

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
***FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING***

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2004**

**AT 6:00 PM IN THE AUDITORIUM**

**SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT**

**AGENDA**

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- ◆ **CALL OF THE MEETING/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- ◆ **PUBLIC PORTION**
- ◆ **AGENDA ITEMS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. **MEETING MINUTES JULY 2004**

**NEW BUSINESS**

2. **AUGUST STATUTORY REFUNDS**
3. **ELECTRICAL WORK – ECHO HOSE FIRE HOUSE**
4. **2004 FENCE VIEWER SALARY**

**OLD BUSINESS**

5. **SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR CONDOMINIUMS – JACK FINN**

**REPORTS:**

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD TO WAIVE THE READING AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF JULY 22, 2004.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2. AUGUST STATUTORY REFUNDS**

**MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD THAT THE REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR RELATIVE TO THE REFUND OF TAXES FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$13,285.44 BE APPROVED AND THAT THE FINANCE DIRECTOR BE DIRECTED TO MAKE PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CERTIFIED LIST RECEIVED FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR. FUNDS TO COME FROM THE STATUTORY REFUNDS ACCOUNT #001-0000-311.13.00**





### 3. ELECTRICAL WORK – ECHO HOSE FIRE HOUSE

#### DISCUSSION

#### MINUTES FROM FULL BOARD

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##### 9.1 *Electrical Work – Echo Hose Fire House*

Alderman Papa MOVED to authorize the payment of \$937.46 to Ulrich electric for work done at Echo Hose Fire House with money to come from the Contingency General Account 001-9900-900.99-00. SECONDED by Alderman Finn. Discussion.

Alderman Papa said he looked back in the information and there is no purchase order. The electrical company is not one of the companies that are authorized by the City to do City work. I don't know if this should be referred by to the Finance Committee for review.

Alderman Anglace stated this is an issue of principal. The money should not come from the Contingency General account. There is a building maintenance account in the Fire Department budget and there is money in that account. It is my understanding, and we have not had much discussion with the Board of Fire Commissioners or anybody else. My understanding is, no purchase order was issued. Bidding practices were not followed, per the purchasing agent. Yet the purchasing agent is recommending that we pay it. What I think we should do is, we should pay it. The work was done and was needed to be done. What I suggest to do is amend the motion and take the money from the building maintenance account, Fire Dept., and then pay the bill. Then the Finance Committee will take it up on their agenda and we will look into the details.

Alderman Finn stated, I do agree that the bill has to be paid but this is only one example. I can tell you Commissioner Kosowski is constantly saying at their meetings that they have to follow the rules and regulations. He is always urging everybody on the Board of Fire Commissioners to follow those. What I am trying to get at, you have other fire companies in the City that don't follow those regulations. They go out and spend what money they want without purchase orders.

Alderman Anglace said, Jack, you make a good point, and there is no doubt that this needs more discussion. If you would like to table it and bring it back to Finance, we could do that.

Alderman Finn said no, I would prefer to pay the bill. The work has been done and we are obligated.

Alderman Papa said that every department is held to these procedures. They just can't go out and have the work done and then ask for the bill to be paid. If every department in the City did that we would have chaos. Alderman Anglace asked, you don't object to paying the bill, right? Right.

So, let's go ahead and pay the bill because the Board of Fire Commissioners has reviewed this. I haven't had the benefit of their thinking. I would like to have that. Amend the motion to pay the bill and have the money come out of the Fire Department Building Maintenance Account.

Alderman Papa MOVED to amend the motion to authorize the payment of \$937.46 to Ulrich Electric for work done at the Echo Hose Fire House with money to come from the Fire Department Building Maintenance Acct 001-2400-512.11-07. Further MOVED to forward to the Finance Committee for a review of the principles/issues. SECONDED by Alderman Finn. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**4. 2004 FENCE VIEWER SALARY**

**MEMO FROM SHARON SCANLON ATTACHED**

**DISCUSSION**



**OLD BUSINESS**

**5. SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT FOR CONDOMINIUMS**

**DISCUSSION**

**LETTER FROM ALDERMAN FINN ATTACHED**

**MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

**4. Special Tax District for Condominiums**

Alderman Finn explained that he and Alderman Minotti had a First Ward meeting and a resident of Aspetuck Village asked to see the City develop a special tax district for condominiums. The community they formerly resided in Stamford had this special tax district. The resident spoke with the City Tax Collector and said this would be workable. Alderman Finn questioned this, as City Hall workers don't say something like this would be workable.

Alderman Finn stated, I would like to have the Finance Committee explore the possibility of establishing a special tax district for condominiums by contacting the City Tax Collector, Assessor and Corporation Counsel. I also would like to contact the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities and find out from them exactly what other communities in the State have this special tax district just for condominiums, as this would include all condominiums in the City of Shelton.

Alderman Anglace stated, I think it's an idea that is worth exploring; it will take a little time to do it and I think there are a lot of questions. It's not a new law as I understand it; I remember it came up a long time ago. It hasn't come up in recent years. Maybe there were some changes to the law, I don't know. We'll talk to the Assessor, have her come to one of our meetings and talk about it; we'll talk to the Tax Collector – I think your points are well taken. We'll have to get Counsel to look at it. It's a good idea.

**ADJOURNMENT**