our Neighborhood.

Phil, Patricia & Christopher Barber
15 Longview Road
---Original Message---
From: bailey02 [mailto:bailey02@qsn.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 02, 2010 10:16 AM
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JFANGLACE@comcast.net; j307900@aol.com; e.nasherson@cityofshelton.org;
diadani@sbglobal.net; sjkudel@qsn.net; mimadani@aol.com; mlaurie@cityofshelton.org;
boaciek@cityofshelton.org; conservation@cityofshelton.org
Subject: Access to Community Garden via Longview Rd.

Dear Mayor, Board of Aldermen, Conservation Commission and Community Garden Committee
Members,

Please submit this letter to be read into the minutes of the next meetings of the BOA, BOA Public
Safety Committee, Community Garden Committee and the Conservation Commission.

My name is Kimberly Violette-Bailey and I live at 19 Longview Rd. I am a single mother of two
elementary school boys living with my widowed mother. I am writing this letter in opposition to the
community garden being planned for the Klapik land at the end of my street. All the reasons why I
love where I live and why I’ve lived here for the last 32 years will be compromised if the
community garden is placed at the Klapik land at the end of my street.
A major concern is safety. I, myself have two boys who play on this street, riding bikes, playing
games, etc. My neighbor also has two young girls, not to mention the other young boys from the
entrance to Longview that play on this road. We also have 3 other widows living on Longview,
two of which live right at the end of the cul-de-sac. Plus we have another single woman living
here as well. I am concerned for everyone’s safety, with the addition of a community garden, you
will be inviting strangers into our neighborhood. Now I’m not here to imply that everyone that
would have a plot would be a thief, vandals, or even a pedophile. But in this day and age, we can
not be too careful. I’m not willing to take that chance with my children’s safety. Plus the increase
in traffic is also a safety concern. Our road is small and we are not used to the type of additional
traffic that a garden would create. This too poses a safety issue for our children.

There’s also the issue of water. How do you plan on gardeners getting access to water for their
gardens? I know that I have heard a few ideas and I don’t think that any of them are good ones.
One was to have firetrucks bring in the water. Is that really a useful way to be using our
firetrucks? I don’t think so. I also heard about barrels? That would pose a health issue. Leaving
standing water in barrels would increase mosquitoes in our yards, which could then lead to
disease.

I also feel that this location is not easily accessible to people in Shelton, it’s not in a central
location. I feel that the area proposed for a dog park also has enough room, accessibility, water
hook ups and parking for both a dog park and a community garden.

Also I would like to understand why in a letter to the editor from a neighbor of mine, Randy
York, in the Huntington Herald dated Feb. 24 2010 there was an editor’s note in response that
stated “According to Shelton Conservation Agent Teresa Gallegher, the location for the
community garden is now a different field in the Klapik Farm open-space area, not the one at the
end of Longview Road that appeared in the Huntington Herald article on Feb 10.” and yet we the
residents of Longview Road received a letter from the Shelton Community Garden Committee on
Feb 26, 2010 stating that at its meeting on Feb 23, 2010 it was voted on to recommend that the
garden be placed at the end of Longview Rd.? This is an obvious contradiction and I’d like an
explanation.
I hope that you will seriously look at and consider all the concerns that I have addressed in this letter and all the other letters that you have received from other residents as well. I thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Violette-Bailey
To: Board of Alderman – Public Safety Committee  
From: Francis T. Jones III  
Subject: Monthly Report – March  
Date: 4/02/10

Committee Members,

The following is the Shelton Fire Department – Chief’s Report for the month of March of the fiscal year 2009 - 2010. This is a list of completed tasks and a short list of those tasks and projects in progress.

1) During the heavy rainfall period between March 29th - March 31st, the SFD responded to 25 calls for flooded basements, and one rescue call for a person trapped in a vehicle due to flooding on Walnut Tree Hill Avenue. The Chief Officers of the fire department along with OEM, SPD and EMS monitored the weather condition at the “Maples” and other areas of concern for potential flooding during the week. An operational plan was developed by the fire department as a precaution for potential major flooding risks in the “Maples”, fortunately flood levels remained at the minor/moderate levels and only notifications and monitoring were needed. There were no relocations or evacuations needs.

2) I would like to seek the BOFC’s permission to move forward if necessary, with the Public Safety Council in recommending hiring Oliver Associates to assist with frequency acquisition. (Carry over from previous reports for action to be taken)

3) I would like to encourage the BOFC’s to immediately move forward on filling the following approved budgeted positions within the fire department for Deputy Chief, Recruitment Officer, and Administrative Associate (Carry over from previous reports for action to be taken)

4) I would like to recommend that the salvageable components of the municipal fire alarm system be donated to the cities of Ansonia & Derby which still maintain a municipal alarm system. Currently, the SFD municipal fire alarm system has been de-commissioned. I have obtained a detailed list of the remaining equipment from our contracted alarms mechanics of the remaining inventory of the municipal fire alarm system. The following items that still need to be removed by our contracted alarm mechanics are the digitizers, batteries, and the fire alarm circuit wires on the telephone poles. Approximately 50% of the wires have already been removed from telephone poles over the past year.
5) I also like to seek approval to have the contracted alarm mechanics work with our radio service provider to upgrade the fire sirens at each Fire House, to a radio controlled system. This system will be compatible with our new console at Police Headquarters, and will serve as a tertiary warning device, and could also be used during natural disasters.

6) I would like to purchase (4) Automatic Call boxes, one to be placed on each firehouse as a replacement to the old municipal fire alarm system. These call boxes use the telephone system to activate 911. These call boxes will enhance public safety, by providing access to 911 at the front entrance to our fire stations, since our fire houses are not manned 24/7. (See informational packet) (Carry over from previous reports for action to be taken)

7) Ladder testing was completed this March, The preliminary report found that all aerial trucks passed, with some minor needs to be addressed through the Superintendent of Apparatus. All apparatus currently have ground ladders that are in-service, the company needed to make a few repairs as they tested the ladders, a few halyards needed replacement. Unfortunately, a few ground ladders during inspection failed and were replaced with spare supplies. We are now in need of replacing these spare ladders, (1) 24ft, (4)14ft Roof Ladders, and (2) 10ft Attic Ladders have failed the ladder test. Funding will need to be secured to purchase additional ladders.

8) SCBA Posi Checks and SCBA Bottle Hydro Testing is still in progress, numerous air-packs, masks, and bottles have been repaired or tagged O.O.S for repair/replacement. Additional funding may be needed to be secured to purchase additional repairs/replacement of SCBA (Please see Quartermaster for status and complete details)

9) Hose testing began on March 31st, The SFD needs to immediately replace the following amount of hose that failed during testing. (See attached report)

10) Marine 1 is in need of routine service, as well as a mooring cover, and bottom paint. (Carry over from previous reports for action to be taken)

11) Marine 4 is also in need of routine service. (Carry over from previous reports for action to be taken)

12) Ladder 33 is to be re-scheduled for repairs at Gowns & Knight to repair issues with the Tank to Pump Value and Window Wipers for early April.

13) I would also like to purchase updated Ice and Water Rescue Equipment. (2) Dry suits for Company # 4, and (2) Mustang Immersion Suits for Companies 1, 3, and 5, and (4) Exposure Suits for Companies 1 & 5. This will replace old & worn equipment. (Carry over from previous reports for action to be taken)
14) I would like to continue purchasing a new fire extinguishing agent for Car 2, 3, 5 and FM 2 to be carried within their city response vehicles as first responders. Currently, (4) items have been purchased, they have been distributed to Car 1, 4, 6, and FM 1. (See attached information)

15) I would like to suggest that a preventative maintenance program and contract be developed for 2010 for all, generators, Hurst tools, and small engines (Chain Saws, Vent Saws, Ect). This service is very important, since our tools are not run on a regular basis, thus causing the new Ethanol based fuels to separate from the gasoline causing problems with small engine operations. In addition the Ethanol is very corrosive to rubber products, such as fuel lines. This plan should be formally adopted by the BOFC’s. ( Carry over from previous reports for action to be taken)

16) I would like to suggest that a preventative maintenance program and contract be developed in 2010 for all of our hazardous material meters, thus reducing the problems that occurred this year with multiply meter failures. This plan should be formally adopted by the BOFC’s. ( Carry over from previous reports for action to be taken)

17) I would like to know the status of the purchase of additional four gas Bio-system meters to standardize our SFD meters for Huntington Fire Company & the Company Assistant Chiefs as requested in my December 2009 report. ( Carry over from previous reports for action to be taken)

18) The Apparatus Replacement Committee has finalized their plans. Specifications for a new Squad 5, Squad 30, Engine/Quint 44, and Engine/Quint 53 are complete. I would like to encourage that we look into purchasing these vehicles to replace our aging fleet of vehicles. My only change to the proposed specifications is, that I would like to see both Rescue Trucks be identical copies of each other, this will reduce the over cost of these vehicles and will provide standardization of resources. I would like to suggest using the Huntington Specification as a template for this purchase. The (2) Engine/Quint specifications are very similar the only difference is due to length and maneuverability requirements needed for Engine/Quint 44. Otherwise these are almost identical replicas. I have met with the Mayor to discuss these purchases and distributed a modified plan that works within our Capital Improvement Plan to the Mayor and Officers Council. ( Please see attached) ( Carry over from previous reports for action to be taken)

19) The public safety committee in continuing to work with our vendor in acquiring new frequencies for the SFD, and upgrading our current radio infrastructure. The next upgrades will be for additional (10) MT -1500 portables, and UHF radios for Engine 35, Tanker 59, and Tower 7 and (2) USB devices for White Hills and SPD to decrease power surges attacking our radio system, I would also like to upgrade our Pine Rock Base station with a remote, and t- lines this will then allow all the fire companies communications between each other, and the ability to transmit tones from different bases. ( Carry over from previous reports for action to be taken)
20) I would recommend that the BOFC’s immediately seek bids for much needed structural firefighting gear. I have provided a copy of our current gear needs to each Commissioner and the Quartermaster for review. After reviewing the inventory list, I would like to suggest 70 sets of turnout gear be acquired to replace the old, and un-safe gear immediately. In addition, I would suggest that Helmets, Gloves and Boots (rubber/leather) also be bid ASAP. I would then suggest that we look into purchasing another 50 sets of gear next year, this will replace marginal gear that will need replacement within the next one – two years. (Carry over from previous reports for action to be taken)

21) I would like to suggest that a BOFC’s move forward with the creation of a Facilities Renovation and Replacement sub-committee of the BOFC’s. I would also like to suggest that each fire company participate by assigning a Company Officer to this committee and for the committee to also include the respective Company Assistant Chiefs. I would also like the BOFC’s to ask the BOA to formally consider putting together a fire house renovation/building committee and to provide funding for engineering studies. (Carry over from previous reports for action to be taken)

22) A/C Ullrich, the Records Keeper and Secretary are in the process of updating, and notifying all Shelton FD members to complete their annual medicals and re-certs. Failure to complete these OSHA requirements will result in change of status as defined by the I-2 policy. Notice of status changes for non compliance shall be sent to the Respective Assistant Chiefs and Records Keeper by April 7th.

23) A/C Ullrich is completing a safety review of all firehouses, gear, equipment and apparatus. He has completed Companies 3 & 5. All deficiencies noted have been forwarded to the respective Commissioner or city agencies for mediation. Still awaiting a final report from Companies 1 & 4.

Yours in Service

Francis T. Jones III
Fire Chief
Shelton Fire Department