

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2007**

1. Mayor Mike Bronko called the meeting to order at **6:03 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

T. K. Rossi
R. Burns
M. V. Fragoso
D Hoff

P. Scully
A. Campbell
R. Woodfield, ab.
R. Neth

RESIDENTS: 10

PRESS: 1

H. Kogut

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

A. Butler, Director VNA
A. Simmons, Naug. Historical
A. Pistarelli, Administrative Assistant
J. Goggin, Tax Collector
H. Witkoski Jr. St. Superintendent

OTHERS:

M. Davis, Inland Wetlands Comm.
N. DiMeo, Boro Clerk's Office
N. Warren Hess III, Attorney
J. Malay, Park Department
K. Rosenfeld, Borough Planner

2. Mayor Bronko led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. **VOTED:** Unanimously on motion by Burgess Burns and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 3, 2007 and Emergency Meeting of July 30, 2007, each member having received copies for review.
4. **VOTED:** Unanimously on motion by Burgess Burns and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the monthly reports of July, each member having received copies for review.
5. **VOTED:** Unanimously on motion by Burgess Burns and seconded by Burgess Neth to recess to Executive Session at **6:05 p.m.** for discussion on the following: Pending Litigation, Real Estate, and Personnel inviting in Street Superintendent Hank Witkoski Jr. and Attorney N. Warren Hess III.

Mayor Bronko reconvened the meeting at **7:14 p.m.**

6. The following motion emanated from Executive Session.

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VOTED: Unanimously on motion by Burgess Burns and seconded by Burgess Neth to raise the amount for the Phase I of the Peter J. Foley Parking Lot on Andrew Avenue from \$2,500. to \$5,000.

7. **Mayor's Monthly Report**

Mayor attended the performance at the Portuguese Club by Mariza and said it was a great event. She is an International Performer. He thanked the Portuguese Club for a wonderful evening. The Fireworks display was delayed until Saturday and was a great event. The Mayor thanked the Park Department for making it so successful. He also thanked Ronald MacDonald for coming back on Saturday especially with his busy schedule. It certainly was appreciated.

He met with DECD (Department of Economic Community Development) and received very positive feedback from the State. They are looking favorably on the Renaissance Project and it was determined the State's criteria for receiving funds for the project. Things are moving forward and I will be meeting this month with the DECD Commissioner.

This past month we had a major problem when the storm sewer collapsed on Maple Street in front of the Firehouse because of the heavy rain storm. Mayor thanked Street Department, Fire Department, Police and the Engineering Department for their quick response to the situation. He also thanked Lineweber Brothers Construction for their response coming out in such a timely manner. We have filed for Emergency Disaster Relief from the State of Connecticut so that we can get reimbursement for the cost to repair this.

The Fourth Annual Car Show was held this week-end and was a huge success. He thanked Mayoral Aide Al Pistarelli for organizing the event and thanks to my office staff and Deputy Mayor Rossi for volunteering their time in making this event so successful. He thanked the Arts Commission for bringing the band "The Big Beat" who played on the Gazebo and was a big hit. The Safety Patrol did a great job directing traffic during the show.

Public Comment

Seven residents spoke on the following issues: Gunntown Property remaining passive, new adult community in town (Fox Hollow), suggestion for a Conservation Commission, continuing water problems on Harlow Court, status of Data Com's property taxes, resident asked if car taxes could be paid in two installments like property taxes.

Mayor Bronko appointed the following members to the **Naugatuck Elderly Commission:**

Kathryn Green

317 Field Street

Viva Brockman-Harris

262 No. Main Street

Dorothy Knowles

157 Park Avenue

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Carole Mancini	78 Allerton Road
Victoria Rodriquez	480 Millville Avenue
Edna Talmadge	53 Conrad Street
William Goggin	701 Beacon Valley Road
Jerry Russo	153 Maple Street
Joyce McPhail	744 May Street
Louise Morgan	71 Osborn Road
Robin Segal	89 Weid Drive

terms to expire June 2008.

8. Mayor Bronko announced the reappointment of **Viva Brockman-Harris, 262 North Main Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770** as the **Municipal Agent for the Town of Naugatuck**, term to expire August 2008.
9. **VOTED:** Unanimously on motion by Burgess Burns and seconded by Burgess Campbell that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses appoint **Alan Crosswait, 56 Walnut Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770** as a regular member of the **Golf Course Commission**, filling the expired term of William P. Burns, term to expire June 2010.
10. **VOTED:** Unanimously on motion by Burgess Burns and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the bid for a **“Greensmaster 3150”** to **Turf Products Corporation, 157 Moody Road, P.O. Box 1200, Enfield, CT 06083** in the amount of **\$28,993.09** as recommended by Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Francis McMullen and the Park Commission.
11. Discussion/possible action regarding Burgess Scully’s proposed Resolution.

Deputy Mayor Rossi asked Burgess Scully who presented the resolution and since he took office in May what were the situations he didn’t receive information in time to review. For her own personal opinion, she feels she has the same challenges, but as a Burgess you take on the responsibility to find the time to review information and feels that the situation regarding the Police Contract and the Police Chief’s contract was a unique situation. These contracts were still being looked at by the Borough Attorney on Monday morning. There is merit in your concerns but you are taking it from one example. We did go over these contracts with the changes page by page.

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Burgess Scully emphasized that the Borough Charter states that when a Collective Bargaining Agreement is presented to the Board of Mayor and Burgesses, it must be tabled for three days. Mayor Bronko responded that on the recommendation of the Mayor and 2/3 vote of the Board immediate action is warranted.

Burgess Campbell agrees you need time to review the contracts but the Board of Education Contract should not even be mentioned since in reality this Board has nothing to say about the contract and the vote is just a formality. He explained that many times in negotiations the Union will hold their vote the same night the contract is going to be voted on.

Burgess Fragoso agrees that perhaps three days are necessary for reviewing contracts however, if this Board is kept abreast of what is going on up and to that point then this whole thing would be moot. There were times in previous administrations we were kept abreast of negotiations as they went on and Burgesses had input. As of late that hasn't happened and this gives credence to what Mr. Scully is saying. I have not voted on certain matters in the past simply because I didn't have enough information. I have a duty and obligation to the residents of our community to know what I am voting on. But I feel that we do have a new Mayor and administration and I have to in good faith give him and his staff the leverage to attempt to give us information needed in a timely manner and until he fails to do this I cannot vote on this resolution. I will give this administration the benefit of the doubt. Burgess Fragoso requested that Burgess Comments be part of the minutes regarding this item.

Burgess Hoff, who has worked in the Mayor's Office explained some of the history of how information is put together for the burgesses. Packages are put together in accordance with the agenda items so that there is a sequence of order. Department Heads are aware that information pertaining to agenda items should be in the office by the Thursday before Borough Board, but there are times where this is impossible. Burgess Hoff does not feel a resolution is necessary.

Burgess Neth feels that as far as contracts go, it should be re-instituted that Burgesses are involved with the negotiations of contracts. In the past four years, this was not done. When Burgesses were involved they had a better feeling of what was going on and could come back and discuss the negotiations. He suggested to Mayor Bronko that when the new negotiations start on contracts that the Burgesses be part of this process so that we can come back and report the progress.

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Burgess Kogut agrees with everything Burgess Neth said. He believes it is important to review material before Borough Board but not in the form of a motion and resolution. We should give the Borough Clerk's Office the opportunity to get us the information as soon as they can.

Mayor Bronko stated to the Burgesses that it is his intent and the Mayor's Office to get all information that will appear on the agenda to you as soon as it becomes available.

Motion by Burgess Scully and seconded by Burgess Burns that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, from time to time the Board of Mayor and Burgesses is required to cast votes and/or to act upon contracts and/or agreements necessitating the expenditure of large sums of taxpayer's money; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the Board of Mayor and Burgesses is required to cast votes and/or to act upon matters pertaining to collective bargaining concerning unionized employees of the Borough of Naugatuck including the requirement to vote to approve or reject proposed collective bargaining agreements between the Borough of Naugatuck and certain Labor Organizations (Unions) representing unionized employees of the Borough of Naugatuck; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the Board of Mayor and Burgesses is required to cast votes and/or to act upon matters pertaining to collective bargaining concerning unionized employees of the Board of Education of the Borough of Naugatuck including the requirement to vote to reject proposed collective bargaining agreements between the Board of Education of the Borough of Naugatuck and certain Labor Organizations (Unions) representing unionized employees of the Board of Education of the Borough of Naugatuck; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the Board of Mayor and Burgesses is required to cast votes and/or to act upon matters pertaining to collective bargaining concerning unionized employees of the Borough of Naugatuck including the requirement to vote to reject arbitration awards entered by arbitration panels concerning contractual obligations between the Borough of Naugatuck and certain Labor Organizations (Unions) representing unionized employees of the Borough of Naugatuck; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the Board of Mayor and Burgesses is required to cast votes and/or to act upon matters pertaining to collective bargaining concerning unionized employees of the Board of Education of the Borough of

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Naugatuck including the requirement to vote to reject arbitration awards entered by arbitration panels concerning contractual obligations between the Board of Education of the Borough of Naugatuck and Certain Labor Organizations (Unions) representing unionized employees of the Board of Education of the Borough of Naugatuck; and

WHEREAS, to insure that all members of the Board of Mayor and Burgesses are fully aware and cognizant of all of the provisions, terms and conditions pertaining to the aforementioned contractual obligations, arbitration awards as well as any other relevant matters before the said Board of Mayor and Burgesses vote and/or act upon such matters; and

WHEREAS, in order to insure that the taxpayers interests are protected before the said Board of Mayor and Burgesses vote and/or act upon such contractual obligations, arbitration awards as well as any other relevant matters.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that not less than three (3) business days before the Board of Mayor and Burgesses will be required to vote and/or act upon any of the aforementioned matters that the Office of the Borough Clerk shall provide and deliver to each member of the Board of Mayor and Burgesses any and all documents necessary for a full appraisal and understanding of the aforementioned matters that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses will be called to vote and/or act upon.

RESULT OF VOTE

FOR:

R. Burns
P. Scully

OPPOSED:

T. K. Rossi H. Kogut
A. Campbell R. Neth
M. Fragoso Mayor M. Bronko
D. Hoff

ABSTAIN:

None

Motion failed 2-7-0

12. **VOTED:** Unanimously on motion by Burgess Burns and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Controller Wayne McAllister to refund the following tax refunds approved by Tax Collector James Goggin; as if read:

Biswas, Snehal K. **\$21.06**
597 Millville Avenue 6-8
Naugatuck, CT 06770
06-01-2099 MV Sold 7-07 C/C 1120

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Bridschge, Ronald A. **\$41.30**
108 Barn Finch Circle
Naugatuck, CT 06770
06-01-2869 Disability Exempt Omitted C/C 1231

Butkus, Robert E. **\$104.49**
127 Walnut Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
06-01-3328 Daughter Reg in SC 5-07 C/C 1185
06-01-3329 MV Sold 5-07 C/C 1186

Calabrese, Nuria P. **\$55.35**
1273 Rubber Avenue Extension
Naugatuck, CT 06770
06-01-3541 MV Sold 10/06 C/C 695

Crenshaw, Gisele **\$18.18**
343 Hillside Avenue
Naugatuck, CT 06770
06-01-5447 MV Sold 6-07 C/C 954

Dias, Mario or Elas **\$124.73**
73 Pine Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
06-01-6859 Donated 12-06 C/C 1035

Forchielli, Josephine **\$33.04**
61 Hickory Road - Naugatuck, CT 06770
06-01-8638 MV Sold 5-07 C/C 1032

Lefebvre, Jeffery **\$49.28**
191 Quinn Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
05-01-13850 Sold 10/05 C/C 915

Marquardt, Geoffrey & Sherri **\$535.68**
360 Maple Hill Road
Naugatuck, CT 06770
06-03-46235 Overpaid Real

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McLay, Marjorie **\$233.58**
142 Applewood Lane
Naugatuck, CT 06770
05-01-15978 MV Traded in 10-05 C/C 2149

National City Sterling Mtg. Co. **\$1598.96**
3232 Newmark Drive
Miamisburg, OH 45342
05-03-47817 Overpaid Real 83 Perock Lane Macolman, Donald

Oloskey, Gregory **\$876.11**
10 Woodland Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
05-01-18364 Sold MV 10/06 C/C 2542

Parady, David or Diana **\$15.69**
58 Kosko Lane -Naugatuck, CT 06770
06-01-18762 MV Sold C/C 1208

Raytar, Robert **\$647.59**
95 Phoenix Avenue
Naugatuck, CT 06770
06-01-20412 Traded in 10-06 C/C 821

Scull, Chris **\$26.02**
73 ½ Spruce Drive
Naugatuck, CT 06770
06-01-22705 High Mileage C/C 919

Taylor, Vincent **\$16.94**
55 Stone Fence Road
Naugatuck, CT 06770
06-01-24700 MV Sold 7-07 C/C 1240

Varrone, Mario and Laura **\$240.95**
177 Graham Ridge Road
Naugatuck, CT 06770
05-03-50389 House is Cape Not Colonial C/C 2421

13. Public Comment
Two residents spoke on the following issues: questioned duties of Municipal Agent, resolution a good idea.

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14. **Burgess Comments/Sub-Committee Reports**

-Burgess Campbell commented on how much work Burgess Scully put into the resolution but believes sometimes it just doesn't happen with information getting there before three working days. He also addressed Mr. Bonomo's concerns about taxes being too high in Naugatuck compared to other towns. Since 1965, this tax rate is only the fifth time to be this high. It was 35 mills in 1965 and is now 41.3 mills. Houses are being built all over Naugatuck and sold.

-Burgess Scully stated he owned property in Wolcott who do not have all the amenities that our town has and taxes are higher there. They do not have a full time Fire Department or Police Force. He has been attending the Planning, Land Trust and Zoning meetings. Praised the Army Band Concert on the green.

-Burgess Fragoso asked former tax collector Burgess Kogut if there was anything from keeping the Borough from collecting taxes differently. Can you have two payments for car taxes. She would like this to go on the agenda for next month under discussion. Asked Burgess Burns to look into a burned-out light on Heritage Drive that was reported about three months ago and never been fixed. The Arts Commission is doing a great job. They all work diligently at the band concerts. The members made sure the Army Band was well fed and taken care of. The Art Contest on the sidewalk was also a success. They have programs in place for some of the schools this coming year co-sponsoring with the Board of Education or School Parent Group. They have an upcoming photo Contest about what is best in Naugatuck. Youngsters can participate in this contest and are encouraged to do so. People can visit their web-site to see the coming events. The Farmers Market will start in town tomorrow and Burgess Fragoso urges the citizens to support these local farmers. They will be here until the end of October with their hours being 10:00 to 2:00.

The roof on the firehouse is leaking. The company who did the work is no longer in business. The chief is looking into how we can get help with replacing this roof. Kudos to the fire department for getting the equipment out of the firehouse quickly on the day of the storm. Code Red has been purchased by the town and is up and running almost to full capacity. The grant (The Safer) the Fire Department applied for through our budget process will allow a program similar to the "cops fast" program. The Safer Grant provides partial funding for new fire fighters over 5 years. We have a possibility to receive \$105,000. from this grant. The Fire Department has received 105 applications of people interested in becoming a firefighter. Naugatuck will be participating in a tabletop exercise of the new Unified Response Manual. This Manual describes methods of managing major highway incidents. This exercise will take place in September in the Police Department training room.

-Burgess Burns received a call from an irate citizen complaining about trucks and traffic on Cherry Street. He thanked the Mayor for his quick response to this situation. He gave Joe Malay kudos for doing such a great job at the Hop Brook

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Golf Course and for quickly taking care of a situation that could have resulted in someone getting hurt. Lights on the green are out and should be replaced.

-Deputy Mayor Rossi - I met with the Chief of Police, Borough Engineer James Stewart, Zoning Enforcement Officer Steve Macary and the State Department of Transportation July 26th to discuss the traffic and parking issues located at the intersection of Cherry Street and Route 63. There is progress being made to finally address that situation and efforts are being made to remove the telephone poles that are on one of the islands at that location. Removal is necessary to insure public safety.

SENIOR CENTER:

I attended the Mens' Club picnic this month and thank that group for a wonderful visit. I was honored to join them for their annual event again this year!

TRIAD

I attended two meetings with the Chiefs, Mayor and Larry Santoro regarding the TRIAD this month.

The August TRIAD Meeting took place on August 1st. We welcomed Chief Edson and are excited to have him on board and look forward to working with him on this initiative. Chief Edson, Sgt Dean and I presented to the Rotary Club during their regular meeting on August 1st and are grateful to the Rotary and their members for their sincere interest and desire to be a part of the TRIAD. The TRIAD will be making a presentation to the Handicapped Commission in order to acclimate the Commissioners with the TRIAD.

The Next regular Monthly TRIAD meeting will be on September 5th at the NPD. The public is invited and welcome to attend.

I wanted to commend Al Pistarelli and the Mayor on a successful car show. It was a fun event and it was great to see so many people on the green and downtown. Many people were involved and the Car Show was a successful collaborative effort. Thank you to everyone.

Regarding Renaissance Place progress: A great thank you to the NEDC and David Prendergast on the bullet Plan list. If possible to give updates on each item, would be a great help.

Naugatuck Family and Youth Services: The July meeting was suspended.

-Burgess Kogut thanked Mayor Bronko, the Street Department, and Mr. Lineweber for the quick response in repairing Maple Street.

-Burgess Neth was on vacation during the referendum but was very happy to see a yes vote for the Solar Roof at the High School. Asked the Mayor to get in touch with the Clean Energy Fund to find out what Naugatuck has to do to become "green". Maybe they could come down and do a presentation so the public will

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understand. Happy to see the work has been started on the VNA Building on Rubber Avenue. This is encouraging for myself as well as Ann Butler.

-Burgess Hoff commended Mayor Bronko on his reappointment of Vi Brockman Harris as Naugatuck Municipal Agent. EDC will be announcing a new tenant and there is preliminary discussion for a Business Magnate School.

Dorothy spoke kind words of the Borough Clerk and her Office and how they conduct themselves with respect toward the Mayor, the public and the burgesses.

VOTED: Unanimously on motion by Burgess Burns and seconded by Burgess Neth to adjourn the meeting at **8:54 p.m.**

Attest:

Judith E. Crosswait Borough Clerk

A tape recording of this meeting is available in the office of the Borough Clerk for further review.

cc: Mayor/Burgesses/Controller/Administrative Assistant/File