

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
MARCH 5, 2019**

1. Mayor “Pete” Hess called the regular meeting to order at **6:18 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

L. Taf Jackson	D. Hoff
M. Bronko	R. Neth
R. Burns, absent	R. Vitale
J. DeOliveira	D. Wisniewski
C. Herb	

PRESS:

L. Marshall

RESIDENTS:

Eighteen

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

J. Stewart, Public Works Director

R. Butler, Jr., Purchasing/Financial Analyst

E. Carter, ZEO

S. Hunt, Chief of Police

OTHERS:

S. Ribeiro, Assistant to the Public Works Director

E. Mezzo, City Hill Middle School Principal

D. Sheridan, Finance Board

2. Burgess Wisniewski led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the revised minutes of the regular meeting of **February 5, 2019** and the special meeting of **February 28, 2019**. Each member received copies for review.
Burgess D. Hoff abstained.
4. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the monthly reports of **February**. Each member received copies for review.
5. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth to recess to Executive Session at **6:20 p.m.** for discussion on the following: **Real Estate** (0 Andrew Avenue, Recycling Center, Park Department Building-Rubber Avenue) and **Pending Litigation** (Sunrun, Inc., Borough/Matty’s Paving). No one was invited into executive session.

Mayor Hess reconvened the meeting at **7:07 p.m.**

6. There were no motions emanating from Executive Session.

Students from City Hill Middle School were invited to attend the meeting tonight to share their proposed legislative bill restricting children under the age of sixteen from consuming energy drinks. The class studied energy drinks and its effect on the brain and body. The top students went to Hartford and shared their proposed bill with the legislature. In the near future, they will produce a Public Service Announcement (PSA) pamphlet for distribution.

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7. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses recess to the **Retirement Board** at **7:16 p.m.**

Mayor Hess reconvened the meeting at **7:19 p.m.**

8. Public Comment
A resident is upset additional taxes are being taken out of his pension check. He does not approve of the new police chief. He thinks the deputy chief should have received the promotion.
9. Mayor Hess approved the appointment of **Valerie Dunn**, 268 Hunters Mountain Road, Naugatuck, CT 06770 to the **Naugatuck Day Care Board of Directors**, filling the expired term of C. Munro, term to expire April 1, 2019.
10. Mayor Hess appointed **Paul E. Singley** (U), 34 Woodside Drive, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as an alternate member of the **Police Commission**, filling the expired term of R. Blanchard, term to expire October 1, 2020.
11. Motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the bid and authorize Mayor Hess to execute all contracts and related documents for “**GEM Room Chairs – Event Center**” to Classroom Essentials, 186 Hickory Springs Industrial Drive, Canton, GA 30115 in the amount of **\$8,273.12 (includes shipping)** as recommended by Purchasing/Financial Analyst Robert W. Butler, Jr.
Burgess D. Hoff opposed.
12. Motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses adopt the following resolution, as if read:
- WHEREAS**, Federal monies are available under the **Connecticut Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program**, administered by the State of Connecticut, Department of Housing pursuant to Public Law 93 – 3 83, as amended; and,
- WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 127c, and Part VI of Chapter 130 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of Housing is authorized to disburse such Federal monies to local municipalities; and,
- WHEREAS**, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Borough of Naugatuck make application to the State for **\$400,000** in order to undertake a Small Cities Community Development Program and to execute an Assistance Agreement therefore, should one be offered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Mayor and Burgesses;

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1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes; and,
2. That the filing of an application by the Borough of Naugatuck in an amount not to exceed **\$400,000** is hereby approved, and that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to file such Application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, to carry out approved activities and to act as the authorized representative of the Borough of Naugatuck.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR

Mayor N.W. Hess

L. Taf Jackson

M. Bronko

J. DeOliveira

C. Herb

D. Hoff

R. Neth

R. Vitale

D. Wisniewski

OPPOSE

None

ABSTAIN

None

Motion carried 9-0-0

13. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses amend the action of the board made on February 5, 2019, item #18, to approve a three (3) year extension to the original contract with USA Recycling for **“Dumpsters at Town Buildings”** and authorize Mayor Hess to execute all contracts and related documents as recommended by the Assistant to the Public Works Director Sandra Ribeiro.
14. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Mayor Hess to execute all contracts and related documents for a **“GPS Fleet Management Contract”** with Verizon Connect, 100 Southgate Parkway, Morristown, NJ 07960 in the amount of **\$795.90 a month** as recommended by Public Works Director James Stewart.
15. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the **5 Year LOCIP Paving Program as set forth on the paving schedule for Fiscal Year 2019-2023** as recommended by Public Works Director James Stewart.
16. Discussion took place regarding the limitation on time limits for **Redemption on Tax Auctions**. Pursuant to CGS 12-157, the time limit a municipality can wait to turn over auctioned property is between sixty and one hundred eighty days. The borough has been giving the property owner one hundred eighty days after the tax auction to redeem the

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property. The tax collector suggests the borough reduce the amount of time. Discussion took place whether to reduce the amount of time from one hundred eighty days to sixty days or ninety days.

Motion by Burgess Bronko and seconded by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses reduce the redemption period from one hundred eighty (180) to sixty (60) days for all tax auctions pursuant to section 12-157 CGS.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR

Mayor N.W. Hess

L. Taf Jackson

M. Bronko

J. DeOliveira

C. Herb

R. Neth

OPPOSE

D. Hoff

R. Vitale

D. Wisniewski

ABSTAIN

None

Motion carried 6-3-0

17. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Mayor Hess to execute all contracts and related documents with Skyview Ventures LLC, 114 Pearl Street, Suite 2c, Port Chester, New York 10573 for the installation of a **Solar Energy Project at Maple Hill Elementary School** subject to legal review.
18. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Mayor Hess to sign appropriate papers to sell real estate known as **Lot #17 Auburn Street** for the purchase price of **\$6,000**.
19. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Mayor Hess to sign appropriate papers to sell real estate known as **0 Auburn Street** for the purchase price of **\$2,000**.
20. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses designate **April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month** in the Borough of Naugatuck.
21. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Controller Allyson W. Bruce to refund the following tax refunds approved by Tax Collector James Goggin; as if read:

Acar Leasing LTD **\$301.19**

P.O. Box 1990

Fort Worth, TX 76101

2017-03-0050234 Overpaid

Ackerman, Janice E. **\$158.40**

243 Quinn Street

Naugatuck, CT 06770

2017-01-0000077 Overpaid

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Ally Financial **\$145.04**
Louisville PPC
P.O. Box 9001951
Louisville, KY 40290-1951
2016-03-0074590 Overpaid

Ally Financial **\$609.10**
Louisville PPC
P.O. Box 9001951
Louisville, KY 40290-1951
2016-03-0074592 Overpaid

Arteaga, Luis **\$508.06**
18 Argyle Circle
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0051193 Overpaid

Barbieri, John **\$85.30**
215 Church Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2010-03-0016753 Overpaid

Barnsley, Charles **\$111.00**
310 Quinn Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2015-03-0511514 Overpaid

Barnsley, Charles **\$111.01**
310 Quinn Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2016-03-0051636 Overpaid

Barnsley, Charles **\$135.01**
310 Quinn Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0051669 Overpaid

Boutot, Jeanne **\$1,828.88**
30 Pond Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-01-0001150 Overpaid

Bowen, Joseph J., III **\$489.55**
92 Hickory Lane
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0052716 Overpaid

Bright, Randall **\$237.53**
4 Fawn Meadow Drive
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2013-01-0056359 Overpaid

Bronko, Michael **\$100.19**
34 Fairfield Court
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0053015 Overpaid

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Carolina LLC **\$52.62**
44 Lyon Terrace
Bridgeport, CT 06604
2017-01-0002499 Overpaid

Cavagnaro, Louis **\$21.60**
15 Counselor Drive
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0054177 Overpaid

Cayer Construction **\$110.24**
112 Sunburst Road
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-02-0040145 Overpaid

Connecticut Water Services, Inc. **\$95.09**
93 West Main Street
Clinton, CT 06413
2017-03-0054989 Overpaid

Courtney, Ermma **\$76.59**
19 Hillside Avenue, 1Floor
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-04-0081111 Overpaid

CTM Congress LLC **\$2,038.51**
51 Great Hill Road
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-01-0002365 Overpaid

DeBisschop, John F., Jr. **\$767.93**
319 Quinn Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-01-0002626 Overpaid

Dimasso, Julie **\$200.00**
22 Cadbury Place
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0056756 Overpaid

Drake, Artivia **\$213.56**
22 Burton Street
Waterbury, CT 06704
2015-03-0516969 Overpaid

Financial Service Vehicle Trust **\$364.28**
5550 Britton Pkwy
Hilliard, OH 43026-7456
2017-03-0058061 Overpaid

Finkle, Frank **\$231.75**
268 Wedgewood Drive
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0058078 Overpaid

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Fleck, Albert **\$87.00**
35 Morning Mist Road
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0058145 Overpaid

Freitas, Paula **\$363.63**
185 Scott Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2016-01-0003705 Overpaid

Gallion, Terrell S., III **\$145.80**
218 May Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0058722 Overpaid

Gallion, Terrell S., III **\$146.52**
218 May Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2016-03-0058845 Overpaid

Gallion, Terrell S., III **\$523.80**
218 May Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0058721 Overpaid

Garceau, Alan **\$2.35**
14 Garden Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0058793 Overpaid

Hyundai Lease Titling Trust **\$34.39**
4100 Wildwood Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30339-8400
2017-03-0061191 Overpaid

Hyundai Lease Titling Trust **\$391.69**
10550 Talbert Avenue
Fountain Valley, CA 92708-6031
2017-03-0061227 Overpaid

Jarrin, Jaime **\$9.79**
72 Alma Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0061627 Overpaid

JP Morgan Chase Bank NA **\$768.32**
P.O. Box 901098
Fort Worth, TX 76101
2012-03-0011812 Overpaid

Kisler, Kenneth **\$63.54**
32 Ruela Drive
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0062495 Overpaid

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Kropo, Silvester K. **\$19.98**
60 May Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0062737 Overpaid

Kuhland, Ingrid **\$110.25**
177 Auburn Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0062810 Overpaid

Lesko, Raymond **\$23.85**
195 Meadow Street, Apt. 1
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0063475 Overpaid

Markure, Andrea **\$266.53**
36 Donovan Road
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0064583 Overpaid

Mitrovica, Erol **\$6.90**
157 Bluebird Drive
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0065825 Overpaid

Moriarty, Theresa **\$40.48**
356 Scott Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0066116 Overpaid

Navarro, Walter Jr. **\$204.65**
101 Madison Street
Waterbury, CT 06706
2014-03-0016771 Overpaid

Navarro, Walter, Jr. **\$272.45**
101 Madison Street
Waterbury, CT 06706
2013-03-0016785 Overpaid

Navarro, Walter, Jr. **\$287.52**
101 Madison Street
Waterbury, CT 06706
2012-03-0016701 Overpaid

Navarro, Walter, Jr. **\$317.86**
101 Madison Street
Waterbury, CT 06706
2011-03-0016779 Overpaid

Northeast Excavating, Inc. **\$679.06**
42 Craig Circle
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0067193 Overpaid

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Northeast Excavating, Inc. **\$913.50**
42 Craig Circle
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-04-0083645 Overpaid

Northeast Excavating, Inc. **\$1,215.90**
42 Crag Circle
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0067192 Overpaid

Northeast Excavating, Inc. **\$2,065.06**
42 Craig Circle
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0067194 Overpaid

Robinson, David, Jr. **\$46.10**
99 Ridge Road, Unit 10
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0070021 Overpaid

Romeo, Glen **\$3.40**
31 Visconti Drive
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0070282 Overpaid

Rupwani, Kanayo **\$121.12**
1360 New Haven Road
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-02-0040729 Overpaid

Rykowski, James **\$122.27**
26 Lines Hill Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0070742 Overpaid

Thomas, Janet **\$70.51**
103 Wisteria Drive
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-007332 Overpaid

Trudeau, Joseph **\$299.25**
24 Meadow Brook Place
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0073912 Overpaid

Vaughan, Douglas **\$540.39**
41 Country Hill Road
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0074235 Overpaid

Velezis, Anthony **\$29.60**
71 John Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2016-03-0074689 Overpaid

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VW Credit Leasing LTD **\$64.85**
1401 Franklin Blvd.
Libertyville, IL 60048-4460
2017-03-0074576 Overpaid

VW Credit Leasing LTD **\$329.63**
1401 Franklin BLVD
Libertyville, IL 60048-4460
2017-04-0085162 Overpaid

Wagner, Austin **\$248.85**
742R Oakdale Road
Oakdale, CT 06370
2017-03-0074614 Overpaid

Yannielli, Leonard C. **\$128.25**
9 Chestnut Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770
2017-03-0075441 Overpaid

22. Public Comment

A young man attended the meeting to earn a Boys Scout merit badge. He wanted to know the term limits of the burgesses, if burgesses did anything outside of attending meetings and when did the high school solar roof project begin.

A resident asked what the town plans to do with land purchased at the end of Country Hollow Road. She thanked the town for cleaning up the area which became a dumping ground. Sidewalks in the area are raising up. Bring back the spring/fall clean-up where the town would pick up bulk trash at residents' homes.

23. Mayor and Burgess Comments

Burgess Herb said there are issues between the Park Commission and the Conservation Commission regarding Gunntown Passive Park. Burgess Burns is recuperating in Glendale Center. This Saturday will be the Easter Seals Chocolate Expo at the Naugatuck Event Center.

Burgess Neth said the Capital Committee will be meeting Thursday, March 5th to discuss the high school solar roof situation and the HVAC system at the police station. Former Finance Board Chairman Jack Tedesco passed away.

Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson hopes the Park Commission and Conservation Commission work out their issues. The Housing Authority has a new maintenance director. She wished the new police chief good luck. She looks forward to the swearing in ceremony.

Burgess Vitale reported people are not being compliant with alternate street parking during snow storms.

Burgess DeOliveira said there is a No Tolls Resolution going around. He wanted the board to vote against the State of Connecticut installing tolls on our highways.

Mayor Hess said he will not allow a motion to be added to the agenda on the issue of tolls. He said the matter is not a town issue. The mayor said that he is not for tolls. He is for transportation funding to support the Port of Naugatuck and our downtown T.O.D. project. The state needs to find a way to fund the state transportation fund. They should cut spending but also find a revenue source to support transportation. The mayor also is against injecting partisan issues into our monthly town meetings. During his entire tenure,

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we never had a partisan vote on any issue. Partisanship is governing at its worst. We will continue to run the town like a business and continue to be the opposite of governing in Hartford.

Burgess DeOliveira

For the record: “I do support transportation funding but I am opposed to tolls and I believe that as local burgesses we should be aware of our residents, how much they’re actually going to pay from these tolls that will be directly on . . . The roadway traffic that we’re going to have when people that then divert off of Route 8 to go around these tolls to hop on . . . It’s not a tolls debate. It’s not something for here, I agree with you. I was just bringing up that we should look into a resolution that we are all against something that can be detrimental to our residents. I see you don’t look at it that way so I will just save the discussion for another time.”

Burgess Bronko said residents questioned the activity behind Maple Hill School. He wanted confirmation that it was the construction of the cell tower.

Mayor Hess said the solar roof at the high school is a big problem. If the project is not eligible for state reimbursement, then it’s a bigger problem. We’ve already taken precautions to prevent electrical issues in the school. Firefighters have been supplied with special boots should they need to go on the roof.

24. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Burgess Hoff and seconded by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson to adjourn the meeting at **8:47 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