

MINUTES
JOINT BOARDS OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES AND
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING – NOVEMBER 23, 2015

1. Mayor N. Warren “Pete” Hess called the special meeting to order at **6:46 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

R. Neth	L. Jackson
R. Burns	P. Scully, Sr.
K. Donovan	R. Vitale
C. Herb	D. Wisniewski
D. Hoff	

PRESS:

L. Marshall
L. Weschler

RESIDENTS:

None

FINANCE BOARD:

A. Bottinick	J. Savarese
A. Campbell, absent	D. Scinto
K. Kiernan	D. Sheridan, Jr.
A. Pistarelli, absent	S. Stirk, absent

ALTERNATES:

R. Burke
W. McAllister, absent

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

J. Lawlor, Human Resources Director
S. Locke, Superintendent of Schools
J. Bernegger, Deputy Fire Chief

R. Butler, Controller
C. Edson, Chief of Police
E. Murray, Interim Fire Chief

OTHERS:

B. Rizk, Assistant BOE Business Manager
C. Montini, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
M. Jacoboski, Police Training Officer

S. Hunt, Police Captain
D. Neth-Kunin, BOE Chair

2. Chairwoman Diane Scinto led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Mayor Hess turned the meeting over to Finance Board Chairwoman Diane Scinto.
4. Chairwoman Scinto appointed Robert Burke in the vacant position.

The board observed a moment of silence for past Board of Finance member Mike Reilly.

5. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the Joint Boards of Mayor and Burgesses and Board of Finance approve a transfer request of **\$10,000.00** from **Contingency** to the **Downtown Development Legal Account** as recommended by Controller Robert W. Butler, Jr. and Naugatuck Economic Development Corporation CEO Ronald Pugliese.
6. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the Joint Boards of Mayor and Burgesses and Board of Finance approve a transfer request of **\$48,000.00** from **Contingency** to the **Fire Department**

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Employee Retirement Account as recommended by Controller Robert W. Butler, Jr. and Interim Fire Chief Ellen Murray.

7. Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the Joint Boards of Mayor and Burgesses and Board of Finance approve a transfer request **not to exceed \$34,000** from **Contingency** to the **Property Assessment Department – Payroll Account** as recommended by Controller Robert W. Butler, Jr.

Motion withdrawn.

8. Chief Edson made a request to repurpose money in the Firearms Account to purchase new handguns instead of ammunition. The purchase of ammunition overlapped fiscal years due to the referendum process. It is not necessary to purchase more in this fiscal year. He said the manufacturer recommends replacing handguns every six to eight years. The chief intends to trade in the current handguns at \$271 each and utilize \$18,018 from the Firearms Account to purchase sixty-four new handguns and holsters.

9. Motion by R. Neth and seconded by P. Scully that the Joint Boards of Mayor and Burgesses and Board of Finance approve a request from the Board of Education that a **Reserve Fund** be established to receive surplus funds available from the **FY 2014-2015 Board of Education Budget** in the amount of **\$609,000.00** eligible under CGS 10-248a.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>		<u>ABSTAIN</u>
D. Scinto	Mayor Hess	K. Donovan	None
R. Burke	R. Neth	C. Herb	
	A. Bottinick	D. Hoff	
	K. Kiernan	L. Jackson	
	J. Savarese	P. Scully, Sr.	
	D. Sheridan	R. Vitale	
	R. Burns	D. Wisniewski	

Motion failed 2-14-0

Motion by K. Donovan and seconded by L. Jackson that the Joint Boards of Mayor and Burgesses and Board of Finance approve a request from the Board of Education that a **Reserve Fund** be established to receive surplus funds available from the **FY 2014-2015 Board of Education Budget** in the amount of **\$150,000.00** eligible under CGS 10-248a.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>		<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mayor Hess	R. Neth	D. Hoff	None
D. Scinto	A. Bottinick	P. Scully, Sr.	
K. Kiernan	D. Sheridan	R. Vitale	
J. Savarese	R. Burns	D. Wisniewski	
R. Burke	C. Herb		
K. Donovan			
L. Jackson			

Motion failed 7-9-0

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Motion by R. Vitale and seconded by L. Jackson that the Joint Boards of Mayor and Burgesses and Board of Finance approve a request from the Board of Education that a **Reserve Fund** be established to receive surplus funds available from the **FY 2014-2015 Board of Education Budget** in the amount of **\$300,000.00** eligible under CGS 10-248a.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>		<u>ABSTAIN</u>
D. Scinto	Mayor Hess	C. Herb	None
K. Kiernan	R. Neth	D. Hoff	
J. Savarese	A. Bottinick	P. Scully, Sr.	
R. Burke	D. Sheridan	D. Wisniewski	
K. Donovan	R. Burns		
L. Jackson			
R. Vitale			

Motion failed 7-9-0

Motion by K. Donovan and seconded by L. Jackson that the Joint Boards of Mayor and Burgesses and Board of Finance approve a request from the Board of Education that a **Reserve Fund** be established to receive surplus funds available from the **FY 2014-2015 Board of Education Budget** in the amount of **\$125,000.00** eligible under CGS 10-248a.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>FOR</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>		<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mayor Hess	R. Neth	C. Herb	None
D. Scinto	A. Bottinick	D. Hoff	
K. Kiernan	J. Savarese	P. Scully, Sr.	
R. Burke	D. Sheridan	D. Wisniewski	
K. Donovan	R. Burns		
L. Jackson			
R. Vitale			

Motion failed 7-9-0

- 10. Motion by R. Neth and seconded by D. Hoff that the Joint Boards of Mayor and Burgesses and Board of Finance maintain the **Elderly Tax Credit Program**.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

<u>FOR</u>		<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Mayor Hess	C. Herb	R. Neth	None
D. Scinto	D. Hoff	A. Bottinick	
J. Savarese	L. Jackson	K. Kiernan	
R. Burns	P. Scully, Sr.	D. Sheridan	
K. Donovan	D. Wisniewski	R. Burke	
		R. Vitale	

Motion carried 10-6-0

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11. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by R. Neth and seconded by D. Sheridan to adjourn the meeting at **9:08 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