



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
SHELTON, CONNECTICUT  
FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**

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**Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Silence**

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti called the meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7:05 p.m. All those present stood and all rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America: A moment of silence was observed in honor and memory of September 11, 2001.

**Roll Call**

Alderman John F. Anglace, Jr., President – present  
Alderman Eric McPherson, Vice President – present  
Alderman David Gidwani – present  
Alderman Stanley Kudej – present  
Alderman Noreen McGorty – present  
Alderman Cris Balamaci – not present  
Alderman Jim Capra – not present  
Alderman Anthony Simonetti – present

**Administration:**

Attorney Francis Teodosio, Corporation Counsel  
Mayor Mark A. Lauretti  
Paul DiMauro, Director of Public Works

**PUBLIC PORTION**

**Jennifer Rand, 9 Sanford Drive**

I am a proud lifetime resident of Shelton. I'm a product of the Shelton School System and as I prepare my daughter for her final year in the Shelton School District I reflect on her journey. She has had some of the best educators, counselors and administrators for which I am really grateful. I think of the opportunities afforded to her and other children and Shelton has a lot to be proud of there. Yes, low taxes are an excellent part of that equation. However, in my reflection I also recall the years of debates within the City around funding our schools. Hot button items for me include lack of textbooks, math, in particular. Deteriorated school grounds and playgrounds, paper, and the ever-popular busing debate. While we do a lot of great things correctly, there are opportunities, and I think we can do better for our children. You as our elected officials are an integral part of that puzzle. We need to solve for some of these gaps. You ultimately determine funding for our schools. Our Board of Education disseminates

these funds and no matter who is at the helm of the Board of Education, it just seems like we can't come to an agreement. I have participated in and have observed discussions related to how money is allocated to our schools, and each year the conversations seem to deteriorate. When I have asked questions of members of either the Board of Aldermen or the Board of Education, it appears information I believe to be factual from the opposite source is dispelled by the source I am speaking with. I respect both boards, but as a voting member of our City, I am at a loss, as I'm sure are others, over which Board is providing us the facts.

I am here today to provide a solution. I want to stop the finger pointing and request a joint public meeting between all parties related to the Shelton Education budget and continued tension when it comes to funding our schools. I believe both parties feel strongly they're doing right by the City of Shelton, and they stand firm in their beliefs. I respect that, and I understand each department's position, and in requesting a joint meeting, I'm asking for your help in doing so. The objective of a joint public meeting will help us dispel rumors and provide the necessary information so the public can be informed and make their own educated decision about how our elected officials are allocating our tax dollars. My expectation is this would be a great way for our City leaders to set a positive example for not only our residents but also our children by sitting down together to work toward a solution. The meeting should have a predetermined set of ground rules for both parties, and a set agenda with a moderator. This is to be a fair discussion; topics could be presented ahead of time so that all can be prepared prior. As leaders in the City you have a tremendous responsibility to hear your voters, respond to their inquiries and represent their voices at a City level. This is your time, please, to step up and put your differences aside and come to the table for a respectful discussion. Let's start talking now about next year's budget expectations and be open to hearing differing opinions, and consider the vast potential that is within our reach in our growing City.

I sent a version of this to all of you, as well as the Mayor's office and our Board of Education. I thank the Aldermen who have responded in favor and can tell all in attendance tonight that the Board of Education is also willing to participate. It is now time to take action. What has always been good is not good enough to remain competitive in our rapidly advancing world. Thank you for your consideration.

Scott Smith, Ridge Lane

For the first 22 years of my professional life, I was in the field of marketing, so I can tell with certainty that marketing and the markets themselves are most entirely built on perception. Things or (inaudible) work while others willing to pay for them, whether it's knick knacks, handmade on Ebay or a BMW. The perception of this Board and this administration is that public education is not a priority. It is viewed publicly that the public schools in this town are a drain on public coffers and a mandated hurdle to a continued low mill rate. So what, you might ask. I truly believe that numbers do not lie. I bought my house 15 years ago. As of this morning, my home is essentially worth what I paid for it all those years ago within a few bucks. In fact, it's precisely worth 0.78% more than I paid back in 2003. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, consumer

price index, prices in 2018 are almost 37% higher than in 2003. In short, my home is worth in 2018 dollars about 37% less than when I bought it. How is that possible? I understand that there was a global financial crisis 10 years ago that surrounding communities have rebounded fully and have homes that have increased in value during the same 15-year period. My neighbors and Shelton friends are asking the same question, how is this possible? In the housing market, the largest valuing factor other than the home itself is the school district in which it resides, and our town, the constant public disagreement over the education budget makes it appear that this board and this administration do not care about education. I read repeatedly that Shelton is in the bottom two Connecticut districts in per pupil spending. How is this possible? We have resources. We're a beautiful, small town that offers a wonderful quality of life. We have industry and expansion. We're a developing community. Yet, for me personally, I'm very worried about my financial future because my largest personal investment has 1/3 less buying power than it did when I initially invested in it. That is not due to maintenance issues or the property. It is, in my opinion, due to the way that we conduct our City's business and the public squabbling that is the norm in our politics. We have to work now, hard, to change that perception. It is okay to disagree, but the manner in which this is being done is hurting every property owner in town. It will hurt our citizens' futures and retirement years. Empty nesters will not be able to get what they hoped for when they sell their homes because there's no market for younger families to move to our town. Why is that you ask? It's due to the perception. Markets are based on perception and the perception outside the City lines of our public schools is poor, despite the fact that every teacher I've come across during my time here is outstanding.

I just made a career change myself. I'm fulfilling my dream of becoming a teacher, and I can tell you that even new teachers were very leery about joining our district and that is unfortunate. The perception is that there are budget problems and things in our schools are on the downslide. I know this not to be true, but this is hurting all of us. We have to change. We are on the precipice of a long-term financial disaster for the City because we are being penny-wise and pound-foolish. My tax bill was \$13 less this year. Honestly, if we could have avoided all the nonsense with the bus contract, the pay-for-play, the holding back of propane to fuel the buses, you could have kept my 13 bucks. It looks to outsiders and citizens like we are charging the families of our student athletes to pay for fuel for buses. I call for this Board to properly fund this school district. I call for us as a community to work hard to get that per pupil spending figure up to where it should be. This policy is hurting all of us whether we have students in the public schools or not. I implore you ladies and gentlemen to change. Work together with the various City boards and change the perception that Shelton does not care about our kids and our collective futures. We all deserve better and I believe that together we can easily accomplish this and make Shelton an extremely desirable City for people to live in. We can do it, people, we really can. I just think we're being a little short-term on this. Thank you very much for your time.

Angela Pellegrino Grant, Howe Avenue

Thank you all for listening to those of us that have concerns, as you might expect I also have concerns about the education budget. I want to echo the last comment about

perception. Recently an acquaintance of mine who was born and raised in Shelton and now lives in Newtown with her child was lamenting her high property taxes on Facebook. She sent a message out to her friends saying, the thing about moving back to Shelton, the property taxes are really attractive, but is it worth it, I have a young child who is just starting out in school. Are the school systems really the way I remember? And the universal responses that she got– No. Do not come back here. It's not worth it. It's not worth the property taxes you save because you're going to spend money instead on extracurricular activities and other enrichment activities for your child. You're going to spend your time fighting with City Hall, fighting the Board of Aldermen, fighting the Mayor, fighting the Board of Education for the things that your child deserves. I just want to echo the fact that this is absolutely a perception that's happening right now, it's getting out to young families, that Shelton is not a place that is investing in its students.

It's been a really rough summer for everyone, I think especially for parents who have been really frustrated not knowing anything about what was happening except what we could kind of piece together from one side or the other. I spent a lot of time doing things like reading court filings and reading the budget committee minutes to try and figure out exactly what was happening. It's not fair that I should have to essentially take on a second job just to figure out what's happening in regard to things that affect my family. I want a city government that works together, that can agree on priorities like educating our children. One thing that has really disturbed me is the fact that my understanding is that the State of Connecticut has given a supporting education grant to Shelton of close to \$600,000 that is not at this time going to be passed on to the Board of Education for dealing with issues like paying to participate, busing kids to RCA and ECA schools, the supply line that had to be cut when the Board of Education was forced to come up with additional expenses, possibly adding a new classroom at Elizabeth Shelton School. All of those expenses are real and many of them are being passed on to parents right now, when in my understanding, they don't have to be. I actually have a relative on a Board of Education in another town and she was shocked when I said that it wasn't automatic that those State funds were going to be passed over to the Board of Education. So if I'm wrong, please feel free to correct me, but if I'm not, I would really like to ask the Board of Aldermen to seriously consider putting that money into the Board of Education's budget for this year to help alleviate some of the pressures that are being put directly on the parents as a result of the current budget issues. Thank you.

Kevin Gostey 137 Howe Ave

I'll give you a break on the school system for right now, I think you've heard enough about that for today. I was in the neighborhood south of here, along Coram Ave, between Coram, Weybossett, and Plaskon, in that area. One of the residents down there recognized me from last year and asked me about the roads there, because it looks like the utilities have done a lot of work in that area; they seem to have marked every house, every junction, and they've torn apart the roads pretty badly. I'm wondering when it's going to get repaved and what kind of work is going on. I figured I'd ask the Board of Aldermen and see if they know. Hopefully it will get addressed because if you didn't know any better, if there weren't any markings from the utility company down there, you'd think there was an earthquake that happened – the roads

are in that bad of shape. Hopefully they'll get repaved soon. That's my main concern to ask you tonight. Thank you very much.

Diana Meyer, 56 Maple Lane

My daughter started in the Shelton Public School System in 2004, she is here tonight; she is now a senior at Shelton High School. That was when you had Ripton School which was closed in 2005. That is when I feel like my battles began. My first letter to the Board of Education and I feel like every year it's been a battle. Somebody on Facebook said recently, "What do we want to say in front of the Board of Aldermen tonight?" And I guess my message tonight is, we're tired. We're tired of coming here and it gets pointed to the Board of Education. We go to the Board of Education and it gets pointed over here. We're just looking for a group of leaders that can work together. I think earlier Jen Grand had suggested coming together and trying to work together. The other thing I really want to say is, shame on us, as our generation has been known not to vote in this town, and we're working really hard to try and change that. If we don't see the change that we need from the Board of Education and from the Board of Aldermen and from everybody in charge, then we're going to get out there and we're going to vote and we will make the change happen. A lot of us parents have been out visiting some of the schools. Last night I had the honor of meeting one of the Art teachers at one of the elementary schools – a young teacher in her 20s. I visited her room, and it was just beautiful. It's what your kid would want – it looked like an IKEA ad, there were colors, bins, all color coordinated, beautiful. I said to her, you did such a great job – you did this on your own, you took it out of your own pocket. She said, "yeah, I spent every night online, researching, trying to get the best price because when I showed up this year I was finding out that my budget was half of what it was last year." It was just heartbreaking that this young teacher, I think she's been in the system four years, and all I kept thinking is, we'll probably have her for one more year and she's going to leave, because she's going to be a five-year experienced teacher, another district is going to gobble her up. She'll have the budget to do what she wants with her children. I can't emphasize enough how change is going to happen – not just from you guys, the Board of Education, everybody's got to try and work together because we are registering people to vote, and we're going to get out there, and we're going to vote. Thank you.

Steven Bassett, Sylvester's Way

There's been lots of negative press over the summer and negative sentiment for some time between the City and the Board of Education. We've all heard. It makes administrators, teachers, parents, and students tense and upset at the commencement of the school year, which should be a time for excitement to learn, reconnecting, and new friendships. I would like to echo the high road here, as many other speakers have, and say that as an adult, a parent, and a taxpayer, I expect more from elected officials. Whatever your differences, on both sides, these conflicts have been taken to a new level. As elected officials you need to be calm and cool through all sorts of adversity, even if that is not the example being set at the state or federal level.

Recognizing this Board's legislative authority, I'd like to say a few more things about the budget and the recent developments. It's one thing to adopt a budget that doesn't meet the expectations of the requestor, that was put to bed for another battle, another year, so we thought. But to inflict added budget pressure after the funding level was set is unfair to the requestor that has already gone back to the table to balance a lower budget, and the beneficiaries, the teachers, the parents and students. Therefore, I'd like to informally request that at a minimum, the Board and Mayor act in good conscience, and follow through with propane funding that has normally been provided, as well as providing the unexpected increase in FY19 ECS funds to the Board of Education. Thank you.

Lauren Moore, 5 White Birch Court

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you. I know one of the things you purchased was computers for all of our teachers and staff. Thank you. I know the teachers appreciate it, I know the students will appreciate it at the end of the day. I think of things you have done that kind of get overlooked when there is so much going on in negative terms – about what the Board of Education was funded and what it wasn't. There are a lot of good things going on in Shelton right now. That includes the football field that's going to be beautiful when it's done and I guarantee you every single one of those high school kids who are playing on that is going to thank you for the beautiful field and the lights. I also wanted to take a minute and thank Ken Nappi. I know he worked really, really hard on the bus situation and really his name has not been mentioned much. I do know if it wasn't for Ken, and Dr. Clouet worked hard on it too, but Ken really was a huge part in getting the buses registered and us having them for the first day of school. Thank you.

### **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

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

1. Regular Full Board Meeting – August 9, 2018

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed, with one abstention made by Alderman Anglace.

Minutes can be viewed on the city website: [www.cityofshelton.org](http://www.cityofshelton.org)

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### **5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#### **5.1.1 NO ITEMS**

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### **5.2 PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

5.2.1 NO ITEMS

**5.3 STREET COMMITTEE**

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5.3.1 NO ITEMS

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**REPORT OF THE MAYOR** – None presented.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT** – None presented.

I want you all to know that I've got to talk a little more with the Mayor about a few of the things going on lately here.

The lady brought it up, and she's right - Ken Nappi did work his tail off. The Board of Education had a news conference and you might notice that while Ken was a partner in this process, he was conspicuously absent from the news conference. He could have added a lot. If anybody worked day and night to get this done, it was Ken Nappi, and I want to thank the lady for bringing that up and recognizing the effort that he put into it. He got those buses ready - all of them were ready on time when he said they would be ready.

The Elderly Tax Relief – you saw an article in the paper about this. I'm going to be working on that and I'm going to talk to the Mayor about it, and then I'm going to give you a report on what I find.

Mayor Lauretti stated, I didn't see the article, but people have commented to me about it because typical of the news media, they don't give you the full story, they generally give one side. My position is pretty simple; it's a State program. The State has the responsibility for funding it. This is typical of what they have done for years and years and years. So if people have an issue about the funding source of the Elderly Tax Relief, they should call their State legislators, because they're the ones that can control that. We can't control that. I thought a lot about this. If seniors who are on fixed incomes that live in our community have the ability to stay in their homes, because when you don't raise their taxes for 10 years and in fact lower their taxes over the last two years, that gives them stability and predictability in their financial life that other communities do not have. Coupled with the fact that we do have an Elderly Tax Relief Program that is sponsored by the City. I can go on and on about this topic, but I won't. I can go on and on about Education and the buses, but I won't. I'll save that for another day.

Alderman Anglace stated, sooner or later we have to start talking publicly about some of these things, especially the bus situation – that has to come out. There's too much – there's pay-to-play – we've got to bring that out because there's no need to charge families for pay to play. If there's a difference in what they're saying – it just doesn't make economic sense. There's so little of difference it's pathetic.

Mayor Lauretti stated, rather than continue to digress on this subject, I think we need to move on. We intend on taking up this issue in its entirety.

Alderman Anglace stated, I'm preparing, I'm looking into it. I'm going to give you a comprehensive view on the Elderly Tax Relief and ultimately the direction I'm going in on this, and I want your support on, is to have a meeting with our State delegation members and talk about it further.

Mayor Lauretti stated, there's one more thing that I've got to say. You know that I chair the Valley Transit District. I just sent a letter out to all of our legislators informing them that we are about to close our doors in one week if the State of Connecticut, which is our only source of funding for our operation, has not given us a subsidy payment in four months. We have a line of credit of \$250,000 that has been exhausted. We used other resources that we have so we're in arrears of over \$300,000 in four months that the State has not paid us. It's over a licensing agreement that keeps getting kicked back from the Attorney General's Office. This has been going on for six months. There are always issues in government and there are always two sides to every story,

## **6.0 LEGAL REPORT**

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### **6.1 CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of \$2,846.25 to Corporation Counsel Teodosio, and Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statement dated September 4, 2018, with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

Legal Fees	001-1900-411.30-03	\$2,846.25
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SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0. .

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## **7 LEGISLATIVE - OLD**

### **7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING**

7.1 A – NO ITEMS.

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## **8 FINANCIAL BUSINESS OLD**

### **8.1 NO ITEMS**

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## **9. FINANCIAL BUSINESS NEW**

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**9.1 SEPTEMBER STATUTORY REFUNDS**

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of \$4,293.30 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 Kudej. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0. .

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**9.2 PLUMB MEMORIAL LIBRARY ELEVATOR – RESCISSION OF ACTION ITEM 9.7 FROM AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING – REAPPROPRIATION AND AGREEMENT**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to rescind the action at the August 9, 2018 meeting titled Item “9.7 Funding & Agreement for Plumb Memorial Library Elevator” and further,

MOVED to approve the agreement between the City of Shelton and Tomlinson Hawley Patterson for the installation of an elevator at the Plumb Memorial Library in an amount of \$264,423 with funding to come from Aldermanic Bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter, and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents to effectuate same. SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

In response to a question from Alderman Gidwani, Mayor Lauretti explained that there are standard warranties on all elevators, and the City is required under State and Federal law to have a maintenance agreement on every elevator in the City. All the warranties are different.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

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**9.3 FUNDING FOR DESKTOP COMPUTERS FOR TEACHERS**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate an amount of \$236,700 for desktop computers for teachers at all city schools with funding to come from Aldermanic Bonding pursuant to Section 7.16 of the City Charter; SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

Alderman Anglace read into the record the following correspondence from the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Members of the Board of Aldermen, on behalf of the school district I want to express our gratitude for the funding you allocated for the purchase of needed computers for staff and specialty teachers. This upgrade will improve our capacity to effectively use digital content with our students. The computers have been delivered and are currently being installed across the district so that they will be ready by the first day of school.

There is no doubt students will notice the difference. We appreciate your willingness to make this happen. Again, thank you for your efforts on behalf of the district.

Chris Clouet

Alderman Anglace stated, that is cooperation. It was promised, we came through with it, and they're very happy with it.

Mayor Lauretti stated, it should also be noted that there are a series of these events that have occurred over the years with the Shelton School System. It should also be noted that the request that comes to us from the Board of Education is always higher, and sometimes significantly higher, than what the actual cost is. I can go on and on, starting with all-day Kindergarten, what that request was. This request was for \$300,000 and after the bid you heard the number.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

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#### **9.4 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES APPLICATION**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to appropriate an amount of \$2,400 for Historical Technologies, Inc. to prepare and submit a National Register of Historic Places Application Form for an area known as the Shelton Canal Industrial District with funding to come from Contingency General Account #001-9900-900.99-00; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Mayor Lauretti stated, this service that we are procuring is a requirement of the State Office of Historic Preservation. Two years ago I had agreed to create a Historic Industrial District along Canal Street for the upper portion of Canal Street where it is economically feasible. You may not be aware of this, but recently we took through tax foreclosure 237 Canal Street, which is the old Star Pin building, which the State has a desire to restore. So, it's a complicated process what they're asking us to do. It will require their financial assistance because to restore this building will be millions. It's not in good condition, it was a factory for 100 years, so there are contamination issues that have to be dealt with – not anything that we haven't dealt with in the past, most of our buildings in downtown were places where we made things in America and certainly downtown Shelton was no different than most places, particularly in New England. We have received assessment money from EPA to assess the contamination. There is no commitment yet, but there is significant interest on behalf of the State and Federal government to supply us with cleanup money because Shelton leads the state in Brownfields remediation. No one cleans up more properties and puts them back on the tax rolls better and quicker than we do. We've been doing this for 25 years. If you look at the poster on the back wall, that was posted at the Brownfields Conference in Denver, Colorado 15 years ago for the work we did down at the Farmers Market and restoring that piece of property, as well as the whole B.F. Goodrich property along the Housatonic River. I think it's important to have the historical background for this work so you can understand what is being asked of you going forward. The tax arrearage was close to \$600,000 that we have no way of

recouping unless we either knock the building down, clean up the property and sell the property. So to fulfill the commitment that I made and I think the Board made a few years ago to the State of Connecticut, this is why we're doing this. Then the other two parts of the equation, three parts will come very shortly – the assessment money, we'll be awarding the contract to an environmental engineer to do the assessment, then we'll be doing the cleanup, and then we'll be soliciting proposals from developers and private property owners to sell the property and to restore the building, which is a specialty-type of process – to restore a 100-year-old building that has holes in the roof and all of the inside structure, while the outside is brick, the inside is wood. That's the way they made them. Some of that wood is deteriorated and makes the structure in many respects unsafe. It's complicated and there's a lot to it. We're going to be talking about this a couple more times in the next six months. I want you to be aware that this is coming.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

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#### **9.5 MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION CONTRACT**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve an agreement between the City of Shelton and Winter Bros. Hauling of CT, LLC, 46 Oliver Terrace, Shelton, CT - DBA Oak Ridge Hauling, LLC to provide city-wide collection of Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling pursuant to Bid 38-90; and further,

MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to execute any and all documents to effectuate same; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Public Works Director Paul DiMauro explained that the City's 6-year contract was up this past year and we went to bid. We received one bid from current operator, and when told they were the sole bidder they reduced the price further. The new contract is 3 years with a 3-year option to extend.

We are currently paying \$925,400 this year. Their bid came in at \$1,119,734, which was \$194,000 increase. They then reduced that by \$69,000. They also had a 5% kicker in for each year going forward – that was reduced to 3% which I thought was quite fair as it was a bid item and they had the right to hold us to the fire with the numbers.

Along with that, we purchased two new trucks and are refurbishing two of our other vehicles. We own the trucks; we lease them to the vendor. We pay for fuel for the City curbside collection; they use their own front-end loader for the schools, municipal buildings, etc. and they pay for the fuel for that.

Alderman Anglace stated, it's the same concept we employ with the school buses.

Mayor Lauretti stated, the new truck is bigger than the original trucks.

Mr. DiMauro explained the reason for that is to make fewer trips to Bridgeport. The wait time at the plant is excessive. By having an extra 15-20% on the truck, that's one out of every five trips you don't have to make to the burn plant. It's more efficient all-around.

He continued, the City of Waterbury just went to bid and they're paying a lot more than we are – much more. We have a very good price for solid waste disposal with Wheelabrator. We have our own contract separate from the other communities that joined together. Because of that we are seeing substantial savings. Plus we can redirect our waste if need be. When it gets backed up so badly, we have the right to divert it as long as it doesn't cost us any more, so they won't have to wait in line for four hours. The plant is tough in Bridgeport.

Alderman Anglace reviewed the process. He stated, another positive is that it's a local company, and the disposal is local. The only thing we have to go out of town for is to go to the burn plant with the trucks. Recycling stays within the community. That saves a lot of money in wear and tear on the trucks, time, fuel.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0. .

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**9.6 DENTAL CLAIMS SERVICE ADMINISTRATION FOR CITY OF SHELTON AND BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adopt the following Resolution:

Whereas the City of Shelton and Board of Education did on July 1, 2010 establish the Dental Plan (the "Plan") for the exclusive benefit of employees of the City of Shelton and the Board of Education who become participants therein, and

Whereas, the City of Shelton and the Board of Education now desires to designate Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada as Dental Claims Administrator of the Plan.

Now therefore it is hereby resolved:

That, effective as of July 1, 2018, Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada shall be and hereby is designated as the Plan's Dental Claims Administrator;

Further be it resolved that the Plan be amended in the form attached hereto to designate Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada as the Plan's Dental Claims Administrator;

Further be it resolved, that the Mayor of the City of Shelton is authorized and directed to take any other action deemed necessary or helpful to implement the resolutions set forth herein including, without limitation, by signing such instruments as are necessary to implement the foregoing.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace this is done with the full cooperation of the Board of Education.

Mayor Lauretti stated, on that note, parents sitting in the audience should know that school transportation costs for next school year when the City takes over the service by court-stipulated agreement will go down by close to \$1 million. Close to one million dollars. One only has to ask themselves, why they wouldn't take that deal this year. We're going to release the documents soon to show everyone.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

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**10 – LEGISLATIVE - NEW**

*10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING*

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**10.2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHELTON AND THE DERBY-SHELTON ROTARY CLUB**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize Mayor Mark A. Lauretti to sign an agreement between the City of Shelton and the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club to acknowledge the partnership between the City of Shelton and the Derby-Shelton Rotary Club during the Shelton Day activities to be held on Sunday, October 7, 2018. SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

Mayor Lauretti stated, with respect to Shelton Day, I want to drop this bombshell on everybody, because tomorrow there will be a release. The Columbus Day Parade in Bridgeport – it was there for 109 years - is leaving Bridgeport and will now come to Shelton and possibly Derby starting this year. The reason for that is that the City of Bridgeport charges these parade associations a lot of money for police overtime, and the cost has gotten so prohibitive for them that they can't afford it. I know the Puerto Rican Day Parade was \$50,000 in police overtime. As you know I'm involved in the Barnum Festival as well, that's another issue that's been brewing for a couple of years. The Columbus Day Parade Association decided that they would try somewhere else. I've asked Derby to participate with us – I'll know tonight if they're going to do that. If they don't, Shelton will host the parade as part of the Shelton Day festivities. I think you're going to be very impressed with the entertainment this parade will provide in terms of the bands, including the Mummens and the Marine Band, which is spectacular. That will probably be breaking news tomorrow.

A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*11.A REQUEST TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 7:53 p.m., Alderman Anglace MOVED to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

**11.1 DAVID CATLIN V. CITY OF SHELTON**

and invited Corporation Counsel Francis Teodosio and Attorney Cotter to remain in the auditorium during the Executive Session; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 6-0.

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

At approximately 8:03 p.m. Alderman Kudej MOVED to return to Regular Session; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

It was noted that no votes were taken in Executive Session

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**11.1 DAVID CATLIN VS. CITY OF SHELTON**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the Catlin v. City of Shelton workers compensation stipulation as recommended and outlined by Attorney Thomas Cotter; SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti. A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adjourn; SECONDED by Alderman Kudej A voice vote was taken and the MOTION PASSED 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Trish Bruder*

Trish Bruder, Clerk  
Board of Aldermen

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti