



SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF SHELTON, CT
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020
10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium
Shelton City Hall, 54 Hill Street
Live-Streamed at www.cityofshelton.org
MINUTES

In accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 7B, the Board of Aldermen Special Meeting will be live-streamed. The public may access the meeting on the home page of the City of Shelton's website: www.cityofshelton.org. Members of the public may also attend the meeting in person at Shelton City Hall.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti called the Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 10:00a.m. All those present stood and pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Roll Call

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President- Present
Alderman Eric McPherson, Vice President- Present
Alderman David Gidwani- Not Present
Alderman Stanley Kudej- Present
Alderman Noreen McGorty- Present via Phone
Alderman Cris Balamaci- Present
Alderman Bernie Simons- Present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti- Present via Phone

Administration

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti
Thomas Cotter, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Fran Teodosio – present via phone

Alderman Anglace asked for a moment of silence to remember and honor those Americans lost on September 11, 2001. Our Veterans, Active Duty and First responders who put their lives on the line every day on the call of duty for our Community, State and Nation.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Alderman Anglace moved to waive the reading and approve the following meeting minutes:

- 1.1 SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING – AUGUST 13, 2020
- 1.2 SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING – AUGUST 25, 2020

Minutes can be viewed on the city website: www.cityofshelton.org.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

No Discussion.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

2. CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglace moved to authorize a total payment of \$2,266.27 to Corporation Counsel Teodosio Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statements dated September 8, 2020, with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

Professional Services -	001-1900-411.30-01	\$
Legal Fees	- 001-1900-411.30-03	\$2,266.27
Foreclosure Fees	- 001-1900-411.50-01	\$
Court Costs	- 001-1900-411.80.84	\$

SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci

No Discussion.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.



3. SEPTEMBER STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman Anglace moved that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of \$8,181.89 be approved and that the Finance Director be directed to make payments in accordance with the certified list received from the Tax Collector with funds to come from the Statutory Refunds Account 001-0000-311.13.00.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

No Discussion.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

4. FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 27 OLD TOWN ROAD – LOCIP ELIGIBLE

Alderman Anglace moved to appropriate an amount of \$20,000 for additional improvements to city-owned property at 27 Old Town Road with funding to come from aldermanic bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci.

Discussion:

Mayor Lauretti explained, that you can see there is a total amount of what we spent over the course of the last several months to rehabilitate this house. I can tell you the work that we have done there has been extensive. There are still two more items that need to be done that require additional expenditure on the property before we are completed. We have to do extensive tree trimming and tree removal as the property is well overgrown with mature trees in and around the house. The second thing that we need to do is put a septic system in. We are currently working on that right now we are doing that in-house through Public Works. We are getting quotes on the tree trimming and removal. We are probably going to be spending another \$15,000.00-\$16,000.00 there, just an estimate.

Alderman Anglace added with this appropriation of \$20,000.00 we will now have \$73,800.00 invested and the value is far in excess of that.

Mayor Lauretti stated, that I have been updating the Board of the course over the last couple months on the things that we have been doing there. It was reduced to a shell and all the mechanicals and refinishes have been redone. The house is pretty impressive if you have had or would like the opportunity to go and walk through it so you can get a greater appreciation of what I'm talking about I'm happy to arrange that.

No questions.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

5. FUNDING FOR RENOVATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER POOL
AREA - WOMEN'S LOCKER ROOM

Alderman Anglace moved to add the Community Center Pool Area-Women's Locker Room renovations in the amount of \$23,500 to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding to come from LOCIP.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Discussion:

Mayor Lauretti explained that the description and breakdown of the pricing of the items is self-explanatory. The Community Center has been there for about thirty years now. This was the original application and with the corrosive nature of all the Chlorine gas for the pool area a lot of rust occurs over the years plus the wear and tear. This is a total replacement because the materials that they have today are far superior to what they were thirty years ago.

No questions.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

6. OVER-EXPENDITURE FOR TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

Alderman Anglace moved to authorize the over-expenditure for the Town Clerk's Office Printing & Advertising Account #001-1400-415-3007 through the end of fiscal year 2020-2021 subject to expected reimbursement by the State of Connecticut.

SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci.

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace stated, that the current balance in the account is \$3,773.00. As of yesterday, the State put out the information with respect to how much each town is going to get for a grant for the Election expenses. In Shelton we will receive \$23,441.00 we should be in good shape.

Mayor Lauretti added, we should be made whole. There is a backup email from the Town Clerk that outlines the things that they will be required to do.

No questions.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7. FUNDING FOR SHELTON HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS COURTS

Alderman Anglace moved to appropriate an amount of \$91,355.75 for the Shelton High School Tennis Courts with funding to be provided by Board of Aldermen bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

Discussion:

Mayor Lauretti stated, that Gary Defilippo was invited to come and give a quick explanation as to why there is an overage.

Gary Defilippo explained, as you are aware the Tennis Courts are completed. We increased the scope of the project 16 percent in December. This included the foundation around the courts for future building. We were able to pickup two additional courts by doing that. That's basically the reason for the overage.

Mayor Lauretti added, that the real reason is that it didn't get picked up and incorporated into the original motion when the project was originally approved. We discussed with Gary and the Engineer about the project. It was agreed that it made sense to put the foundation in and around the court with the thought that at some point in time in the future that there would be a building on it. It was explained to the Board a couple months back when we first asked for the approval. Unfortunately, that cost did not get incorporated into the original motion.

Alderman Anglace stated, so what has to happen Gary is that the total project cost the onset was estimated to be \$456,659.00 we did appropriate through LOCIP \$150,000.00 and in Board of Alderman bonding \$306,659.00. We did appropriate all the money but with the change and we do understand it, we need to revise the total project cost. This \$91,355.75 would cover the changes that were made to the project.

Gary Defilippo agreed, that's correct.

Alderman Anglace commented, that it is straight forward and it is understood.

Mayor Lauretti stated, that it was a unit-based contract and so it gave us the ability to pick and choose the things we wanted to add or increase or delete to the scope of the project. Unfortunately, that did not get incorporated into the original motion and it should have.

No questions.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously

8. FUNDING FOR FY 2020 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM -COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL

Alderman Anglace moved to appropriate an amount of \$38,184.00 from General Fund Surplus for the Fiscal Year 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program- COVID-19 Supplemental (AFG-S) with the City's cost share being 10 percent of the total amount and the remainder to be reimbursed by the AFG-S grant.

SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci.

Discussion:

Alderman Anglace stated, that it is well explained in the award letter.

Mayor Lauretti asked, this is ongoing reimbursement as we spend Fire money associated to COVID services, Paul Wilson?

Paul Wilson answered, correct that is all PPE such as; the masks and gear.

No questions.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9. LOAN COMMITMENT WITH NEWTOWN SAVINGS BANK

Alderman Anglace moved that the Board approve the terms and conditions offered by Newtown Savings Bank to the City of Shelton regarding a loan in the amount of up to \$1,350,000.00 for the purchase of a Fire Vehicles/Trucks and further move to authorize Mayor Lauretti and Corporation Counsel to execute any and all paperwork necessary to complete the transaction.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Anglace moved to go into executive session for the following items and asked that Assistant Corporation Counsel be included.

10.1 VINCENT PELACCIA WORKER'S COMPENSATION

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman McPherson MOVED to reconvene and no votes were taken.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

10.1 VINCENT PELACCIA WORKER’S COMPENSATION

Alderman Anglace moved to approve the recommendation of Assistant Corporation Counsel as discussed in executive session.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Anglace moved to adjourn the Board of Aldermen Special meeting.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa Camerato

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Date Approved BY: _____
Mayor Mark A. Lauretti

