

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
NOVEMBER 16, 2011**

1. Mayor Robert A. Mezzo declared the Public Hearing open at **6:00 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

T. K. Rossi
M. Bronko, absent
R. Burns
M. Ciacciarella, arrived 6:10 p.m.
C. Ernsky, absent

L. Jackson
R. Neth
R. San Angelo
P. Scully, Sr.

PRESS:

R. DeRosa
A. Malik

RESIDENTS:

Nine

OTHERS:

N.W. Hess III, Attorney
D. Cronin, ZBA
R. Merancy, WPCA
R. Butler, Finance Board Chair
A. Bottinick, Charter Revision Commission Chair
B. Gregorio, Charter Revision Commission

2. Mayor Mezzo led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Mayor Mezzo announced the Public Hearing was for the specific purpose of receiving comments, questions and suggestions from the public regarding the contents of the Draft Report prepared by the Charter Revision Commission. The Draft Report contains proposed charter amendments and other comments associated with the Charter of the Borough of Naugatuck and/or the Special Acts pertaining to the Borough of Naugatuck. A legal notice appeared in the Republican American Newspaper on November 10, 2011 and November 13, 2011. The hearing was recorded and everyone was given an opportunity to speak.
4. Mayor Mezzo asked for comments from the public after they stated their name and address.

K. Green

Opposed to the Town Manager Form of Government. In favor of increasing the term of mayor to four years.

C. Nunin

Keep the mayor's term as a two year term.

A. Cronin

Need a four year term for Mayor. No town manager. Change the election to November. Need the ability to hold more referendums for the budget, four or five.

R. Merancy

On the fence between a Town Manager Form of Government and a mayor, more information is needed to render a decision regarding a town manager. It will save the town money to change the election to November. In favor of the mayor and burgesses increasing to a four year term. A minimum number of voters should not

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apply to budget referendums. No other referendum or election has a minimum requirement. Eliminate the Tax Collector and Town Clerk positions as political jobs.

B. Gregorio

Discussed the Charter Revision Commission Subcommittee report on the Town Manager Form of Government of which he was a member.

J. Crosswait

Disagrees with the Town Manager Form of Government. Believes the person in charge of the town should pay taxes, live in and know the people in the town. Agrees with moving the election to November. In favor of increasing to a four year term for mayor.

D. Cronin

Rather see the mayor with a four year term than a town manager. Thinks a budget referendum should have a majority number of votes not a certain number of voters voting. Eliminate the Tax Collector and Town Clerk as elected positions. A provision for a recall should be put into place should the mayor's term increase to four years.

A. Wargo

There is no benefit to the people to change the form of government. He is against moving the election to November and increasing the term of the mayor. A budget referendum should be majority rules not a minimum voter turnout. Change in office of the Tax Collector and Town Clerk should not occur. Do not change the bidding process.

R. Butler

Agrees with all proposals. Has concerns regarding a town manager and views it as another layer of management

5. Mayor Mezzo declared the Public Hearing closed at **6:41 p.m.**

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

Attest:

Nancy K. DiMeo
Borough Clerk