



SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF SHELTON, CT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021
Shelton City Hall, 54 Hill Street
Live-Streamed at www.cityofshelton.org
MINUTES

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti called the Special Virtual Meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 5:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Shelton City Hall. 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 Cris Balamaci- Present
Alderman Joanna Carloni - Present
Alderman David Gidwani- Not Present
Alderman Noreen McGorty- Present via Phone
Alderman Anthony Simonetti- Present
Alderman Bernie Simons- Present

Administration

Mayor Mark A. Lauretti - Present
Fran Teodosio, Corporation Counsel – Present
Thomas Cotter, Assistant Corporation Counsel – Present

Mayor Lauretti: At this time, we are going to talk about Stan Kudej who served as the second ward aldermen for the past 20 years. I also ask that Fran Teodosio, Corporation Counsel and Joanna Carloni, please join me down below the stage.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Alderman Anglace: Without objection, we are moving the President's Report up to the beginning of the agenda. Sadly, I formally and belatedly announce the resignation of Alderman Stanley Kudej from the Board of Aldermen after 20 years of service where he was Chairman of the Finance Committee and member of the Street Committee. Stan has been an incredible person to work with over the past 20 years and his contributions to the City of Shelton will be long remembered. I would like to read his letter of resignation into the record. "It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve the City of Shelton on the Board of Aldermen for the past 20 years. But my time as a member of this board must come to an end due to my physical limitations. I am finding it difficult to complete my responsibilities in the way that I feel they need to be done. Therefore, I am resigning my position as an Alderman of Ward 2 as of February 1, 2021." Stan thanked the citizens of Ward 2 for the incredible opportunity to serve their needs for so many years. Unfortunately, Stan passed away on February 8, 2021. He earned the reputation as a Community Hero for his exceptional service on the Board of Aldermen and to the youth of our Community through his many Parks & Recreation and Little League accomplishments. May he rest in peace. With that said, I announce that the remaining Republican Aldermen hereby appoint Joanna Carloni, Esq., 120 Howe Avenue, Shelton, CT to fill the vacancy. Joanna will now be sworn in by Corporation Counsel, Francis Teodosio.

Fran Teodosio: Do you solemnly swear or solemnly and sincerely affirm as the case may be that you will faithfully discharge according to law your duties as a member of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shelton to the best of your ability so help you God and upon penalty of perjury.

Alderman Carloni: I do. I just want to say thank you so much for this opportunity. I feel very honored to have been chosen. I hope I can fill Stan's shoes and I am looking forward to serving my community.

Public Portion

Mayor Lauretti asked if anyone from the public wished to address the board.

David Gallagher, Commander of the American Legion Post 16 in Shelton

I come not to complain but to bring a gift. This being the 76th anniversary of Iwo Jima, I know the Mayor was at the memorial service today, we would like to give him a gift in honor of his father who served in the battle of Iwo Jima.

Mayor Lauretti: Thank you. This is much appreciated. As you mentioned Dave, I was at the ceremony today as I have been for many years now. They gave me the opportunity to address the veterans who were there. There are two survivors still remaining, they are in their 90s. I made the comment while I was there that it was a commitment that I made to my father years ago that we would carry on the tradition and celebration of flag raising on Mount Suribachi 76 years ago today. Those that understand the world history and World War II in particular, understand that this generation was incredible. They went off to war, they fought, they defended freedom, they gave us freedom, they came back to America without any fanfare or

ticker tape parades. They raised their families and worked in the factories and they built America. They left a legacy behind that is pretty hard to match particularly as we understand all the turmoil going on in America today. I dare say, some people who are very unappreciative of the freedoms and the efforts that were made so many years ago and very young people, 17, 18, 19 and 20 years old, lost their lives. In particular, that battle of Iwo Jima, there were 8,000 American soldiers who never came home. The irony of that of the conflict on that small island in the Pacific, is that there were 30,000 Japanese lives that were lost. When people say God Bless America, and when we pledge allegiance to the Flag and the National Anthem, we stand in honor of their legacy. Thank you.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

1.1 SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING – JANUARY 21, 2021

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes can be viewed on the city website.

5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

5.1.1 NO ITEMS

5.2 PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

5.2.1 NO ITEMS

STREET COMMITTEE

5.3.1 NO ITEMS

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

No Report.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Moved to the beginning of the meeting.

6 – LEGAL REPORT

6.1 CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorized a total payment of \$1,050.00 to Corporation Counsel

Teodosio Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statements February 3, 2021, with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

Professional Services -	001-1900-411.30-01	\$
Legal Fees -	001-1900-411.30-03	\$1,050.00
Foreclosure Fees -	001-1900-411.50-01	\$
Court Costs -	001-1900-411.80.84	\$

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

6.2 ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorize a total payment of \$1,897.50 to Assistant Corporation Counsel Thomas Galvin Cotter for services rendered per statement dated February 8, 2021, with funds to come from the following Legal Services Accounts:

Professional Services	001-1900-411.30-01	\$
Legal Fees	001-1900-411.30-03	\$1,897.50
Foreclosure Fees	001-1900-411.50-01	\$
Miscellaneous Services	001-1900-411.80-03	\$
Court Costs	001-1900-411.80-84	\$

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

7- LEGISLATIVE - OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

7.1 A. NO ITEMS

8 - FINANCIAL BUSINESS - OLD

8.1 NO ITEMS

9 - FINANCIAL BUSINESS - NEW

9.1 FEBRUARY STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of \$7,502.71 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 Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9.2 FUNDING FOR HVAC IN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE – LOCIP ELIGIBLE

Alderman Anglace MOVED to add refurbishments to the Town Clerk's HVAC system to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding in the amount of \$628.93 to come from LOCIP.

SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci.

Mayor Lauretti: A couple months back we did a rehab of the Town Clerk's Office. This was just another item that was an extra on this project and we needed funding for it. The furniture for the Town Clerk's Office is due in the first week of March.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9.3 FUNDING FOR NEW FURNACE AT PARKS & RECREATION BUILDING – 40 MYRTLE STREET – LOCIP ELIGIBLE

Alderman Anglace MOVED to add a new furnace for the Parks & Recreation Building at 40 Myrtle Street to the Capital Improvement Plan with funding in the amount of \$7,634 to come from LOCIP.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Mayor Lauretti: This furnace is a waste oil burning furnace. Any waste oil that is generated through changing of the oils or the engines at the Highways garage in addition to (inaudible) waste made oil that they have at their homes or accumulate at their property down to the public works garage and the public works garage, as well as the parks garage, have a waste oil burning furnace. We went to these several years ago because it eliminates the need for the disposal of waste oil, which is a hazardous waste, and can be quite pricey.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

10 – LEGISLATIVE – NEW

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 A. NO ITEMS

11 - EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 A. REQUEST TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Anglace MOVED to go into executive session and asked the Corporation Counsel and Assistant Corporation Counsel to be included.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Anglace MOVED to reconvene and noted that there were no votes were taken in executive session.

SECONDED by Alderman McPherson.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

11.1 BRENNER VS. CITY OF SHELTON

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the Shelton Board of Aldermen resolve the matter of Brenner vs. City of Shelton in accordance with the suggestions made by Corporation Counsel.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman McPherson MOVED to adjourn the Special Virtual Meeting.

SECONDED by Alderman Balamaci.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Theresa Adcox

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Board of Aldermen Clerk

DATE APPROVED _____ BY: _____
Mayor Mark A. Laretti
