Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Aldermanic President John Anglace called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7 p.m. All those present rose and pledged allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President - present
Alderman John “Jack” Finn - present
Alderman Stanley Kudej – present
Alderman Joseph Lanzi - present
Alderman Lynne Farrell - present
Alderman Kenneth Olin - present
Alderman John P. Papa – present
Alderman Nancy Minotti – present

Administration:

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti
Corporation Counsel Thomas Welch

There was a quorum of 8 present, 0 absent.

Public Session

Alderman Anglace asked if any member of the public wished to address the Board.

Mary Kelley Gall, 44 Rock Ridge Road

I want to read a letter from the Shelton High School PTSO regarding the budget.

To the Board of Aldermen:

The Shelton High School PTSO, a representative of all PTSOs, which is Parent-Teacher-Student Organization, wishes to express
their concerns for the recent Board of Education budget, and the lack of funding for that budget.

It was clearly outlined during the joint meeting of the Board of Aldermen, the Board of A & T and the Board of Education, that to not completely fund the proposed Board of Ed budget as requested by the Board of Ed would result in the elimination of the Alternative Education Program, the REAP Program, Teachers, Guidance Counselors, classes at the High School and other integral programs and services to all the students of the Shelton School system.

The Board of Aldermen has always attempted to provide the best solution and the best education to our students of Shelton, and we hope that it will continue to do so and therefore, we are requesting that the Board of Ed budget as proposed by the Board of Ed be completely funded or restored.

Thank you for your efforts and your consideration.

Sincerely,
Shelton High School PTSO Executive Board

Jane Dowty, 129 East Village Road

Mr. Anglace, and Members of the Shelton Board of Aldermen:

I’ve lived in Shelton for the past 22 years and have been an active member of the community. I’ve watched the Shelton community grow and evolve into a community anyone would be proud of. I’ve also seen the Education system make major strides and improvements to enhance the teaching and learning for all students in the Shelton School system. It is with this in mind that I address you this evening.

Members of the Shelton Board of Education are elected officials and it is their responsibility to maintain effective, workable and attainable high criteria for the entire school system. The Board of Education needs to insure that every student acquires the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in an ever-changing world.

The Board of Education has submitted its proposed 2005-2006 school year budget to you for your review and approval. The presented budget will afford the Shelton School system the opportunity to continue its path of growth for the benefit of all the children in the Shelton School system. I stand here this evening asking you to consider and approve the
proposed Board of Education budget as presented for the 2005-2006 school year. We have a responsibility to the future of this community – our children – to provide them with the best education that we can. To eliminate programs, staff or other school initiatives would be detrimental to our children and the Shelton School system. We need to continue to support our children’s education and their future in a very competitive world.

I thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to your support of the recommended budget by the Shelton Board of Education.

Alderman Anglance asked if any other member of the public wished to address the Board. Being none, he declared the public session closed.

**Agenda Items**

**Add-Ons**

Alderman Papa MOVED to add to the agenda:

9.12 Highways & Bridges - Additional Equipment Repair Allocation
11.8 Executive Session – Presentation as a Result of the Negotiations between the Mayor and Tall Farm

SECONDED by Alderman Finn. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

**Minutes for Approval**

Alderman Papa MOVED to waive the reading of and accept the meeting minutes of the special meeting of March 4, 2005, regular meeting of March 10, 2005, public hearing of March 22, 2005, and the special joint meeting of March 31, 2005; SECONDED by Alderman Lanzi. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

**5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**5.1.1 Approval of Minutes**

Alderman Kudej MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Committee to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular Finance Committee meeting of January 25, 2005 and the March 3, 2005 meeting minutes as amended and filed with the City Clerk on Wednesday
March 9, 2005; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

Mayor Lauretti entered the meeting at this point.

### 5.1.2 February Statutory Refunds

Alderman Kudej MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $46,883.95 be approved, is 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 Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

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### 5.1.3 March Statutory Refunds

Alderman Kudej MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of $45,934.01 be approved, is 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 Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
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$45,934.01
5.1.4  **Suspense List Approval**

Alderman Kudej MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the Grand List, for a total of $187,934.30 be transferred from the Grand Lists into Suspense per State Statute Section 12-165:

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A full copy of the Suspense List is on file with the Board of Aldermen Clerk and the Tax Collector.

In response to a question by Alderman Papa, Corporation Counsel Welch stated, these numbers represent amounts of taxes that we will not collect, due to bankruptcy, a business going out that has no assets, uncollectible.

SECONDED by Alderman Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

5.1.5  **Appraisal – Long Hill Avenue – Map 21 Lot 46**

Alderman Kudej MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Committee to authorize payment of $1,000 to John M. Rak for property appraisal as noted on Map 21, Lot 46 as authorized by the Board of Aldermen on January 13, 2005 with funding to come from the Professional Services Account # 001-0100-411.30-01; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti.

Alderman Lanzi stated, the bill is for $1,500, and the motion stated $1,000.

Mayor Lauretti stated, you are correct. Perhaps we should modify the motion to reflect “not to exceed $1,500” and if it’s only $1,000 there’s no need to take any action.
Alderman Anglace MOVED to AMEND the MOTION to approve up to $1,500, subject to verification by the Mayor; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the AMENDMENT PASSED 8-0.

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

5.1.6 Title Searches – Pine Rock Park – Unknown Lots

Alderman Kudej MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the payment of $1,000 to Land Titles Incorporated for title searches regarding the four “unknown lots” located in Pine Rock Park with funding to come from the Pine Rock Park Fund account #213-0000-410.80-75; SECONDED by Alderman Lanzi.

Alderman Anglace stated, in accordance with the ordinance in place, any money expended out of the Pine Rock Park Fund needs the approval of the two Aldermen from the Third Ward. As one of the Aldermen, I approve.

Alderwoman Lynne Farrell concurred.

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

5.1.7 New Phone System – Highways & Bridges

Alderman Kudej MOVED, per the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the installation of a new phone system at the Highways & Bridges Department at a cost not to exceed $4,100 with funding to come from LOCIP, and further

MOVED to add this to the Capital Improvements List; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti.

Alderman Anglace stated, one thing is missing and I think we should have you verify it. There is no documentation saying this is the recommendation of the Board of Apportionment and Taxation, that this is the successful bidder.

Mayor Lauretti explained, it doesn’t have to be recommended by A & T as it wasn’t a bid item. It was best price, as it is under $5,000 – three quotes. You should also know that the system is 20 years old and I think it’s fair to say that the City got its money’s worth out of it. There
may be a possibility that we may have another application as opposed to this one. I’m going to hold off on that until I verify that. We have a system in another building that will be coming out and possibly fit there. So we may not need to do this, but I’m not totally sure at this point. Let’s approve it tonight with the understanding that the research will be done, and I’ll report back to the Board at the next meeting.

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

5.1.8 **Garage Doors – Highways & Bridges**

Alderman Kudej MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Committee to approve the purchase of a new garage door from the Overhead Door Company with a cost not to exceed $3,800 with funding to come from LOCIP; and further,

MOVED that this be added to the Capital Improvements List; SECONDED by Alderman Olin.

Mayor Lauretti stated, this was an emergency situation where, some time mid-February the door fell apart due to age and wear. We had a makeshift and sealed the opening until the new door was placed on order. I asked the Maintenance Director to go to bid for the other two doors, because the garage has three doors. I think at this point it’s fair to say, like the phone system, we’ve gotten our fair share from the doors, I don’t want to be in that situation again where we can’t get vehicles in and out for repair during snowstorms, which is our peak pressing time when the garage needs to be available. I’m going to have it done over the summer months. That will require bids, so understand that this is coming back. There are three doors; this is one of them.

In response to a question by Alderman Papa, Mayor Lauretti explained, these doors are not your average garage doors. These doors are probably twice or 2 ½ times or 3 times the size of a regular garage door. They’re an equivalent to what you see on the fire house.

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

5.1.9 **Additional Funding – Professional Services Account - Auditor**

Alderman Kudej MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Committee the transfer of $700 from the Contingency General Account #001-0900-900.90-00 to Professional Services Account 001-0300-
412.30-01 to cover the contracted price of the auditor as approved by the Board of Aldermen on January 27, 2005; SECONDED by Alderman Lanzi.

Alderman Anglase stated, the auditors contracts were approved on a first, second, third, fourth and fifth year basis. The first year of the contract is the year ending June 30, 2004. The cost that was approved is $45,300. The amount budgeted was $700 less. That is why.

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

5.1.10 Funding Request Transfer – Special Area Study Account – Planning & Zoning Commission

Alderman Kudej MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Committee the transfer of $8,000 from Contingency General Account 001-0900-900.90-00 to the Special Area Study Account 001-0900-414.30-31 to cover the cost of the Traffic Consultant for the 2005 Plan of Development; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti.

Mayor Lauretti stated, I think the motion is a little bit misleading in that the traffic consultant was already paid for out of this account, which depleted the account. The account is needed for other areas that our planning consultant has to research on behalf of the Commission. So that is what the appropriation is for.

Alderman Anglase added, it’s stated clearly in the March 16th memo, Item #1.

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

5.1.11 Plumb Memorial Library Restoration – Funding Request

Alderman Kudej MOVED per the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Plumb Memorial Library Building Committee to approve $62,000 for the restoration of the Library, with funding not to exceed $62,000 to come from LOCIP; and further,

MOVED to add this item to the Capital Improvements List; SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Alderman Anglase stated, the members should know that the Finance Committee wishes to give the Library restoration a first priority.
The Finance Committee has also addressed the Library building needs through the Energy Asset Study that is currently underway, and recognizes the need to coordinate this work between the Library Restoration Building Committee and the soon to be named Energy Asset Building Committee.

Therefore, Alderman Anglace MOVED to AMEND the motion to add the stipulation that finalization of the Library work to be completed is subject to the final approval of the Mayor; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti.

Alderman Anglace explained, the two committees – the Energy Asset Study Committee and the Library Restoration Building Committee are going to have to coordinate their efforts. I think that we should have the Mayor involved to make sure the efforts are coordinated and that nothing happens until – this is a historic building. We’ve got to do some air conditioning, heat work, and they could really botch this thing up unless the two committees and the Mayor are involved. It’s got to be done cooperatively and correctly.

Mayor Lauretti added, as John indicated, this building is on the National Historic Registry. It’s a 100-year-old building. We need to make an investment and I think everybody agrees with that. We re-did the windows last year, and the sashes and the sills, and all of the boundaries out side the building. The form of air conditioning that they had were window units. I just couldn’t bring myself to go back in that direction by putting those old window units back into that beautiful building. I think it’s high time that we centralize the air conditioning system. But it becomes a little bit complicated because of the woodwork inside the building and where the air ducts would normally go and how it would impact all of the trim inside the building. In addition to that, the air conditioning is not just standard air conditioning; it needs to be humidified so that it serves as – temperature and humidity controls to preserve the older books that are kept there.

As John indicated, we have embarked upon another Energy Management Study for all the City buildings and we’re going to try to get these two to interact.

Alderman Anglace concluded, we’re looking for volunteers to serve on the committee.

Mayor Lauretti asked, do we have any takers in the audience?
A voice vote was taken and the AMENDMENT PASSED 8-0.

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

5.2 PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

No items.

5.3 STREET COMMITTEE

5.3.1 Regular Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2005

Alderman Olin MOVED per the recommendation of the Street Committee to waive the reading of and approve the regular minutes of March 1, 2005 Street Committee; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

5.3.2 Proposed Extension of Tuxedo Avenue

Alderman Olin MOVED per the recommendation of the Street Committee and the City Engineer to accept the proposed extension of Tuxedo Avenue with the following terms and conditions:

- The applicant shall obtain any and all permits required by the Inland Wetlands Commission
- The approval of this roadway extension shall include granting the right to grade and fill the small portion of the City parcel (Assessor’s Lot 31) as shown on the drawings.
- The lots shall be served by public sanitary sewers.
- The approval of this application is for the road construction only and does not include the approval of any development plans for the four affected lots. An engineered site plan shall be required for each lot to be built upon.
- The applicant/developer shall post performance surety in the amount of $26,000 to ensure completion of the 120 foot extension of Tuxedo Avenue.
- The failure to obtain Inland Wetlands approval shall make the approval to construct this road extension null and void.
- Lastly, request that both Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Aldermen declare that Tuxedo Avenue cannot be constructed/extended beyond this last approved terminus.
SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Mayor Lauretti stated, I have one question with respect to this motion. I noticed that the City water is not included along with sanitary sewers. I have to believe there is City water down there on that road.

Alderman Anglace stated, there may not be. George?

Mr. George Sender, speaking from the audience, stated, no. That whole street is on well water. Harvard Avenue as well; from Hillside all the way down.

Mayor Lauretti stated, Harvard is not as dense as Tuxedo Avenue, but in some respects it is. I was just concerned about the number of homes that are on that street and there’s no city water, that doesn’t make a lot of sense.

Alderman Anglace stated, if they wanted the water they’d have to petition.

Mayor Lauretti asked, George, the water is out on River Road?

Mr. Sender replied, the water is up on Coram.

Mayor Lauretti stated, so that would come down to the woods.

Mr. Sender stated, well, it’s one block over. Tuxedo is parallel to Coram.

Mayor Lauretti stated, it would seem to me that it would make some sense that we research that to see what the feasibility is to include water, at least, if it’s going to come off of Coram, down from Coram, into the back end of Tuxedo, and then at some point in time if all else failed that there’s an opportunity to extend the water from that point out to the River road. I’d rather see that done now.

Alderman Finn stated, are you referring to the City putting the water in or the developer putting the water in?

Mayor Lauretti stated, well, the City would have to participate too. Even if we went 1/3 share, but even if we brought it to the point where the cul-de-sac is now. Because in the future, we’d be able to tap in with a lot less pain.
Alderman Finn stated, okay, I understand what you’re saying, that the City would foot the bill all the way down to the existing cul-de-sac. Then the new cul-de-sac, which would be the permanent cul-de-sac, would be the responsibility of the developer to extend the water.

Mayor Lauretti stated, well, I think the City could participate in some form. I wouldn’t want to commit to how far we would go, because I’m not sure. I don’t know enough about it. I certainly think that it warrants.

Alderman Anglance stated, I think we should approve the motion as it is and look at the water situation. You may have to petition all of the people and see if they want it.

Mayor Lauretti stated, I’m talking about if you’re going to come off of Coram, you would come in the back way with the main. You’d have to get an easement to go through the side yards. Then you would come into the back of the new cul-de-sac. Then you would dead end it there. Then at some point in time in the future, if wells fail along Tuxedo, at least you would have the water in the road and you’d just have to extend it from the old cul-de-sac out to River Road. We’re talking a short stretch.

[The Mayor and the Aldermen looked at and discussed a map amongst themselves]

Alderman Lanzi stated, there doesn’t seem to be any houses on Lots 77 and 58.

Mayor Lauretti stated, yes, Corporation Counsel brings to our attention that the City owns that. That would be a painless avenue if there’s not a lot of cost associated with it.

Corporation Counsel Welch stated, actually it’s Lots 40 and 53 – look further to the right. My recommendation is that the City Engineer take a look at the feasibility and report back.

Mayor Lauretti stated, the drop doesn’t mean anything; it’s what’s underneath the ground.

Alderman Anglance stated, you’ve got another situation here as well. Something that was run into over on John Dominick Drive. You don’t know until you petition the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company what kind of
pressure they can bring to those houses with that topography. You’re going to have to do a little bit more work on it.

Mayor Lauretti stated, I think we can go ahead and pass it, but at the minimum with an amendment.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to AMEND the MOTION that the City Engineer will research the feasibility of the extension of water from Coram to the end of the old cul-de-sac; SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

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

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

5.3.3  Proposed Extension of Wells Avenue

Alderman Olin MOVED per the recommendation of the Street Committee and the City Engineer to accept the site plan prepared for Gary Thompson dated December 1, 2004 and revised February 11, 2005 with the following conditions:

[Alderman Anglace left the room at this point]

- The applicant shall obtain slope rights in favor of the City from the owner(s) of the abutting properties in a format and language acceptable to the City, and record the deed in the land records.
- The applicant shall obtain any and all permits from the Inland Wetlands Commission.
- The building lot shall be served by public water and public sanitary sewer.
- The applicant shall file a survey map showing the land transfer between lots 188/189 and lots 185/186/187.
- The applicant shall post performance surety in the amount of $18,000 in order to ensure the completion of the 60 foot extension of Wells Avenue.
- The failure to obtain/record the slope rights or obtain Inland Wetlands approval shall make an approval to construct this road null and void.

SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.
REPORT OF THE MAYOR

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Mayor Lauretti noted that Alderman Anglace is out of the room, but if he has a report to make we’ll come back to this.

6.0   LEGAL REPORT

6.1 Corporation Legal Counsel

Alderman Papa MOVED to authorize a total payment of $4,573.13 to Corporation Counsel Winnick, Vine, Welch, & Teodosio, LLC for services rendered per statement dated April 6, 2005 with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

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SECONDED by Alderman Lanzi. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7-0.

[Alderman Anglace returned at this point].

6.2 Assistant Corporation Counsel Billing

Alderman Papa MOVED to authorize a total payment of $1,187.50 to Assistant Corporation Counsel Ramón Sous for services rendered per statement dated April 1, 2005 with funds to come from the following legal services accounts:

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SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

6.3 Legal Bill – Sheehy & Dillon

Alderman Papa MOVED to authorize a total payment of $1,987.50 to special Corporation Counsel Sheehy & Dillon for services rendered to the Shelton Board of Ethics per statement dated January 12, 2005 with funds to come from the Legal Fees account 001-1900-411.30-03; SECONDED by Alderman Lanzi. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Alderman Anglase stated, at the last meeting, we discussed the taking of East Village Road land along East Village Road and I’m wondering, Alderman Finn, if you had a chance to research that. You said you were going to look into it and you thought we took an action earlier.

Alderman Finn stated, that’s correct, I thought we did. I was unable to research it. I had surgery. I will research that and report back to the Board.

Alderman Anglase continued, I’d also like to announce some dates with respect to the budget:

- April 19, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. - Joint meeting with the Board of Apportionment and Taxation;
- April 26, 2005 at 7 p.m. will be the public hearing on the budget;
- May 9th at 5:30 - Board of Aldermen Workshop on the budget;
- May 12th Regular meeting we’ll be in the position to adopt the budget.

7 LEGISLATIVE - OLD

7.1.A Amendment Street Excavation Ordinance #715

Alderman Anglase MOVED to accept the amendment to Ordinance #715 Street Excavation as presented at the Public Hearing on Ordinances on March 22, 2005; and further,

MOVED that this Ordinance be published in summary form with a full copy to be filed for review with the City/Town Clerk; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti.

Alderman Papa stated, the only change, as we discussed before, from the old to the new, is that basically the Chief of Police has final authorization on any work being done on the roads and the Public Highways Director doesn’t have any final say. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
7.1.B Amendment - Ordinance Relating to the Salary of the Mayor Ordinance #758

Alderman Anglace MOVED to accept the amendment to Ordinance #758 Relating to the Salary of the Mayor as presented at the Public Hearing on Ordinances on March 22, 2005; and further,

MOVED that this Ordinance be published in summary form with a full copy to be filed for review with the City/Town Clerk; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti.

Alderman Finn stated, I just wanted to let you know, nothing personal, I’m not going to be supporting this. I haven’t supported the Mayor’s salary since I was elected to office.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 7 Yes, 1 No (Finn).

7.1.C Amendment – Clerk’s Pay Ordinance #748

Alderman Anglace MOVED to accept the amendment to Ordinance #748 Clerk’s Pay as presented at the Public Hearing on Ordinances on March 22, 2005., and further,

MOVED that this Ordinance be published in summary form with a full copy to be filed for review with the City/Town Clerk; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Alderman Anglace stated, I just hope that everybody can see their way clear to support this ordinance. It has been nine years since we made any adjustments to it. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

7.1.D Amendment – Corporation Counsel Salary Ordinance #724

Alderman Anglace MOVED to accept the amendment to Ordinance #724 Corporation Counsel Salary as presented at the Public Hearing on Ordinances on March 22, 2005; and further,

MOVED that this Ordinance be published in summary form with a full copy to be filed for review with the City/Town Clerk; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
7.1 Samarius Wernick

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize Attorney Stephen R. Bellis, acting on behalf of the City of Shelton, to file an additional motion to reopen the judgment and extend the law day for an additional six months in the case of City of Shelton v. Samarius Wernick; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

8 FINANCIAL BUSINESS OLD

8.1 Request to Purchase City Property – Orawoc Trail

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to obtain an appraisal of the property identified as Map 21 Lot 18, Orawoc Trail; SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Alderman Anglace stated, this is the next step in the Procedure to Sell City Property Ordinance 782.

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

8.2 Request to Purchase City Property – Kanungum Trail

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to obtain an appraisal of the property identified on Map 11-b Lot 50, Kanungum Trail; SECONDED by Alderman Olin.

Alderman Anglace stated, the Planning and Zoning favorable 8-24 was subject to the recommendation of the City Engineer. I’ve asked the Board of Aldermen Clerk to forward to the City Engineer a copy of the Ordinance on Purchasing Property, Ordinance #782, which she was going to do. I’m not sure that he was aware that this Ordinance provides that if we determine that we’re going to sell it, and we set a price, and we go out for bid, if we’re going to deed restrict it we put that in and advertise it that way, but we cannot sell it to the abutting property owner, because the process takes it out of the realm; it makes it more objective.

Mayor Lauretti asked, was there a request to purchase this?

Alderman Anglace replied, yes. All of these actions are the result of inquiries made by the public to purchase property owned by the City. In some cases we have rejected for various reasons, selling it, but in those cases that we got favorable comments from Conservation, favorable comments from Parks & Rec, favorable comments from 8-24 from
Planning and Zoning and we’ve decided to proceed, especially in Pine Rock Park, we’ve agreed that if we do sell the lot, it will be deed restricted so you can’t build a home on it.

Mayor Lauretti asked, who, other than the adjoining property owner, would be interested?

Alderman Anglance replied, that is up to anybody who wants to bid on it to decide; not up to us. We’re putting it up for grabs for everybody.

Mayor Lauretti stated, and that would include the adjoining property owners.

Alderman Anglance stated, exactly.

Mayor Lauretti stated, well, you said you were not going to sell it to the abutting property owners.

Alderman Anglance clarified, by stating, we’re not going to designate the sale to that person. It has to go to bid. We’ll advertise it. Everybody – here are the conditions under which we’re selling it. Now, I happen to know, because the people, in their letters when they wrote them in, they said we’re willing to bid on this property, we understand the Ordinance, and we’re willing to bid on the property even though you’re going to deed restrict it. The deed restriction part in Pine Rock Park came about because of the Pine Rock Park Association, who want to do everything possible to reduce the density of the park.

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

9 FINANCIAL BUSINESS NEW

9.1 Emergency Operations Plan for Shelton Reservoir No. 2 Dam – Request for Funding

Alderman Anglance MOVED per the recommendation of the City Engineer to transfer $8,000 from the Contingency General Account 001-9900-900.90-00 to an account to be determined by the Finance Director for the purpose of developing an Emergency Operations Plan for Shelton #2 Dam; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej.

Alderman Lanzi asked, what is wrong with the dam?
Alderman Anglace replied, it’s not that there’s something wrong with it. We have to develop an emergency plan.

Mayor Lauretti explained, before the City bought the property, the dam underwent a reconstruction/rehab. Rehab is a more appropriate term. We need to evaluate the dam because sometimes if there’s sediment buildup behind the dam it puts more pressure on the dam and it’s not designed to carry the weight with the extra water during inclement weather. So in the event there is an unfavorable weather event that causes some problems we need to try to predict as best we can how to deal with it or how to prevent it.

If you walk across the new bridge we put up there, you’ll see there is quite a bit of sediment built up.

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

9.2 Historic Documents Preservation Grant Application

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign the attached agreement for a historical document preservation grant application; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

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9.3 Human Resources Consultant – William White – Billing

Alderman Anglace MOVED to transfer $2,525.39 from the Contingency General Account #001-9900-900.99-00 to the Professional Services Account #001-0100-411.30-01; and

Further, MOVED to authorize the Finance Director to pay William White – Human Resources Consultant, the sum of $2,525.39 from the Professional Services Account for services rendered in accordance with Ordinance #758; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

9.4 Traffic Impact Evaluation - Armstrong Road

Alderman Anglace MOVED per the recommendation of the City Engineer and the Planning and Zoning Administrator to transfer $5,500 from the Contingency General Account 001-9900-900.90-00 to an account to be determined by the Finance Director for the purpose of conducting a
traffic impact evaluation for Armstrong Road pending approval of the Board of A & T Finance Committee; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti.

Mayor Lauretti stated, I think we should ask the Planning and Zoning Commission to ask the applicant to pay for the costs associated with this, and that the City select who the consultant is, and the City work directly with the consultant, and let the applicant pay the bill. That would be my position.

Alderman Finn agreed, stating, that is what I said, why are we paying?

Alderman Anglace stated, I see it a little differently, I think going in asking the applicant may end up in delay and I would much rather – we can ask them and see what happens. But I’d rather pass this motion and leave it in the Mayor’s hands that if you don’t get anywhere then you’re free to move immediately.

Mayor Lauretti asked, do we know how the Planning and Zoning Commission feels about this? Have we had any discussions or correspondence, have we sent a request to them?

Alderman Anglace stated, this was sent to the Planning and Zoning Administrator and the City Engineer recommended that we move ahead with it.

Mayor Lauretti stated, but that defeats the point. Moving ahead with it is okay but the same thing applies for the environmental impact study. I don’t know why that should be our responsibility.

Alderman Papa asked, you’re saying that it should be the developer’s?

Alderman Anglace asked, is it normal for an applicant to provide the traffic study? If it is,

Mayor Lauretti interjected, the application is not normal because it’s an application that’s asking for far beyond what the area is zoned for. If the area is zoned for a specific zone and an application comes in that reflects what that zone calls for, then I would agree with you.

Alderman Finn stated, I see where John is coming from, Mr. Mayor, if it’s not part of Planning and Zoning’s requirement that the applicant does perform a traffic study, I agree with John that we should go ahead and do it, see what the impact is.
Mayor Lauretti stated, they’ve asked applicants in the past to do traffic studies; not for this, but they have on Bridgeport Avenue, for different intersections they had to supply traffic studies.

Alderman Anglace stated, we’re not objecting to asking Planning and Zoning and asking the applicant, we’re saying that’s fine, but if that doesn’t work, we just want you to be in the position that, if you have to move, you move.

Mayor Lauretti stated, there’s no incentive for anybody on the other side to buy that, and then the onus falls on my lap. This is not a normal application.

Alderman Papa stated, then they should pay for the traffic study.

Mayor Lauretti replied, that’s my point.

Alderman Papa stated, that is what Planning and Zoning should advise them that they are required to do a traffic study, to tell us that it’s feasible or not feasible.

Mayor Lauretti stated, we are not in the position where we can tell them that they have to do it. We can do this traffic study, and it could sit there. They don’t even have to look at it at Planning and Zoning.

Alderman Finn stated, the traffic impact evaluation can be performed by the Valley Regional Planning – am I correct?

Mayor Lauretti stated, somebody has to pay for it, Jack. Just because they’re going to do it; somebody has got to pay for it. We don’t need the Valley Regional Planning Agency to do a traffic impact study on that road. It’s not rocket science. The same thing applies for the next item – 9.5; the same discussion.

Corporation Counsel Welch stated, I think that based upon the ideas that I’m hearing, is pass the motion with an amendment to it. Request that you authorize funds and subject to seek reimbursement from the applicant. So you’ve got the funds and then as part and condition of the application through Planning and Zoning, it’s obviously your jurisdiction over Planning and Zoning if you don’t have it, but to send this to them saying that we expect this is subject to reimbursement by the applicant, so that they may make it contingent upon their application process.
Alderman Anglace stated, I don’t have a problem with that. I just want to be sure that we get moving on it, because in addition to the City, I think there are other parties involved as interveners who could use this information as well.

Mayor Lauretti stated, but for that to have any standing, it’s got to be authorized by the Planning and Zoning Commission. It has got to be on the record.

Alderman Anglace stated, I would MOVE TO AMEND THE MOTION to include “Subject to and conditioned upon reimbursement by the applicant” for Item 9.4 and 9.5, because it pertains to both issues.

Mayor Lauretti stated, so on 9.4 we’ll use this as an amendment to the existing motion, and on 9.5 we’ll just make it part of the regular motion.

SECONDED by Alderman Finn. A voice vote was taken and the AMENDMENT PASSED 8-0.

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

Mayor Lauretti stated, with respect to these two items, I think it’s totally appropriate to ask for this. These are not normal applications. If the applications were as of right, then that’s a different situation; then I don’t think we have the right to ask. But I think in this situation we absolutely do.

Alderman Anglace stated, we ask. If the applicant doesn’t agree, then let’s do it and then we’ll go after the applicant in court.

Mayor Lauretti stated, that would be the wrong approach.

Corporation Counsel Welch stated, I think there are certain legal issues, Alderman Anglace, which I can research over the weekend and get back to you on Tuesday morning. I think the motion as presented is sufficient at this point in time. I believe that Planning and Zoning can make it part of their application process that where statute allows for these types of services to be reimbursed by the applicant.

### 9.5 Environmental Impact Evaluation – Armstrong Road

Alderman Anglace MOVED per the recommendation of the City Engineer and the Planning and Zoning Administrator to transfer $8,800 from the Contingency General Account 001-9900-900.90-00 to an account to be
determined by the Finance Director for the purpose of conducting a environmental impact evaluation for Armstrong Road, pending approval of the Board of A & T Finance Committee, and subject to and contingent upon reimbursement by the applicant; SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Mayor Lauretti stated, with respect to which account it gets transferred into, it will more than likely be in the Professional Services Account - Administrative Offices.

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

9.6 Cost Sharing Agreement – Traffic Control Signal Revision – State Project No. 173-342

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute an agreement between the state of Connecticut and the City of Shelton for the revision of a traffic control signal at the intersection of Route 108 (Shelton Avenue) at Soundview Avenue and Old Shelton Road in the City of Shelton and authorize the payment of $3,000 to the State of Connecticut with funding to come from the Contingency General Account 001-9900-900.99-00; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign any necessary documents pertaining to State Project No. 173-342; SECONDED by Alderman Lanzi.

Alderman Anglace stated, this has been in the works for a couple of years. We’re finally getting to the point where the State has agreed to do it. This $3,000 is Shelton’s share; it’s not the entire cost. They’re going to adjust the timing on the light so that when you’re coming out of Old Shelton Road you’re not clashing with the cars coming down from Soundview.

Mayor Lauretti stated, new light, new mechanics. It’s part of our ongoing efforts to address some of the traffic in Huntington Center.

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

9.7 Surplus Fire Engine No. 42 – Donation to Valley Fire School

Alderman Anglace MOVED to TABLE Item 9.7 – Surplus Fire Engine No. 42 – Donation to Valley Fire School, and take it up at the May meeting;
SECONDED by Alderman Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

9.8 **Merit System Employees Salary Increase**

Alderman Finn excused himself from participating on Item 9.8 as his daughter is a Merit System Employee. Alderman Lanzi excused himself from voting as well, as his son is a Merit System Employee.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve a salary increase of up to 3.5% for Merit employees for fiscal year 2005-2006 to be applied as described in section 5.6 of the Merit System and Personnel Rules; and further,

MOVED that the salary schedule for job grades 1-10 be increased by six percent (6%), to allow for increases in the beginning of the salary schedules; SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Alderman Anglace stated, you might recall that a couple of years ago when we adjusted the salary schedule, we did the top rates but not the bottom. This is catch up.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6 Yes, 0 No.

9.9 **City Owned Property on Tuxedo Avenue - Swap**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to negotiate the possibility of a swap of properties on Tuxedo Avenue, City owned property known as Lot #29, and the property known as Lot 30 owned by George Sender; and further,

MOVED that it is the City’s intention not to sell any City property on Tuxedo Avenue; SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Mayor Lauretti asked, would there be a requirement to get an appraisal? I would refer that question to Corporation Counsel.

Corporation Counsel Welch stated, it’s not a sale or transfer. I can take a look at the Ordinance, but I believe what will transpiring here with the City Engineer, and the recommendation by the City Engineer, and the Conservation Commission, the Board of Aldermen can authorize, if necessary, based on what I’ve read, from the City Engineer and the proposal made by the applicant, that properties of similar nature - both 50x100 lots located adjacent to each other of which would be a complete
swap. I don’t, and you can ask the City Engineer, but I don’t believe it is necessary.

It’s a procedure to sell City property; but we’re not selling anything. It looks like an exact transfer of property. Since it’s a matter of negotiation before anything happens, it has to be authorized by you. I will research it.

Mayor Lauretti stated, so we’ll pass the motion that is before us, and if there is anything else required we will come back.

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

### 9.10 Funding for Air Quality Testing

Mayor Lauretti stated, I added this to the agenda because I thought I would be ready to discuss this issue with the Board tonight, but I am not. So there is not going to be any action required. It will be back probably on May’s agenda.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to TABLE Item 9.10 – Funding for Air Quality Testing; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

### 9.11 Equipment Purchase For Public Works / Parks & Recreation

Mayor Lauretti stated, on a couple of different occasions, one as long as a year ago and one as recent as late fall when I came before the Board to discuss the possibility of the City participating in auctions for large equipment for construction projects and road projects and drainage and things of the like. We had a lengthy discussion at the time on how we would be able to insure that the public’s interest was met and the bidding process was not subverted. I think we all agreed that it was pretty complicated and cumbersome.

What we have done in the past is, any time we have found a piece of equipment that is useful to the operation of Highways & Bridges, we’ve come before the Board with that specific request with a waiver of bids for that request. In the packet I just passed out you’ll see the waiver there and a motion that requests the purchase of a hydraulic excavator. For those of you that don’t know what an excavator is, there is a picture of it.

Alderman Anglace stated, it’s a steam shovel.
Mayor Lauretti stated, like the ones your kids used to play with in the sandbox where they cranked up the big arm and reach out.

We are at the point where this piece of equipment really could be a big benefit to our operation, particularly in light of the fact that we bought this new cutter mill, this grinder, that is a pretty expensive and high-tech piece of equipment. The proper loading technique for the grinder so that you don’t get the wrong kinds of debris going into the grinder – rocks, pieces of iron and things of the like that could damage the teeth, there is an adapter that goes on the end of the arm that acts as a grapple, or two-prong that reaches out and grabs the material and they’re able to shake off any debris that is caught in between before it goes into the machine.

The excavator can also be used for our drainage projects, for road and when we go into people’s yards. It has the ability to extend out “x” amount of feet and get into places where other smaller equipment can’t get into.

As part of the package there are quotes on what a new piece of equipment would be if we were to buy it from a dealer. Prices range anywhere from $135,000 to $145,000, depending on the model.

This particular piece of equipment is $60,000. It’s a 1997 model; it has one owner. It has low hours on it – 2,300 hours. Bill Mooney and Dean Cawthra went to Rhode Island on Monday to look at the equipment and came back pretty satisfied with the condition its in. It’s a very clean piece of equipment, it has low hours as I indicated. They think that the price of $60,000 is fair and reasonable, approximately half the cost of new equipment.

Why buy a used piece as opposed to a new piece is probably what you’re thinking. Probably because this will be the first of its kind that we’ve owned, and that our uses – probably would not be – well, some weeks it could be daily, but it’s not like we’re a construction company that has the absolute need for this piece of equipment every single day and relies on it. To me it makes sense. This is in pretty good shape. They looked at the mechanics and tested the hydraulics. Dean operated it and was satisfied with its condition. Understanding too, there is nothing perfect about buying a piece of used equipment. At some point in time there may be something that goes radically wrong with that – but I don’t think any of us will be able to predict that. To some extent you do roll the
dice, but I think to a greater extent it has a lot greater value to us as a used piece of equipment than it is to go out and buy a new piece.

Alderman Finn asked, does it have a limited warranty on it?

Mayor Lauretti replied, no, it doesn’t. Our intentions with this machine are also to utilize it down at the transfer station in helping us with the containers. When we talked about buying the cutter mill we talked about bringing that piece of equipment down there and experimenting, and trying to take some of the construction debris that comes in and run it through the cutter mill and separate the wood from the metal because there is a separator on it. This machine would serve as a useful tool in making that effort happen. We’re trying to create more efficiencies with operations, recycling, drainage issues and things of that nature. This is just another step toward trying to do that.

Alderman Anglace stated, it occurs to me that the cost of renting equipment of this type, it will probably pay for itself in five or six years.

Mayor Lauretti stated, that would be a fair comment. And I think that even from an efficiency standpoint it will allow us to react a lot quicker with some of these drainage issues, when you have the right equipment.

Alderman Papa stated, there are a couple of jobs at the Nike Site that could be done with a piece of equipment like this.

Mayor Lauretti stated, it has the ability to reach, and to grab, and to rotate while it’s in one spot.

Alderman Finn asked, would this be a five or a 10-year note?

Mayor Lauretti replied, a five year note.

Alderman Finn asked, is there any other source of revenue to use besides bonding? General Fund Surplus?

Mayor Lauretti stated, you can take it from wherever you want if you think it’s prudent to do that. I had a discussion with the rating agencies this past winter and they look at the City’s finances, and they look at your available surpluses and things like that. We have adopted the pay as you go philosophy on a lot of items. Consequently, we’ve drawn down on our fund balance. The rating agencies don’t like to see that. They think that our bond indebtedness is low, and it is low. These are items that should be paid over a couple of year period.
I’ve never agreed with that; I always thought if you have the money you should pay for things like this, and historically, at least over the last 10 years we have. We have adopted a pay as you go philosophy. That is one of the reasons why our debt is so low. This would fall into the five year scenario, which really doesn’t impact our debt service schedule, it doesn’t impact our debt because every year now we add “x” amount of dollars and we take off “x” amount of dollars. The rates are extremely low; this is the time to be borrowing.

In response to a question from Alderman Lanzi, Mayor Lauretti explained, there is probably a limited number of people that can operate this machine. Quite honestly, it probably should be that way. When you have something as technical as this, and so expensive, the fewer people that operate it the likelihood of things going wrong is a lot less. We do have somebody available to operate this. Like the cutter mill we just bought; we’re not going to let everybody operate it, we’re going to let 2 to 4 people understand the machine and operate it on an ongoing basis.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to waive the bids per the attached letter from the Purchasing Agent and adopt the resolution appropriating $60,000 for the purchase of one previously-owned hydraulic excavator for the City of Shelton and authorizing the issuance of $60,000 bonds of the City to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to AMEND THE MOTION to change the dollar amount from $60,000 to $62,500; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the AMENDMENT PASSED 8-0.

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

9.12 Highways & Bridges – Additional Equipment Repair Allocation

Alderman Anglace MOVED, per the recommendation of the Board of Apportionment & Taxation to transfer $30,000 from the Contingency General Account 001-9900-900.99-00 to the Maintenance/Major Repairs Account 001-3200-712.40-32 for equipment repair; SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Alderman Anglace stated, I spoke to Bill Mooney about this. This was put in several months ago, but something broke down between
Apportionment and Taxation and the Aldermen, and it was never forwarded. He called and asked us to add it to the agenda. I thought for purposes of discussion, his Repair Account has about $1,500 as of April 5th. He indicates there is another month and a half to go and he’ll need more money. Whether or not he needs $30,000, I would look for a recommendation from you, or in the absence of that, I would grant him $15,000 and take care of anything over that and look at it in May.

Mayor Lauretti stated, I just found out about this yesterday, and today I expressed my dissatisfaction of being the last to find out. If he’s in a situation like that - we speak several times a week. I would expect for him to keep me apprised of something like that. At this point I wouldn’t recommend $30,000; I would recommend that the Board of Aldermen authorize the over-expenditure of the line item as we have done in the past for situations like this, and over the next week I’m going to be researching to find out exactly where he’s at. Is he over-expended a dollar amount or does he still have money left?

Alderman Anglace stated, as of April 5th he had about $1,500 roughly left in the account.

Mayor Lauretti asked, does he agree with that?

Alderman Anglace stated, I didn’t verify it with him, I looked it up after I spoke to him.

Mayor Lauretti stated, sometimes they are holding invoices up there and they don’t get up to Finance, so they don’t get inputted on the budget run. I don’t know where he stands with that account, and quite honestly, I don’t think he knows.

Alderman Papa stated, I don’t think we should approve $30,000 if we don’t know what it’s going to be used for. That’s the bottom line.

Alderman Anglace stated, he doesn’t know because he can’t predict what is going to happen tomorrow. If we authorize the over-expenditure of the account, that’s open-ended, as opposed to authorizing the over-expenditure for $10,000 or $15,000. That would seem reasonable for the next month and a half.

Mayor Lauretti stated, we budgeted in that account $60,000. Historically we never get into this situation. Something is very wrong about this year, and I really want to understand it.
Alderman Papa stated, but this is for repairs.

Mayor Lauretti stated, I know what it’s for. Every winter is an event.

Alderman Anglace stated, I think you’re right, you’ve got to look into this, because factually, it doesn’t add up. You budgeted $53,500 for this account, and last year we over-expended as well. Do you want us to authorize the over-expenditure of this account subject to,

Mayor Lauretti stated, I think we should take some action.

Alderman Anglace stated, a direct approval by you before they go out and spend the money? I just don’t want to leave it open-ended.

Mayor Lauretti stated, if he’s got outstanding invoices that we’re not aware of that need to be paid, then it’s not fair to the vendor; we should pay it. But if there’s $1,500 in the account, and that’s accurate, I don’t think it is and I don’t know, but my senses tell me that it’s not accurate, then maybe a smaller amount to get us to the next meeting where I can get a handle on this thing and find out exactly where we are.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to AMEND THE MOTION to change the amount from $30,000 to $15,000; SECONDED by Alderman Lanzi. A voice vote was taken and the AMENDMENT PASSED 8-0.

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

10. - LEGISLATIVE - NEW

10.1 New Appointment – Public Employees Appeals Board – Janet Feather

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appoint Janet Feather (U), 557 Asbury Ridge Road, Shelton, to the Public Employees Appeals Board with a term expiration of April 1, 2010; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
10.2 Modification to Contract for Plan of Conservation and Development

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign the amendment to the agreement with Planimetrics for Professional Services resulting in a net reduction to the total contract of $15,000; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti.

Mayor Lauretti stated, there is a reduction in this because the $15,000 was paid out of the Special Planning Account for Planning and Zoning. We didn’t appropriate the additional $15,000 for this.

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

Changes:

1. Telephone survey  
   $15,000.00 reduction
2. Transportation study  
   $15,000.00 reduction
3. Community meetings  
   $3,000.00 reduction
4. Additional services  
   $3,000.00 addition
5. Future services  
   $15,000.00 addition
   Total reduction: $15,000.00 reduction

10.3 Board of Assessment Appeals

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve sending the attached letter to those designated as alternate members of the Board of Assessment Appeals; SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Alderman Anglance stated, I wrote the letter representing the Board on behalf the Board for the Board of Aldermen expressing to the two individuals, Nicholas Cousins and James Calkins, our appreciation for their service. Under State Statutes we can only appoint the year of revaluation and the year after, so the appointments automatically expire. We had to write the letter to let them know.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.
10.4 Homeland Security Grant – Memorandum of Understanding

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and the City of Shelton and further, to sign any necessary documents for fiscal year 2005 Homeland Security Grant utilizing Option 3 for State administration of funds; SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Alderman Finn asked, is this the grant that the Ambulance Corps acquired?

Mayor Lauretti replied, it’s the Homeland Security Grant.

Alderman Finn stated, at the Public Health & Safety Committee last month we were advised that the EMS Commission received a Homeland Security Grant. Is this the same one?

Mayor Lauretti stated, no. In the Homeland Security Grant there is an opportunity to share it with the emergency services in different forms. We discussed it at length today in the Public Safety Council meeting. They’re going to get together with the chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners next week to discuss the grant application.

Alderman Finn stated, this will cover all emergency services.

Mayor Lauretti stated, it’s designed to, yes. There is a grant from 04. If you saw the paper yesterday, it was in the paper that Connecticut was one of the states that didn’t touch any of their funding. This money is given to us. We have it. They expect us to draw down on it. There is also another grant that is outstanding for 05. It is for quite a bit of money, too.

Alderman Finn asked, would it be possible with the grant money coming in for Homeland Security it’s going to be for all three emergency services – Police, Fire and Ambulance Corps, that they could come up with a combined communications network so they can communicate with each other?

Mayor Lauretti stated, we’re doing that now, Jack. The Public Safety Council is putting that together.
Alderman Finn stated, that’s very important. I really believe that’s important because if we have an emergency within our community the Ambulance should be able to communicate with the Fire Department and the Fire Department should be able to communicate with the Police. They had that incident over at the old Bradlees with Lifestar where there was a lack of communication breakdown between the copter and the emergency services and they would like to see that be the last one that we have in the community.

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

### 11.0 Executive Session

At approximately 8:50 p.m. Alderman Olin MOVED to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

11.1 Tall Farm
11.2 Workers Compensation – George Chambers
11.3 Fedor v. Kudrak
11.4 Wabuda Place
11.5 Workers Compensation – Robert Genest
11.6 Lease for the United States Post Office - Huntington branch
11.7 Offer to Sell Property to the City

and to invite Corporation Counsel Tom Welch to remain in the auditorium, and to invite Mr. Hershel Sosnoff to remain in the auditorium for Item 11.1; SECONDED by Alderman Minotti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

**Return to Regular Session**

At approximately 9:10 p.m., Alderman Finn MOVED to return to regular session; SECONDED by Alderman Papa.

Alderman Anglace noted that there were no votes taken in Executive Session.

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

### 11.1 Tall Farm

No action.
11.2 Workers Compensation – George Chambers

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the disability rating in the Workers Compensation matter of George Chambers as recommended by our Third Party Administrator; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

11.3 Fedor v. Kudrak

Alderman Minotti MOVED to consent to the resolution of Fedor v. Kudrak as requested by Attorney Peter Kuzinski; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

11.4 Wabuda Place

Alderman Kudej MOVED to authorize the payment of $29,000 to Scott Wasilewski in accordance with the appraisal received by the City for those areas to be deeded from Wasilewski to the City as described on the map titled “Areas to be acquired from Wasilewski and Lopez and Wabuda,” all as described on a certain map titled “Right of Way Survey, Wabuda Place, Shelton, Connecticut” prepared for the City of Shelton dated August 23, 2004, revised November 18, 2004 and prepared by Lewis Associates, with said funds to come from an account as determined by the Finance Director; and further, that each reference to Wasilewski should be followed by “and Lopez.” SECONDED by Alderman Minotti.

Mayor Lauretti stated, discussion on the funding mechanism, and who is authorized to execute the final documents.

Corporation Counsel Welch stated, they are giving them to us.

Mayor Lauretti asked, how does the payment get delivered?

Corporation Counsel Welch stated, when they give us the deed to the property, we in turn give them the check.

Mayor Lauretti stated, the funding is not in place yet. That may require another action of the Board. What account it is coming from. I may consider the five year bond on it.

Corporation Counsel Welch stated, if necessary, take it up at next week’s meeting.
Mayor Lauretti stated, that may be necessary. What is the total amount?

Corporation Counsel Welch replied, the total of two properties together relative to this road are $69,000.

Alderman Anglace stated, then if you go for the other property, put it all together.

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

11.5 Workers Compensation – Robert Genest

Alderman Kudej MOVED to approve a full and final settlement in the amount of $4,000 in the Workers Compensation case of Robert Genest; SECONDED by Alderman Olin. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

11.6 Lease for the United States Post Office - Huntington Branch
Offer to Sell Property to the City

No action.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Farrell MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Papa. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Bruder, Clerk
Board of Aldermen

Date Submitted: ______________

DATE APPROVED: ______________BY: _______________________

Mark A. Lauretti
Mayor, City of Shelton