

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2005

AT 6:00 PM IN ROOM 104

SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT

AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 2004**

NEW BUSINESS

2. **ELDERLY TAX REVIEW - DISCUSSION**

OLD BUSINESS

3. **CITY WIDE ENERGY ASSET MANAGEMENT – PHASE 1 TRANSITION TO PHASE 2**
4. **38-40 OAK AVENUE – DRAINAGE ISSUE - CLAIM**

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 December 16, 2004.**



Board of Aldermen
Shelton, Connecticut
FINANCE COMMITTEE – DECEMBER 16, 2004

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Alderman Stanley Kudej, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5 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. - absent
Alderman Nancy Minotti - present

Alderman John Finn

Public Session

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

1. Approval of Minutes

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of October 28, 2004; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 2-0.

2. November 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 \$8,036.30 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; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 2-0.

3. December 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 \$3,705.38 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; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 2-0.

4. New Furnace – Parks & Rec Garage

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board to approve the purchase of a new furnace for the Parks and Recreation garage with funding of \$1,500 to come from LOCIP; and further, MOVED to recommend to the full Board to add this to the Capital Improvements List. SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 2-0.

5. Rubber Floor – Community Center Weight Rooms

Alderman Minotti MOVED to recommend to the full Board to approve the purchase of a rubber floor for the Community Center with funding of \$4,990 to come from LOCIP; and further,

MOVED to recommend to the full Board to add this to the Capital Improvements List. SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 2-0.

6. Drainage Issue – Hemlock Drive

Alderman Kudej MOVED to refer this to Corporation Counsel for review; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 2-0.

7. Statutory Refund Shortage

Sharon Scanlon, Assistant Finance Director was present to address the Finance Committee in response to a question from Board of Apportionment and Taxation member Judson Crawford, who also was present.

Alderman Kudej MOVED to accept the recommendation of the Assistant Finance Director as to splitting up the payments and clarify that the people are being paid in the proper fashion; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 2-0.

8. 38-40 Oak Avenue- Drainage Issue

Alderman Kudej explained that the City's insurance company has denied Mr. Mikita's claim for damages. He will forward this claim to the full board.

9. Request for Qualification – Superstructure – Community Center Pool

Alderman Kudej suggested the Finance Committee solicit engineering reports on this before any other action is taken.

Alderman Kudej MOVED to TABLE; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 2-0.

10. Energy Asset Assessment – Phase II

Cheryl from Clough Harbor Associates and Joe Sewack from Maintenance were present.

Alderman Minotti MOVED to refer this item to the full Board for discussion and recommendation; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 2-0.

Adjournment

At approximately 5:45 p.m., Alderman Minotti MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

2. ELDERLY TAX REVIEW - DISCUSSION

1. DOES STATE LAW ALLOW US TO LEGISLATE A TAX FREEZE?
2. WHAT IS THE EXPECTED IMPACT OF SUCH A PROGRAM ON THE REST OF THE TAXPAYERS IF THE PROGRAM WERE ALLOWED TO BEGIN AT AGE 55, AT AGE 65 AND AT AGE 75?
3. WHAT WOULD BE THE LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES CONNECTED WITH SUCH A LAW AND WHAT COSTS MIGHT BE EXPECTED AS A RESULT?
4. THE STATE HAD AN ELDERLY TAX FREEZE LAW IN EFFECT FOR MANY YEARS WHERE THEY SUBSIDIZED CITIES AND TOWNS FOR THE LOST REVENUE. THIS LAW WAS REPEALED AND THOSE REMAINING ON THE PROGRAM, GRANDFATHERED.

The Assessor shall provide some answers to the above.

1. SINCE MOST OF THE BOA ARE OVER 55, WOULD IT BE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR THIS BOARD TO ENACT SUCH LEGISLATION SINCE WE WOULD MOST LIKELY BENEFIT FROM IT?

OLD BUSINESS

3. ENERGY ASSET MANAGEMENT

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- REVIEW OF "PROPOSED BRIDGE" FROM PHASE 1 TO PHASE 2
- REVIEW LOCIP ELIGIBILITY AND PROGRAM GUIDELINES
- REVIEW EXPANDED SCOPE OF PROGRAM FOR PHASE 2

4. 38 – 30 OAK AVE. DRAINAGE ISSUE - CLAIM

DISCUSSION

THIS CLAIM IS STILL BEING REVIEWED BY THE INSURANCE CARRIER.

ADJOURNMENT