Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Lauretti called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7:00 p.m. All those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call
Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President – present
Alderman Eric McPherson, Vice President – present
Alderman David Gidwani – present
Alderman Stanley Kudej – present
Alderman Noreen McGorty – present
Alderman Cris Balamaci – present
Alderman Jim Capra – present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – present

Administration:
Mayor Mark A. Lauretti
Attorney Fran Teodosio, Corporation Counsel
Rick Belden, Finance Director for BOE
Attorney Thomas Cotter, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Public Portion
Alderman Anglace asked if anyone else wished to address the Board.

Being none, he closed the public session.

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Alderman Anglace MOVED to add to the agenda the following the items:

9 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – NEW
9.3 FUNDING FOR TWO UNMARKED POLICE VEHICLES & WAIVER OF BID
9.4 FUNDING FOR DRIVEWAY AT NIKE SITE

**10- LEGISLATIVE NEW**
10.2 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE VALLEY FIRE CHIEF’S REGIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL

**11- EXECUTIVE SESSION**
11.2 DISCUSSION – 123 & 0 CANAL STREET

Seconded by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0

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**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to waive the reading and approve the meeting minutes of the following meeting minutes:

1. REGULAR FULL BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

Seconded by Alderman Kudej.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

Minutes can be viewed on the city website: [www.cityofshelton.org](http://www.cityofshelton.org)

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**1.1. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

5.1.1 NO ITEMS

**5.2 PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

5.2.1 NO ITEMS

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**5.3 STREET COMMITTEE**

5.3.1 NO ITEMS
REPORT OF THE MAYOR

NO REPORT.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Alderman Anglace: I do have a report regarding the water main installation that we went through recently. On behalf of the board I wrote a letter to Mrs. Marissa Paslick Gillett, who’s chairman of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, and Mr. John Betkoski, who’s Vice Chairman of Public Utilities Regulatory Authority.

October 5, 2019

Ms. Marissa Paslick Gillett
Chairman
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA)
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Mr. John W. Betkoski
Vice-Chairman
Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA)
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Re: WATER MAIN INSTALLATION, SHELTON, CT

Dear Ms. Gillett and Mr. Betkoski,

The Shelton Board of Aldermen (BOA) recently received a citizen petition to extend the water main in our City. There were some forty (40) households involved and the BOA held a public hearing on the request.

The procedure followed for many years requires a determination of the project scope and an estimate of the cost per household by the City Engineer. Then a vote by ballot determines preferences with the Board of Aldermen making the final decision to proceed or reject.

The City Engineer estimated the cost per household covering the water main extension to be in the neighborhood of $23,000 provided no blasting or other contingencies were encountered. It was estimated to cost another $9,000 to hook up from the curb box to the house.
The estimated total cost of $32,000 was well beyond that which elderly and retired homeowners would be interested in spending at their stage in life. But, on the other hand there was a willingness by the younger group to invest. Consequently, the ballot vote resulted in a majority not in favor of the project and the project was rejected by the Board of Aldermen.

During the public hearing there were several people who asked why this water infrastructure improvement cost had to be levied against each property owner when other Utility companies are allowed to include infrastructure improvements into their rate structure. They asked that this be brought to the attention of PURA for their review and possible change. Hence, this letter!

The council asked that I contact the PURA, our State Representatives and our State Senator and ask them to research this question as the result could have value to all.

I look forward to your early response.

Sincerely,

John F. Anglase, Jr.
President, Shelton Board of Aldermen

6.0 LEGAL REPORT

1.1. CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglase MOVED to authorize a total payment of $2,310 to Corporation Counsel Teodosio Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statements dated October 1, 2019, with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

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Seconded by Alderman Capra.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
6.2 ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of $214.50 to Assistant Corporation Counsel Thomas Galvin Cotter for services rendered per statement dated October 2, 2019 with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

- Professional Services 001-1900-411.30-01 $ 
- Legal Fees 001-1900-411.30-03 $214.50 
- Foreclosure Fees 001-1900-411.50-01 $ 
- Miscellaneous Services 001-1900-411.80-03 $ 
- Court Costs 001-1900-411.80-84 $ 

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

7 LEGISLATIVE - OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

7.1 A NO ITEMS.

8. FINANCIAL BUSINESS OLD

8.1. NO ITEMS.

9. FINANCIAL BUSINESS NEW

9.1 OCTOBER STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $11,546.43 be approved and that the Finance Director be directed to make payments in accordance with the certified list received from the Tax Collector with funds to come from the Statutory Refunds Account 001-0000-311.13.00.

Seconded by Alderman Balamaci.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
9.2 FUNDING FOR PURCHASE OF CHROMEBOOKS FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate funding in an amount of $158,000 for the purchase of Chromebook for the Board of Education with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

Subject to the BOE response to the following questions within the next three months.

1) Demonstrate how student results will be measured.
2) Provide a funding plan over the next eight years.
3) Provide a stakeholder input from teachers, parents and the public.

Seconded by Alderman Gidwani.

Discussion:

Alderman Capra: President Anglace, I have one question for you. There is a mention about the student insurance fee. Do we know how much that is?

Alderman Anglace: I don’t but I think that is built in to the quote if I am not mistaken. No is it not?

Rick Belden: The $258,000 encompasses all the costs that were provided by the bidders, which includes procurement of the Chromebook, warranty which would be accidental damage, destruction and there is a small set up fee. It’s very common, when you go to this type of program, that you provide a fee for use of the Chromebooks that basically covers what we call insurance. So, if they are damaged, we could return them and it helps cover the cost for warranty. Right now, I think it’s $20.00 or $25.00 currently that is being proposed at $30.00 so we basically recoup the cost of the warranty over the period of the life of the product.

Alderman Capra: You guys have started this over the last couple years?

Rick Belden: The program was piloted.

Alderman Capra: With Chromebooks, you guys have charged an insurance fee?

Rick Belden: That’s correct.

Alderman Capra: And you guys have seen success in getting that money?
Rick Belden: Yes. And just for context also, we hand out books worth several hundred dollars each, and if a student happens to lose that book, they are required to reimburse us for it on a prorated basis. So, it's not unusual for us to charge a fee for use of and/or loss of a product.

Alderman Capra: It will probably take some time to get that Chromebook back, where you would have extras in place, and if one was broken you would be able to give someone one temporarily?

Rick Belden: The way the program is set up currently, we use a depot. Combination of two things, we send out the ones we can’t repair. We do them ourselves currently and that’s what the cost that we charge is being used for. Under this current model, going forward, we are looking for a third party do that repair work and we will keep a small inventory on hand. So, this way you could swap it right out and the student doesn’t lose access to it. Then the way this model is set up it’s going to be a quick turnaround, it’s a local depot, it’s right in Trumbull, Connecticut. That is one of the things weighed in favor of that particular vendor.

Alderman Capra: Ok. Thank you.

Rick Belden: You are welcome. Any other questions?

Alderman Balamaci: Yes, just for clarification. So, you went with Lenovo?

Rick Belden: Lenovo was bid by wholesale computers. There were two other bidders that qualified and one was HP and I forgot the other.

Alderman Balamaci: CDWG is the other one.

Alderman Simonetti: What were the other bids, do you remember?

Rick Belden: How much were they?

Alderman Simonetti: Yes, please.

Rick Belden: I think there is a document floating around, I apologize Anthony I didn’t bring it with me. Gene, in the purchasing department, did a great job getting that done.

Alderman Balamaci: Yeah, we have it.

Rick Belden: You got it right there, right? So, this is the lowest overall bidder.

Alderman Balamaci: Thanks.

Rick Belden: You're welcome. Any other questions? Thank you.
Mayor Lauretti: Alderman Anglace, your motion I believe, made it contingent upon the three questions. I am not sure that that contingency was meant to hold up the purchase of the Chromebook.

Alderman Anglace: No, it wasn’t. I will clarify that, it wasn’t. I met with Rick and we talked about this and we agreed that we didn’t want to hold it up, because they have to be ordered, so we want to get that order placed. So, we don’t want to hold anything up. He agreed that he thought three months was reasonable to get the information.

Mayor Lauretti: Right the information is one thing, but the contingency which you incorporate into the motion makes it, they have to answer those questions first before we do the sale, or the purchase I should say?

Alderman Anglace: I think if we clarify that in the discussion, that’s not the intent. The intent is to approve the appropriation, then they will provide us with the information. This is not new, we have been talking about this the last year, two years.

Alderman Simonetti: How long before they would have them? Do you know Rick? If we ordered them tomorrow, when would they come? Two weeks, six weeks?

Rick Belden: My understanding, if we ordered them tomorrow, it would probably be arriving somewhere around the first or second week of November. Then a set up period, so some time before Thanksgiving at the latest, they would be in our hands. And the other thing is, this is tied into some professional development we are doing during the month of November with teachers etc., both on election day and subsequent to that. So, I don’t think we will have them on time for election day, when we have our day off and do PD, but certainly during the month of November so we could have it for both use in the classroom and then start planning for our testing cycle that starts in the spring, the state testing.

Alderman Anglace: You know I just want to comment that these questions, in the pack of information we provided, all these questions are answered. They are all in there. I mean the timing; all that information is in there.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

9.3 FUNDING FOR TWO UNMARKED POLICE VEHICLES & WAIVER OF BID

Alderman Anglace MOVED, per the recommendation of the Purchasing Agent, to waive the bidding process for the purchase of two used unmarked vehicles in an
amount of $42,000 with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

Seconded by Alderman Simonetti.

Discussion:

Alderman Gidwani: Just one question, are these brand-new cars or are these pre-owned cars?

Mayor Lauretti: These are certified pre-owned. They are used vehicles. You know we haven’t had much success, in trying to bid for vehicles like that, in the past. We have done it a couple of times in the last three years, I would say, and most recently we approved the waiver for the truck for the police department because we got no bidders. And really, when you are looking at a used vehicle, they are sitting on a lot. A dealer is not going to hold onto them if they have someone who wants to buy them and wants to wait for our process to unfold, which could be time consuming and they may not get the sale. So, no one holds the vehicles. It’s difficult, it’s very difficult.

Alderman Gidwani: Do we know the approximate mileage on the cars?

Mayor Lauretti: We do, they are in the mid and low 30’s, the mileage. One is a 2016 and one is a 2017.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

9.4 FUNDING FOR DRIVEWAY AT NIKE SITE

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate an amount of $18,000 for the refurbishing of the driveway at the Nike Site with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to section 7.16 of the City Charter.

Seconded by Alderman Kudej.

Discussion:

Mayor Lauretti: For those of you who don’t know, the parks and the schools are not part of the road program. And consequently, funding is not in place for projects like this. If you have been up to the Nike Site lately you will understand whole heartedly, we probably should have done this driveway two years ago. So, we are going to do it now. We are going to do it in house and that really is just the cost of the asphalt. Recently we got a call to go to Sunnyside School and to Mohegan School to take care of similar situations in their lot, in their driveways, so it’s not uncommon.
A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

10– LEGISLATIVE – NEW
10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING
1.1. A. NO ITEMS

10.2 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE VALLEY FIRE CHIEF’S REGIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL

Alderman Anglace MOVED:

Whereas, fire training for our volunteer fire fighters is necessary for them to safely and properly respond to calls under all conditions in order to protect members of the public experiencing danger, distress and tragedy; and

Whereas, the Valley Fire Chief’s Regional Training School is a worthy, necessary and important investment for the safety of the residents of the City of Shelton and for the safety of the public living in the entire southwestern Connecticut region; and

Whereas, a fire training school is necessary to maintain, train and draw new volunteers to not only protect the public but to keep the essential service of volunteer fire fighting in place for the City of Shelton and the entire southwestern Connecticut region; and

Whereas, the State of Connecticut has invested over two million dollars for the purchase of land, geologic and soil testing and architectural renderings for a new Valley Fire Chief’s Regional Training School in Beacon Falls; and

Whereas, the bid process for construction of the School has been completed for a second time; and

Whereas, funding for the School is required through approval by the State of Connecticut Bonding Commission,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Shelton Board of Aldermen supports the construction and permanent establishment of the Valley Fire Chief’s Regionals Training School at the proposed location in the Town of Beacon Falls in order to ensure the proper emergency response training for our volunteer fire fighters to protect safety for not only the people of the City of Shelton but for the entire southwestern Connecticut region.

Be it further resolved, that the Shelton Board of Aldermen support the placing of the funding for the School on the next State of Connecticut Bond Commissions’ agenda
and recommends that the Bonding commission approve the funding as soon as possible so that the Valley Fire Chief’s Regional Training School may be permanently located in the Town of Beacon Falls in the immediate future.

Seconded by Alderman Capra.

Discussion:

Mayor Lauretti: For the record, I am not sure this is just singular for the Valley Fire Training School. I think that there are a few of the proposals in different parts of the state that are the same situation. So, we try to support them all because what is important for us is important for a place like Norwich or Torrington or other locations around the state. Last month at the Council of Governments meeting up in Waterbury, we passed a similar resolution, all the Mayors and First Selectman, to support their effort.

Alderman Anglace: The other municipalities in our region adopted similar resolutions.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

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11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:18 p.m., Mayor Lauretti entertained a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the following agenda items:

11.1 MCMONAGLE WORKER’S COMPENSATION
11.2 DISCUSSION – 123 & 0 CANAL STREET

Motion was MOVED by Alderman Anglace.

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Mayor Lauretti invited Assistant Corporation Counsel Tom Cotter to remain in the auditorium to participate in Executive Session.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

Return to Regular Session

At approximately 7:40 p.m. Alderman Anglace MOVED to return to regular session; SECONDED by Alderman Capra.
Alderman Anglase noted that no votes were taken during the Executive Session.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

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**11.1 MCMONAGLE WORKER’S COMPENSATION**

Attorney Cotter recommended to approve the claim of Nancy McMonagle of March 23, 2018 as discussed in Executive Session.

Alderman Anglase MOVED the recommendation.

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

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**11.2 DISCUSSION – 123 & 0 CANAL STREET**

No Action.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Anglase MOVED to adjourn; Seconded by Alderman Gidwani. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Amy Rodia*

Amy Rodia, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: ________________ BY: ____________________________

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti