

BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2005

7:00 P.M. IN ROOM 104

SHELTON CITY HALL, 54 HILL STREET, SHELTON, CT

◆ CALL OF THE MEETING/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Papa called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and all in attendance pledged allegiance to the flag.

IN ATTENDANCE ALDERMAN PAPA, CHAIRMAN
ALDERMAN FINN
ALDERMAN LANZI

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – DEPUTY CHIEF JOEL HURLIMAN, AND
NOREEN MCGORTY, EMS COMMISSION, CHAIRPERSON**

◆ PUBLIC PORTION

No one from the public was present to speak.

◆ AGENDA ITEMS

**ALDERMAN FINN MADE A MOTION TO ADD TO THE AGENDA ITEM #2.2
– BUS SHELTER ON HOWE AVE. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI.
ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.**

◆ CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Ms. Griswold, Health & Safety Committee, Mohegan School PTO was read into the minutes and will be attached. She asks for Flashing Lights to be installed above the school speed limit signs that can flash to warn motorists that a school is ahead and to reduce their speed.

Alderman Papa would like a copy of this letter sent to the Chief of Police asking if he can make these adjustments and also make a copy for the other members of the committee.

1.APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2005

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL BOARD TO WAIVE THE READING AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2005. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

1. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 MOHEGAN ROAD SPEEDING – IN FRONT OF SCHOOL

Alderman Finn states his wife is an employed at Mohegan Road as a teacher and the first driveway is for visitors and teachers to park their vehicles and it is very difficult to exit onto this busy street. Alderman Finn is in favor of flashing lights and also to add radar and issue tickets. Alderman Lanzi agrees with the dangerous conditions of speeding on this road.

ALDERMAN PAPA RECEIVED A CALL FROM LINDA GRISWOLD, CHAIRMAN OF THE MOHEGAN SCHOOL SAFETY COMMITTEE REGARDING THE SPEEDING IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. POSSIBLY FLASHING LIGHT SIGNS TO ALERT MOTORISTS OF SCHOOL AHEAD.

ALDERMAN LANZI MOVED TO FORWARD TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE FOR REVIEW & RECOMMENDATION. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN FINN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

2.2 BUS SHELTER ON HOWE AVE

Alderman Finn reads a email he received from Mr. Richard Smith, 38 Highland Ave. which states that it has been 2 mos. since the editorial about the missing shelter was in the Connecticut Post and he is asking how long is it going to take to get this small issue on the table. (Copy of email attached) He feels having a bus shelter on a main artery of any town is as elementary as having trash receptacles or street signs.

Alderman Finn informed Mr. Smith that this was going to be on the agenda tonight and asked him to attend.

Alderman Finn would like this sent to the Administrative Assistant and the Mayor for investigation. VCOG paid for this shelter. There have been 17 snowstorms since it was removed. It was removed because of the demolition at Danny O's downtown. There has to be a corner somewhere downtown for this shelter till Kyle's corner is reconstructed.

Alderman Papa states to the clerk to send a letter to Mayor Lauretti to advise Public Health & Safety Committee how to expedite this matter. Alderman Finn would like Mr. Smith kept in the loop of the progress.

Alderman Lanzi received a letter from Mr. Smith also and spoke with Mrs. Nesteriak and she states the shed was taken down when they started the construction on Orazetti's and there will be construction on Kyle's corner. However, he suggests it can be put on another corner – Ripton Bldg., front of old Conte Building, etc. The construction downtown will be too long to wait for the shelter to be put up.

Alderman Papa states the Mayor may have a suggestion. Some place where the traffic won't be impaired.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 UNREGISTERED VEHICLE ORDINANCE

Alderman Papa states the Deputy Chief was here to talk about this but they received a letter Tom Dingle, ZEO stating Planning & Zoning would like additional time to review the ordinance as revised by the Police Department. This will be reviewed next month and then sent to Public Hearing.

**REPORTS OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Noreen McGorty, Chairperson, EMS Commission informs the committee on any updates.

Ms. McGorty states the EMS, Fire Department and Police Department are meeting collectively to enhance the Homeland Security Plan. They then will take it to the Public Safety Council with the Mayor on how they will respond. They have received Masks and Suits from the Federal Government. They have to know how to use them and how to respond with the teams. EMS and PD will respond first. Alderman Finn asks about the suits being continuous use. Alderman Finn states how will you replace this equipment if President Bush cuts back on funds. They have been talking about this and have been discussing if the well runs dry and also about the training. WE know what we have in 2005 and are prudently ordering and using the Train the Trainer program.

Alderman Finn asks how long is the certification for. Ms McGorty states she will find out how long. They want it implemented by June. PD and EMS will be there first because the FD has to go to firehouse and then respond.

This is what they are talking about collectively and they will come to the table with the Public Safety Council.

Alderman Finn asks about the Police officers being trained. Ms. McGorty states all Police officers will be trained and all EMS personnel and only a select number of FD. FD will be a Hazmat Team that will be trained.

The City of Shelton uses the Fairfield Haz Mat Team and they are used for bigger things and Shelton will handle smaller problems.

People working full time will be trained.

Alderman Lanzi states even if the money is cut back the program will still be in place.

Alderman Papa states it is a safety issue and the city can help protect its citizens with funds if needed.

Alderman Papa asks about communication issues – PD, FD and EMS?

Ms. McGorty states they are talking.

The issue of the radio is a struggle. EMS communication has increased. There is a new antenna at Pitney Bowes. Police Department has already invested in a system that they are using already. The Fire department has not invested yet and she would encourage them to look into EMS communications.

Alderman Finn asks about ambulances. Noreen states they will stay with four.

Ms. McGorty will be at the budget hearing on March 8, 2005. She has opened a new line item for paramedics for \$1.00. VCOG is discussing VEMS and Bundle Billing.

There will be money, \$20,000.00, being asked for from all towns that will be deposited into this line item.

Alderman Papa states that each town contributes to VEMS.

The alderman question Bundle Billing.

Mr. McGorty states VCOG is still discussing this problem. She explains the concept of Bundle Billing with the committee. They feel this effects the patients.

Alderman Lanzi thanks Ms. McGorty for her time and information this evening.

B. POLICE SERVICES – no report

C. FIRE SERVICES – no report

Alderman Papa would like the clerk to get them a copy of the Mayor's Budget since they have not received it as of yet.

ADJOURNMENT

ALDERMAN FINN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:35 P.M. SECONDED BY ALDERMAN LANZI. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

**MARGARET WEBER, CLERK
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**