

**MINUTES
JOINT BOARDS OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
AND BOARD OF FINANCE**

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2009/2010 FISCAL BUDGET
MARCH 30, 2009– 6:30 P.M.
NAUGATUCK HIGH SCHOOL**

1. Mayor Mike Bronko declared the Public Hearing open at **6:30 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

T. K. Rossi
R. Burns
M. Fragoso
P. Scully
D. Hoff

A. Campbell
H. Kogut
R. Neth, ab.
R. Woodfield, ab.

RESIDENTS: 50

PRESS: 2

FINANCE BOARD:

R. Lennon Jr.
R. Gallant
D. Carten
R. Butler, Jr.
D. Scinto

J. Merrill
J. Tavares
N. Hein, ab.

ALTERNATES:

S. Gunnoud, ab.

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

W. McAllister, Controller
A. Pistarelli, Mayor's Aide
T. Pompeii, Adult Education

J. T. Gibson, School Superintendent
J. Kallipolites, I. T. Director

OTHERS:

J. Carlson, NEDC
M. Ciacciarella, Ch. Zoning
N. DiMeo, Boro. Clerk's Office
J. Gallant, Assessors Office
J. Jordan, Ch. Planning Comm.
D. Pinto, Finance Dept.
D. Prendergast, NEDC CEO

J. Lamb, Whittemore Library
L. Levesque, Boro. Clerk's Office
B. Lewis, BOE
C. Marengi, Library Bd. Of Directors
J. Petuch, Bus. Adm. BOE
R. San Angelo Former Mayor

2. Mayor Bronko led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. Mayor Bronko introduced the Chairman of the Board of Finance, Mr. Raymond Lennon Jr., who will state the purpose of the Public Hearing and give the ground rules for conducting the Hearing and also state, for the record, that the Hearing is being taped legally.

Chairman Lennon welcomed everyone to the Public Hearing and acknowledges all present from the Board of Mayor and Burgesses, Board of Finance, the Controller, and Borough Clerk.

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Chairman Lennon will take comments from the public after they state their name and address.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

D. Cronin

Teachers should take pay freeze. Other unions have done so. Town should deduct the increase they will be getting out of their budget. Many teachers do not even live in Naugatuck.

T. McGuire

There are 63 less students in our school system this year. We have 4,765 students with 393 teachers. Five years ago there were 5,536 students with same amount of teachers.

T. Fow

There should be layoffs. We are in a recession.

D. Sheridan

Believes there should be a breakdown of all school projects and also where the extra monies from grants etc. that the Board of Education receives. The teacher/student ratio should be looked at.

J. Orcutt

Why is instructional supplies for the children being cut.

F. Snapkowski

Wants more information on budget. Should have line item showing how much has actually been spent so far.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

D. Cronin

Should not put any more monies into Renaissance Place. We should not pay for a parking garage and have to maintain it when Mr. Conroy will have the rights to it.

C. Green

How can we guarantee that Parcel C will be completely remediated.

D. Sheridan

Thinks overtime should be reduced because of three new officers.

Chairman Lennon recessed the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Chairman Lennon reconvened the meeting at 7:55PM

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PUBLIC WORKS

R. San Angelo

Believes the Christmas Village should be reinstated. There are at least a half-dozen other places that could be cut. He believes all of the villages should be put back into the budget, but at least the Christmas Village for the kids.

J. Orcutt

Asked if new mulch would be replacing the old at all of the parks.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

T. McGuire

Workman's Compensation line item too high. This should be watched carefully.

C. Marenghi

Library is doing everything necessary to help with their expenses: pay freeze for workers, less hours open, less spending on books. They respectfully request that their budget not be decreased any further. He handed in signatures of residents who support the library.

T. Fow

What is Reval 2012?

GENERAL COMMENTS

D. Cronin

Believes layoffs would be cost savings.

D. Sheridan

This is not a true flat budget. Because of the huge hit residents took last year with the budget, we should be looking again at the overtime in the Police Department and Workmen's Compensation.

4. Chairman Lennon declared the Public Hearing closed at **8:25 p.m.**

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

Attest:

Judith E. Crosswait
Borough Clerk

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

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