



Board of Aldermen
Shelton, Connecticut
FINANCE COMMITTEE – JUNE 28, 2005

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Stanley Kudej, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call - Finance Committee

Alderman Stanley Kudej, Chairman, present
Aldermanic President John F. Anglace, Jr. - present
Alderman Nancy Minotti - present

Public Session

Alderman Kudej asked if any member of the public wished to address the Finance Committee. Being none, Alderman Kudej declared the public session closed.

Add-Ons

Alderman Anglace MOVED to add Item 13 to the agenda – Far Mill Deck Repairs; and move item 10 to item 1-A; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

1. Approval of Minutes

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular Finance Committee meeting of May 24, 2005; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

1-A. *Boy with Fish Statue*

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board per the recommendation of the Board of A & T to accept the bid of G & L Capasso Restoration Inc. for the repair of the base of the "Boy With Fish" statue with funding not to exceed \$7,800 to come from LOCIP; and further,

MOVED that this item be added to the Capital Improvements Account. SECONDED by Alderman Anglace.

Marty Coughlin, President of the Shelton Historical Society was present and explained that the amount of \$7,800 isn't the total needed to complete that portion of the project. He showed photos depicting the base of the statue that will be re-pointed and fixed – but also shows a huge chip in the pedestal – which will cost another \$2,400 to repair. He requested that the motion be amended to include the additional amount with a new total of \$10,200. That will complete the repair of the statue and base.

The company that the Historical Society recommended, Capasso, has done the Plumb Memorial Library and have just been awarded the contract to do the stonework on the wall. They have an unmatched reputation as being the best in the State for historical stonework.

There were two bidders. One was TAD Construction from Shelton. They provided a one page document saying what they were going to charge. The Society requested that they document their experience as historic restorers of stone. They did not provide any documentation after numerous requests. In talking to our curator and with the conservator that is doing the entire statue, we felt that rather than taking a chance, and TAD does good work, but it's not historic restoration which requires a different set of skills and talents. Based on those conversations, we recommended going with Capasso.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to AMEND THE MOTION to change \$7,800 to \$10,200 for restoration of the fountain and repair of the chipped portion; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the AMENDMENT PASSED 3-0.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED 3-0.

2. June Statutory Refunds

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of \$1,225.45 be approved if found to be correct, 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; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

JUNE 2005 REFUND OF TAXES

ACCOUNT #	NAME	AMOUNT	REASON
04-01-447	ALHA	\$ 23.80	MOVED
03-01-1581	BALUHA	\$ 17.98	PAID WRONG AMOUNT
01-01-1621	BANC ONE	\$ 600.00	SOLD
03-01-3129	BONACCORSO	\$ 25.14	MOVED
02-01-5489	CHASE	\$ 177.36	SOLD
04-01-5745	CHASSE	\$ 68.53	SOLD
03-04-566	HARTY	\$ 86.49	PAID WRONG AMOUNT
03-04-513	KELL	\$ 109.14	PAID WRONG AMOUNT
03-04-813	MOTIENT	\$ 91.96	PAID WRONG AMOUNT
03-01-24154	NISSAN	\$ 25.05	SOLD
		\$ 1,225.45	

3. Repaving of City Hall Parking Lot

Alderman Finn recommended that the City Hall parking lot be repaved, the rear portion, because the driveway is sunken leaving the center higher and causing cars to bottom out. He felt that in order to encourage employees to use the lot the City should address and correct the problem. It is LOCIP eligible.

4. Proposal for Traffic Engineering Services
502-504 Huntington Street

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board per the recommendation of the City Engineer that the firm of Tighe & Bond perform a traffic study of Huntington Street in the vicinity of #502-504 as detailed in their proposal for engineering services dated May 19, 2005. Further that funding, not-to-exceed \$5,000 to be transferred from the Contingency General account 001-9900-900.99-00 to the Professional Services account 001-1900-411.30-01; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

5. Invoice Approval – American Boiler

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board to approve payment of \$2,485 to American Boiler, Inc. for services rendered to the hot water tank at the Old Intermediate School with funding to come from LOCIP, and further, MOVED to add this amount to the Capital Improvements Account; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace.

Alderman Anglace noted that there are no bids or waiver of bids in the backup information.

Superintendent of Maintenance Joe Sewack explained that it was an emergency situation, the tank was leaking and the building had no hot water.

Mayor Lauretti noted that it wasn't an emergency. The building had no hot water all winter as well.

Alderman Anglace stated that purchases over \$1,000 have to have written quotes.

Mr. Sewack explained that he has been using this company on an emergency basis, and the work has been completed already.

Mayor Lauretti and Alderman Anglace expressed their annoyance with this, but agreed to pay the bill since the work has been completed.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

6. Vending Machine Proposal – Community Center

Alderman Minotti MOVED to forward Item 6 – Vending Machine Proposal – Community Center to Planning and Zoning for an 8-24 referral.

There was no second to the motion.

After discussion it was determined that the vending machine would dispense DVDs. It was agreed that this item is not a necessity. Drop it. End of discussion.

7. Anthem Demutualization Lawsuit – Legal Fees

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board that \$115.93 (Shelton's share of the Anthem Demutualization Lawsuit) be paid to Sullivan, Schoen, Campana & Connon, LLC, with funds to come from the Professional Services Account 001-1900-411.30-01; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace.

Alderman Finn asked that this firm submit their bills similarly broken down as do the Corporation Counsel and Assistant Corporation Counsel.

Alderman Anglace stated that the point is well taken, and perhaps the Administrative Assistant should contact them.

Mayor Laretti explained that this is a cost share of many municipalities, and that Shelton is paying its percentage share. It is more extensive than that and the entire bill is much more in dollar value. This invoice only represents Shelton's percentage share amongst quite a few other municipalities.

Alderman Finn noted that the time element isn't included in the breakdown page.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

8. Riverwalk Park and Center Street Park – New Pole Lighting

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board to approve the installation of new pole lighting at Riverwalk Park and Center Street Park with funding to come from LOCIP; and further, MOVED that this item be added to the Capital Improvements Account; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace.

Alderman Anglace asked, what is the dollar amount and where will these be located?

Mr. Sewack explained he is requesting \$12,000, and that along Canal Street 8-10 lights are damaged – broken at the base or 3 feet up. He is proposing to replace some and add 3 to existing bases at the Center Street Park at Howe and Center. The base is there but with no lights.

He also is proposing a different style of light, and would have to go out to bid. It would cost \$3,400 each to replace the old style. With the new style, which also is much more durable, we got a price of \$2,100 – a savings of a complete unit will be approximately \$1,100. The \$12,000 is covering all of it with one for replacement.

Alderman Anglace would like to see the standardization of lighting throughout the city, and if there is inadequate availability of replacement parts, then we shouldn't buy into that standard.

Alderman Anglace MOVED TO AMEND the motion that after the words "Center Street Park", add "with \$12,000 funding to come from LOCIP; and further, MOVED to add this item to the Capital Improvements Account; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED AS AMENDED 3-0.

9. Highways & Bridges – Overhead Doors

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board per the recommendation of the Board of A & T to accept the bid of the Overhead Door Company for Bid #25-52 for two new overhead doors with funding not to exceed \$7,200 to come from LOCIP; and further, MOVED that this item be added to the Capital Improvements Account; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

11. Shelton Yacht and Cabana Club

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board the reimbursement of the sewer assessment in the amount of \$32,027.70 to the Shelton Yacht and Cabana Club. Further, MOVED to transfer \$32,027.70 from the Contingency General account to the Miscellaneous Refunds account 001-6100-419.80-45; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace.

Alderman Anglace explained that this came about as the result of litigation. Corporation Counsel is recommending this – but on what basis?

Mayor Lauretti explained that they are not tying into the sewer line in a case where the assessment was made. They are tying in on River Road as opposed to Long Hill Avenue.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

12. Appraisal Invoice – Rodia Property

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board to authorize payment of \$500 to John M. Rak for the property appraisal for the Rodia Property as authorized by the Board of Aldermen on December 9, 2004 with funding to come from the Professional Services account #001-0100-411.30-01; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

13. Far Mill Deck Repairs

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board per the recommendation of the City Engineer to award the deck repairs of Farmill Crossing Bridge to NJR Construction, LLC, with funding not to exceed \$140,000, to come from LOCIP and further, MOVED to add this item to the Capital Improvements Account; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Adjournment

At approximately 6:35 p.m., Alderman Minotti MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Anglace. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder
Clerk, Board of Aldermen