

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2010**

1. Mayor Robert Mezzo called the meeting to order at **6:00 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

T. K. Rossi
R. Burns
A. Campbell, absent
M. Ciacciarella
M. V. Fragoso

H. Kuczenski
R. Neth
P. Scully
R. Woodfield

RESIDENTS: Seventeen

PRESS:

B. Cox
P. Singley

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

F. Dambowsky, Emergency Mgt. Dir.
J. Deschesnes, Human Resources Dir.

J. Stewart, Public Works Dir.
E. Carter, Mayoral Aide

OTHERS:

G. St. Amand, Dept. Public Health
D. Cronin, ZBA

R. Krzykowski, EDC

2. Mayor Mezzo led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Rossi and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the minutes of the regular meeting of **January 5, 2010** and the special meeting of **January 12, 2010**. Each member received copies for review.
4. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Rossi and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the monthly reports of **January**. Each member received copies for review.
5. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Rossi and seconded by Burgess Neth to recess to Executive Session at **6:01 p.m.** for discussion on the following: **Real Estate** (Jesse Camille's, Potential Lease), **Personnel/Collective Bargaining** (Police Dispatchers, AFSCME, Recreation Director, Naugatuck Teacher's League Contract and Naugatuck Administrator's Union Contract) inviting in Human Resource Director J. Deschesnes and Attorney N. W. Hess III.

Mayor Mezzo reconvened the meeting at **7:00 p.m.**

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6. The following motions emanated from Executive Session.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Rossi and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Mayor Mezzo to enter into a lease agreement with Clear Wireless, LLC as recommended by Borough Attorney N. W. Hess subject to final legal review by Borough Counsel, Borough Engineer and/or Naugatuck Board of Education.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Rossi and seconded by Burgess Scully that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Mayor Mezzo to accept the Memorandum of Agreement filed with the Borough Clerk between the Naugatuck Board of Education and the Naugatuck Teachers League.

RESULT OF VOTE:

<u>FOR:</u>		<u>OPPOSED:</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mayor R. Mezzo	H. Kuczenski	M. Ciacciarella	None
T. K. Rossi	R. Neth		
R. Burns	P. Scully		
M. V. Fragoso	R. Woodfield		

Motion carried 8-1-0

Motion by Deputy Mayor Rossi and seconded by Burgess Scully that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Mayor Mezzo to accept the Memorandum of Agreement filed with the Borough Clerk between the Naugatuck Board of Education and the Naugatuck Association of School Administrators.

RESULT OF VOTE:

<u>FOR:</u>		<u>OPPOSED:</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
T. K. Rossi	R. Neth	M. Ciacciarella	Mayor Mezzo
R. Burns	P. Scully		
M. V. Fragoso	R. Woodfield		
H. Kuczenski			

Motion carried 7-1-1

7. Public Comment

Residents spoke on the following issues:

- Thanked everyone for attending the services for Franklin Johnson, Sr.
- A memorial tribute to Franklin Johnson, Sr.
- Thanked the Fire and Police Departments for their time spent during a fire in his neighborhood

Mayoral Aide Ed Carter said the Fire and Ice Event will be held on Saturday, February 27th from 4 to 8pm. There will be music, a bonfire, ice sculptures and refreshments sold by the eighth grade middle school classes. He said a basketball game between the two middle schools will be held on February 3rd at Naugatuck High School. He is organizing a March Madness Walk a Thon on March 20th at

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- the Naugatuck High School track to raise money for the artificial fields. He announced a program to assist residents with foreclosures, the Neighborhood Housing of Waterbury 203 753-1896.
8. Presentation by Gary St. Amand, Health Program Associate from the Connecticut Department of Public Health designating the Borough of Naugatuck as a Heart Safe Community. Sherri Hopkins and Lisa Herchenroether accepted the award on behalf of the Borough. Both women were the driving force in implementing defibrillators throughout the Borough.
 9. Burgess Comments/Sub-Committee Reports

Burgess Scully lost two good friends this past month, Franklin Johnson, Sr. and Thomas McGuire.

Burgess Frago said the Street Commission debated the new trash policy at their recent meeting. She said the Blight Committee is close to having an ordinance ready for adoption. She told everyone of New Opportunities' temporary rental assistance, Homeless Prevention Rapid Re-housing Program. Burgess Frago thanked Jim Braziel for his help during an ice storm. She acknowledged Jim Stewart and the excellent work he is doing in his new position. She spoke on the passing of Frank Johnson and Tom McGuire. She thanked Sherri Hopkins and Lisa Herchenroether for all that they have done to benefit the residents of Naugatuck.

Burgess Burns thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening. He said Frank Johnson was his friend and a good man. He said Tom McGuire served Naugatuck and his country well. He thanked the Mayor for appointing Jim Stewart as the Public Works Director. He acknowledged Ed Carter for helping him with street light issues.

Mayor Mezzo said not every day a hero dies in our community. He told everyone he ordered the flags to be flown at half mast the day after Frank Johnson passed, only to be told the flags needed to be raised again. The Governor has the authority to order flags to be lowered. Frank Johnson was involved in passing the legislation so fallen soldiers would be honored properly and the flag lowered only for that purpose. Mayor Mezzo said we lost a tremendous individual.

Deputy Mayor Rossi Thanked Mayoral Aide Ed Carter for the community updates. She thanked Sherri Hopkins and Lisa Herchenroether for being the driving force to alert this community to a need. She spoke about the passing of Tom McGuire. Frank Johnson is very near and dear to her family. She thanked everyone for coming to the services. Mr. Johnson would be upset to hear himself referred to as a hero. The Deputy Mayor said we owe him to continue promoting the causes he was involved in.

Burgess Woodfield reminisced about Frank Johnson's delivery of jokes. He missed Tom McGuire at the last few meetings.

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Burgess Neth said he thinks we have a long, long, long hard process with the budget this coming year. He said Mr. McGuire was a fascinating person. He was able to speak his mind during a meeting and then have a laugh afterward. What can you say about Frank Johnson? Great man, legend, hero, Naugatuck, that is how we relate to Frank Johnson.

Burgess Ciacciarella said the Union City Revitalization Committee will have a presentation by pro bono Attorney Kevin McSherry. He thanked the teachers and administrators for the work that they do. He said Tom McGuire was a great inspiration to him personally. He also said Frank Johnson was a hero to Naugatuck.

Burgess Kuczenski said as far as Frank Johnson and Tom McGuire goes, there is nothing more to say, it has all been said.

10. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Rossi and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses add to the agenda a vote regarding the local option and local freeze programs.
11. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Rossi and seconded by Burgess Scully that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses extend the current local freeze program for one year.
Motion rescinded.
12. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Rossi and seconded by Burgess Scully that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses extend the current local freeze program for one year in compliance with any state and local law.
13. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Burgess Neth and seconded by Burgess Scully that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses add to the agenda the appointment of Francis McMullen as a regular member of the Park Commission filling the expired term of Ronald Plasky.
14. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Rossi and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the appointment of **Francis McMullen (U)**, 48 Coventry Lane, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member of the **Park Commission**, filling the expired term of Ronald Plasky, term to expire December 1, 2014.
15. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Rossi and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve

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the reappointment of **Judy Anderson (R)**, 701 Beacon Valley Rd #21, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member of the **Board of Assessment Appeals**, term to expire February 6, 2013.

- 16. Mayor Mezzo reappointed **Katherine J. Carten (R)**, 23 Coventry Lane, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member of the **Code of Ethics Commission**, term to expire February, 2012.
- 17. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Rossi and seconded by Burgess Scully that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the reappointment of **W. Francis Dambowsky**, 35 Moonlight Circle, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member of the **Emergency Planning Committee of the Council of Governments**, term to expire January 1, 2013.
- 18. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Rossi and seconded by Burgess Fragoso that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the reappointment of **Kenneth Hanks**, 19 Hillcrest Avenue, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member of the **Emergency Planning Committee of the Council of Governments**, term to expire January 1, 2013.
- 19. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Rossi and seconded by Burgess Scully that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses award the “**2010 Tree Trimming and Removal Contractor Services**” to Bellemare Tree Service, Naugatuck Tree Service and Connecticut Tree Service of Naugatuck as recommended by James Stewart, Director of Public Works.
- 20. Motion by Deputy Mayor Rossi and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the bid for “**The Automatic Refuse and Recycling Truck**” to Gabrielli Truck Sales LTD, 401 Old Gate Lane, Milford, CT 06460 in the amount of **\$496,208.80** as recommended by James Stewart, Director of Public Works.

RESULT OF VOTE:

FOR:

Mayor R. Mezzo	R. Neth
T. K. Rossi	P. Scully
R. Burns	R. Woodfield
H. Kuczenski	

OPPOSED:

M. Ciacciarella
M. V. Fragoso

ABSTAIN

None

Motion carried 7-2-0

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21. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Rossi 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:

A-1 Auto Rentals, LLC **\$38.78**

24-A Plank Road

Prospect, CT 06712

2008-01-27131 Sold 4/2009 C/C 1888

2008-01-27119 Sold 7/2009 C/C 1892

A-1 Auto Rentals, LLC **\$72.82**

24-A Plank Road

Prospect, CT 06712

2008-01-27118 Sold 1/2009 C/C 1896 VIN# 1G1NE52J6X6138412

2008-01-27123 Sold 7/2009 C/C 1898 VIN# 1G1JF5248X7186073

Adams, Kent T. **\$25.54**

2 Simsberry Road

Naugatuck, CT 06770

2008-01-00130 Non Resident Reg in FL C/C 1292

Anand Gururajan V.M. or Anupama **\$53.90**

5036 Rambling Hills Drive

Morrisville, NC 27560-8731

2007-01-10352 Moved to NC 8/2008 C/C 1950

2007-01-10353 Moved to NC 8/2008 C/C 1949

Cooper, Jeannette E. **\$38.39**

65 Mill Street

Naugatuck, CT 06770

2008-03-42103 Overpaid Real Estate

Elhiason, Steve **\$61.73**

66 Mulberry Street

Naugatuck, CT 06770

2007-01-23958 Totaled Prior to GL

Fainstein, Elena **\$13.56**

627 Millville Avenue, 9-2

Naugatuck, CT 06770

2008-02-01392 MV Junked 6/2009 C/C 1813

Farina, Robyn **\$181.33**

15 Todd Road

Wolcott, CT 06716

2008-01-07887 Non Resident C/C 1964

2008-02-01400 Non Resident C/C 1965

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Gautschi, Elda and Steven **\$55.79**
146 Applewood Lane
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2007-01-09260 Sold 9/2007 C/C 1957

GMAC of Louisville PPC **\$109.69**
P.O. Box 9001951
Louisville, Kentucky 40290-1951
2007-01-09691 MV Sold 7/2008 C/C 1766 VIN# 1GNET13H72159378

GMAC of Louisville PPC **\$449.17**
P.O. Box 9001951
Louisville, Kentucky 40290-1951
2007-01-09661 Traded in 6/2008 C/C 1865 VIN# 1G2ZH18N374267887
2007-01-09708 Traded In 3/2008 C/C 1867 VIN# 2GCEK19V541304214
2007-01-09676 Lease Returned 4/2008 C/C 1866 VIN# 1GNDDT135642198337

Hess III, Warren N. Atty. **\$112.26**
P.O. Box 47
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2008-04-30379 Overpaid Personal Property

Hill, Elizabeth or Kyle **\$240.81**
47 Humiston Circle
Thomaston, CT 06787
2008-01-10973 Non Res. C/C 2006
2008-01-10975 Non Res. C/C 2007

Lopez, Ernest **\$175.46**
103 Phoenix Avenue
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2005-01-14341 Taxed by Wtby. C/C 1995 2006-01-14385 Taxed by Wtby. C/C 1996
2007-01-14362 Taxed by Wtby. C/C 1997 2008-01-14208 Taxed by Wtby. C/C 1998

Mazzulla, Paula **\$8.83**
34 Red Maple Court
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2008-01-15521 Correct Vets Exempt C/C 1971

Miele, Patricia A., **\$418.43**
129 Fairlawn Avenue, 1 South
Waterbury, CT 06705
2006-01-16381 Non Resident C/C 1783
2007-01-16319 Non Resident C/C 1784
2008-01-16167 Non Resident C/C 1785

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Morgan, Jeffery **\$8.17**
933 Rubber Avenue, 7P
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2008-01-16709 Overpaid MV

Pappas, Gregory N. **\$19.86**
471 N. Spring Street, Apt. 3
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2007-01-18646 Repo 8/2008 C/C 1959

Patrick, Catherine **\$9.82**
79-7 Ridge Road
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2008-01-18607 Overpaid MV

Parise, Carol **\$335.65**
1129 Wolcott Street, Bldg. 3, Unit 6
Waterbury, CT 06705
2006-01-18788 C/C 1690 Waterbury Resident 06GL
2006-02-03870 C/C 1691 Waterbury Resident 06GL

Rapp, Margaret **\$37.82**
53 Conrad Street. Apt. 22A
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2008-01-20121 Apply Vets Exemption C/C 1980

Syed Farooq M. and Eman S. **\$3,573.11**
20 Francis Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2008-03-49932 Overpaid Real Estate 23 Charlene Drive

Szanfranski, Shari-Lee **\$46.98**
27 New Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2008-01-24229 Overpaid MV

Xerxes Holdings LLC **\$8,328.22**
55 Spring Street
New Britain, CT 06051
2007-03-81134 Adjusted to 07GL per Court Stipulation C/C 2647

22. Public Comment - None

23. Burgess Comments/Sub-Committee Reports
Burgess Kuczenski reported many upgrades are being done to the George B. Lewis I, George B. Lewis II and Oak Terrace Housing Complexes i.e.: new

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kitchens, roofs, vinyl siding, railings, emergency lighting, faucets, showerheads, lamps, smoke detectors, thermostats, air conditioning units and refrigerators.

Burgess Ciacciarella congratulated the newly elected members of the Democratic and Republican parties. He stated the Zoning Commission is working on updating the Plan of Conservation & Development and the Subdivision Regulations with an attempt to preserve more landscaping.

Burgess Woodfield congratulated the committee on finally moving forward with the plans to renovate Jesse Camille’s Restaurant.

Deputy Mayor Rossi questioned Burgess Ciacciarella about the role of the Union City pro bono attorney. She said there will be a Shred-It event at the Senior Center on April 22nd for the public to have their paperwork shredded safely. The Deputy Mayor said this year will be horrendous for the budget. She encouraged the public to attend the weekly budget meetings even though there is no public comment. (Deputy Mayor Rossi’s comments are attached as submitted.)

Mayor Mezzo said Monday budget meetings are the crust of the process of how things work in the town.

Burgess Burns said the next two years will be tough budgets.

Burgess Scully believes it was the correct way to vote to allocate \$900,000. for the Board of Education budget. He did not feel it was appropriate to make a vote of no confidence in the Superintendent which is why he was the only one who opposed the vote.

24. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Burgess Scully and seconded by Burgess Neth to adjourn the meeting at **8:22 p.m.**

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

Attest:

Nancy K. DiMeo
Borough Clerk

cc: Mayor/Burgesses/Controller/Mayoral Aide/File