



SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF SHELTON, CT
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020
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 via Phone
Alderman David Gidwani- Present via Phone
Alderman Stanley Kudej- Not Present
Alderman Noreen McGorty- Present via Phone
Alderman Cris Balamaci- Present via Phone
Alderman Bernie Simons- Present
Alderman Anthony Simonetti- Present

Administration

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

Public Portion

Mayor Lauretti asked if anyone from the public wished to speak. There being none, he closed the public portion.

Mayor Lauretti: I see that more and more school districts are closing down and going virtual until January. This seems to be the norm. Shelton did that prior to most schools and there are some people who would like to portray publicly that it was because of the bus driver situation which is absolutely and unequivocally not true. It's because of staffing levels in the school

system are way down because of the infection rate amongst teachers which is a common theme throughout the state. It's important for the board members to know this when they approach social media and make commentary that is inaccurate.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

- 1.1 SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING – OCTOBER 8, 2020
- 1.2 SPECIAL VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES – OCTOBER 27, 2020
- 1.3 SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 4, 2020

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

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

5.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE

5.1.1 NO ITEMS

5.2 PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

5.2.1 NO ITEMS

5.3 STREET COMMITTEE

5.3.1 NO ITEMS

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

No Report.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Alderman Anglace: You may not have seen this but it's the November 4, 2020 minutes of the Board of Education Finance Committee. Of interest to us is the fact that capital reimbursable projects that we are waiting for reimbursement has been addressed and I thought you might be interested in knowing that Elizabeth Shelton School and Sunnyside School, the paperwork on that reimbursement is completed and will be submitted during November. The high school project is ready to submit for reimbursement. The Board of Education Finance Director is going to reach out to the city and call for assistance regarding the sprinkler project. I think the high school had two different projects. They may need the state to approve it more formally.

Mayor Lauretti: It was the building renovation of SHS and the sprinkler project at SHS.

Alderman Anglace: I think the important thing to know is that they are working on it diligently and he has a lot of the paperwork ready for submission. One of the issues they encountered is the DAF system with the state. Not sure what that is but that is a difficulty they have encountered with the state.

Mayor Lauretti: I would respectfully disagree with the comment regarding ‘diligently’. The Sunnyside School roof was done three years ago. The SHS building renovation was closed over five years ago.

Alderman Anglace: I made the comments to point out that since Rick Belden came in, they are working on it and trying to get it done and I wanted to recognize his efforts.

Mayor Lauretti: Two years later. I am not ready to recognize an effort when it has put us at a disadvantage with our fund balance after we accommodate these projects year in and year out and get things done expeditiously, and all we do is get criticized by those who are not in the know or people who are political. That’s my position and I am going to stay with it and I am going to get more and more aggressive with it because it needs to be said.

6 – LEGAL REPORT

6.1 CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

Alderman Anglace MOVED to authorized a total payment of \$6,693.75 to Corporation Counsel Teodosio Stanek, LLC, for services rendered per statements dated October 13, 2020 and November 4, 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	\$6,693.75
Foreclosure Fees	- 001-1900-411.50-01	\$
Court Costs	- 001-1900-411.80.84	\$

SECONDED by Alderman McGorty.

Alderman Anglace: I want everyone to understand that this is a two-month billing, not one.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

6.2 ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL BILLING

No invoice.

7– LEGISLATIVE – OLD

7.1 ITEMS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

7.1 A. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 14 STREET EXCAVATIONS SECTION 14-51 PERMIT REQUIRED (ORD. #877)

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adopt the amendment to Code of Ordinance Chapter 14 Street Excavations Section 14-51 Permit Required (Ord. #877), which is included by reference; and further,

Move that this ordinance be published in summary form with a full copy available for review in the Office of the City Town Clerk.

AMENDMENT TO CODE OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 14 STREET EXCAVATIONS SECTION 14-51 PERMIT REQUIRED (ORD. #877)

Sec. 14-51 Permit (a), "No person shall make any opening, excavation or construct any walk, curb, pavement, driveway or perform any other construction work within, on, through or under any public street, highway or public right-of-way located in the city, including a state highway, for any purpose whatsoever, unless a permit has been obtained pursuant to this article from the director of public works or his designated agent. Any permit issued shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days from the date thereof. Any work performed pursuant to such permit shall be subject to the approval by the director of public works or his designated representative. **Said permit cost is \$50.00 for all excavations including the construction of a new driveway. Driveway replacement permit cost shall be \$25.00.**

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Alderman Anglace: The public hearing was held. It's a minor change, \$25.00 to \$50.00 for an excavation permit and we are going from \$5.00 to \$25.00 for driveway replacement permit.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

8 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – OLD

8.1 FINAL RESOLUTION FOR LOAN COMMITMENT WITH NEWTOWN SAVINGS BANK

Alderman Anglace MOVED to approve the final resolution for a loan commitment of the Newtown Savings Bank which is referenced, reviewed by the Board of Aldermen and incorporated by reference in the minutes:

Be it resolved that the Borrower be and it hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of One Million Three Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,328,500.00) (the "Loan") from Newtown Savings Bank (the "Bank") pursuant to a financing

commitment letter from Bank to the Borrower dated September 2, 2020, as may be amended, and to grant such collateral securing the Loan as may be required by Bank; and it is

Further Resolved, that the Borrower be and it hereby is authorized to execute and deliver such instruments, documents or agreements as Bank shall reasonably require in order to enable Bank to make said Loan to the Borrower; and it is

That the Bank be and hereby is designated a depository of the funds of this Borrower, Mayor Mark A. Lauretti is authorized to negotiate the terms of and to execute and deliver for and on behalf of the Borrower, each of the instruments, documents and agreements as may be necessary to consummate the Loan and/or as may be necessary or convenient to carry out any of the foregoing resolutions, is hereby authorized to sign, for and on behalf of this Borrower, any and all checks, drafts and other orders with respect to any funds at any time(s) to the credit of this Borrower with the Bank, and/or against any account(s) of this Borrower maintained at any time(s) with the Bank, inclusive of any such checks, drafts and other orders in favor of any of the above designated officer(s) and/or other person(s), and that the Bank be and hereby is authorized: (a) to pay the same to the debit of any account(s) of this Borrower then maintained with it; (b) to receive for deposit to the credit of this Borrower, and/or for collection for the account of this Borrower, any and all checks, drafts, notes and other instruments for the payment of money, whether or not endorsed by this Borrower, which may be submitted to it for such deposits and/or collection, it being understood that each such item shall be deemed to have been unqualifiedly endorsed by this Borrower, and (c) to receive, as the act of this Borrower, any and all stop-payment instructions (inclusive of any relative agreement) with respect to any such checks, drafts, and other orders as aforesaid and reconciliation(s) of account when given by any one or more of the officer(s) and other person(s) as hereinbefore designated.

That Mark A. Lauretti, Mayor is hereby authorized, for and on behalf of this Borrower, to transact any and all other business with or through the Bank which at any time(s) may be deemed by the said officer(s) and/or other person(s) transacting the same to be advisable, including, without limited the generality of the foregoing, authority to: (a) discount and/or negotiate notes, drafts and other commercial paper; (b) apply for letters or other forms of credit; (c) borrow money, with or without security; (d) assign, transfer, pledge or otherwise hypothecate any property of the Borrower; (e) purchase, exchange, sell, or otherwise deal customer services and other agreements relative to performance of various computer services, and (g) in reference to any of the business or transactions referred to in this subdivision make, enter into, execute and deliver to the Bank such negotiable or non-negotiable instruments, indemnity, guaranty and other agreements, obligations, assignments, endorsements, hypothecations, pledges, receipts and/or other documents as may be deemed by the officer(s) and/or other person(s) so acting to be necessary or desirable.

That any and all withdrawals of money and/or other transactions heretofore had in behalf of this Borrower with the Bank are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved, and that the Bank (and any interested third party) may rely upon the authority conferred by this entire resolution unless, and except to the extent that, this resolution shall be revoked or modified by a

subsequent resolution of this Board, and until a certified copy of such subsequent resolution has been received by the Bank.

That the Bank be promptly notified in writing of any change of any holder or holders of such offices, and that, until so notified and receipt acknowledged by it in writing, the Bank shall be indemnified and saved harmless from any loss suffered or liability incurred by it in continuing to act in pursuance of these resolutions after such change without such notice.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Mayor Lauretto: The reason this is back again is because Newtown Savings Bank wanted further language in the motion for the approval for the loan for the fire truck.

Alderman Anglace: On September 15th, 2020, we approved this initially, and in that motion back in September we didn't know the exact number and we wrote "up to" an amount. This motion includes a number which is \$1,328,500.00. That's an exact number.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

9 – FINANCIAL BUSINESS – NEW

9.1 NOVEMBER STATUTORY REFUNDS

Alderman Anglace MOVED that the report of the Tax Collector relative to the refund of taxes for a total amount of \$5,198.68 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 Simons.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

10.1 ITEMS TO PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 A. NO ITEMS

10.2 ADOPTION OF 2021 BOA MEETING SCHEDULE

Alderman Anglace MOVED to adopt the following Board of Aldermen Meeting Schedule for 2021 as attached hereto:

- 10.2 A. Board of Aldermen Full Board Regular Meeting
- 10.2 B. Board of Aldermen Public Hearing on Ordinances Meeting
- 10.2 C. Board of Aldermen Finance Committee Meeting
- 10.2 D. Board of Aldermen Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting
- 10.2 E. Board of Aldermen Street Committee Meeting

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

Mayor Lauretti: I note here that the time for many of the meetings is 7 p.m. I don't think it's realistic to say, at least for the next four or five months, that the meetings will be at 7 p.m. However, things could change and until then, any meeting that we have will be a special meeting.

10.2 A. BOARD OF ALDERMEN FULL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

The second Thursday of each month shall be established as the regularly scheduled meeting date of the Full Board of Aldermen. Meetings are to be held in the auditorium at City Hall and will convene at 7 p.m.

City of Shelton Regular Full Board 2021 Meeting Schedule	
January	14
February	11
March	11
April	8
May	13
June	10
July	8
August	12
September	9
October	14
November	11
December	9

10.2 B. BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES MEETING

The fourth Tuesday of each month shall be established as the regularly scheduled meeting date of the Public Hearing on Ordinances. Meetings are to be held in the auditorium at City Hall and will convene at 7 p.m.

City of Shelton Public Hearing Ordinances 2021 Meeting Schedule	
January	26
February	23
March	23

April	27
May	25
June	22
July	27
August	24
September	28
October	26
November	23
December	28

10.2 C. BOARD OF ALDERMEN FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The fourth Tuesday of each month shall be established as the regularly scheduled meeting date of the Finance Committee. Meetings are to be held in the auditorium at City Hall and will convene at 6:30 p.m.

City of Shelton Finance Committee 2021 Meeting Schedule	
January	26
February	23
March	23
April	27
May	25
June	22
July	27
August	24
September	28
October	26
November	23
December	28

10.2 D. BOARD OF ALDERMEN PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

The first Wednesday of each month shall be established as the regularly scheduled meeting date of the Public, Health & Safety Committee. Meetings are to be held in Room 104 at City Hall and will convene at 7:00 p.m.

City of Shelton Public Health & Safety Committee 2021 Meeting Schedule	
January	6
February	3
March	3
April	7
May	5
June	2
July	7
August	4
September	1
October	6
November	3
December	1

10.2 E. BOARD OF ALDERMEN STREET COMMITTEE

The first Tuesday of each month shall be established as the regularly scheduled meeting date of the Street Committee. Meetings are to be held in Room 104 at City Hall and will convene at 6:00 p.m.

City of Shelton Street Committee 2021 Meeting Schedule	
January	5
February	2
March	2
April	6
May	4
June	1
July	6
August	3

September	7
October	5
November	2
December	7

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.A REQUEST TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

11.1 NO ITEMS

Alderman Anglace moved to adjourn the Board of Aldermen Special Virtual Meeting.

SECONDED by Alderman Simonetti.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Theresa Adcox

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Date Approved BY: _____
Mayor Mark A. Lauretti

