

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
APRIL 7, 2020**

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Board of Mayor and Burgesses are practicing social distancing per executive order of Governor Ned Lamont. The meeting was held by ZOOM, a remote video conferencing platform, and by phone.

1. Mayor “Pete” Hess called the regular meeting to order at **7:01 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

L. Taf Jackson

M. Bronko

F. Dambowsky

J. DeOliveira

C. Herb

C. Marenghi

J. Mizeski

R. Neth

R. Vitale

PRESS:

A. Yilma

RESIDENTS:

Unable to determine due to the format

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

J. Kallipolites, IT Director

J. Stewart, Public Works Director

L. Rotella, Town Planner

S. Hunt, Chief of Police

A. Bruce, Controller

OTHERS:

D. Sheridan, Board of Finance Chairman

2. Burgess Neth led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Mayor Hess said the Borough of Naugatuck will host all borough board meetings remotely until further notice. No public will be allowed in town hall. Public comment will be accepted via email at NWHess@naugatuck-ct.gov prior to a meeting. Members of the public may also comment by phone or video during the meetings. The mayor said he did not receive any comments prior to tonight’s meeting. Mayor Hess and IT Director Jim Kallipolites were the only people in the town hall during the meeting.
4. Motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the minutes of the regular meeting of **March 3, 2020**. Each member received a copy for review.
Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson abstained.
5. **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 **March**. Each member received copies for review.
6. Public Comment – None
7. Mayor Hess approved the reappointment of the following regular members to the **Arts Commission**, terms to expire April 1, 2022, as if read:

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Catherine M. Ernsky
56 Rockwell Avenue
Naugatuck, CT 06770

Frank Alcorace
47 Jones Road
Naugatuck, CT 06770

Aldona LaPorta
300 Spring Street
Naugatuck, CT 06770

Janice L. Dambowsky
35 Moonlight Circle
Naugatuck, CT 06770

Matthew C. McClain
56 Rockwell Avenue
Naugatuck, CT 06770

Matthew Tansley
400 Park Avenue
Naugatuck, CT 06770

Elizabeth Wierzbicki
50 Rockwell Avenue
Naugatuck, CT 06770

8. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Public Works Director James Stewart to **accept a fee in lieu of final paving from Connecticut Water Company** in the amount of **\$213,000** for work completed on Red Robin Road, Morning Dove Road, Rain Dance Circle, Bluebird Drive, Bobwhite Circle, Meadowlark Road and Thistle Down Lane as recommended by Public Works Director James Stewart.
9. Mayor Hess said some preliminary recommendations by the **Bulk Trash Subcommittee** were included in the Public Works Department's budget for next year. Public Works Director Jim Stewart said the department is currently working on the relocation of the transfer station to the new site. He expects it to be open for business by June the latest. He said starting in July, after the new budget is adopted, there are three subcommittee recommendations they intend on implementing. The transfer station will be open an extra day on Tuesdays. The hours to the transfer station will be extended to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. The transfer station will be open two Saturdays each month during the winter. The following committee members had comments. Burgess DeOliveira said this is a good first step. Burgess Vitale said a status report is needed after each option starts. He would then like to see a report every thirty days. Burgess Neth said numbers are needed to finance a town wide trash pickup.
10. Mayor Hess said the town is moving forward with all of our projects through this crisis. Town employees are doing a great job. A private company that is interested in the project owns the new site proposed for an **Indoor Sports Complex**.
11. Motion by Burgess Neth and seconded by Burgess Mizeski that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the **Private Duty Administrative Fee** in the amount of **\$20.00 per hour** as recommended by Controller Allyson W. Bruce.
Motion withdrawn and amended.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Burgess Neth and seconded by Burgess Mizeski that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the **Private Duty Administrative Fee** in the amount of **25% of the private duty rate** as recommended by Controller Allyson W. Bruce.

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12. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses ratify the new **Fleet Fund Procedures** as recommended by Controller Allyson W. Bruce.
13. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Burgess Neth and seconded by Burgess Mizeski that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Mayor Hess to sign all contracts and related documents with East River Energy, 401 Sound View Road, Guilford, CT 06437 for the purchase of **Regular Unleaded Gasoline, Diesel Fuel and Heating Fuel** as recommended by Controller Allyson W. Bruce.
14. **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:

2013-03-0022209	SIARUSEVICIUTE, AGNE	1386 BORA BORA WAY	MARINA DEL RAY, CA 90292	-341.76
2014-03-0018141	PATEL, CHAITALI C.	32 MAY STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-282.54
2014-03-0022264	SIARUSEVICIUTE, AGNE	13836 BORA BORA WAY	MARINA DEL RAY, CA 90292	-293.47
2015-03-0526198	MORROW, DEIDRA L.	209 UNION CITY ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-311.89
2015-03-0532085	SIARUSEVICIUTE, AGNE	13836 BORA BORA WAY	MARINA DEL RAY, CA 90292	-187.96
2016-03-0066334	MORROW, DEIDRA L.	209 UNION CITY ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-300.53
2017-01-0010849	WOOD, ALLAN JR. + DIANE M.	561 MAY STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-597.12
2017-03-0050111	ACAR LEASING LTD	4001 EMBARCADERO DR.	ARLINGTON, TX 76014	-319.54
2017-03-0050820	ANDERSON, JEREMY J.	82 WOODRUFF AVENUE	WATERTOWN, CT 06795	-249.36
2017-03-0060883	HONYOTSKI, ELIZABETH	320 N. HOADLEY STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-1,089.00
2017-03-0062029	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA	P.O. BOX 901098	FORT WORTH, TX 76101	-638.56
2017-03-0066178	MORROW, DEIDRA L.	209 UNION CITY ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-264.49
2017-04-0082404	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	4100 WILDWOOD PKWY.	ATLANTA, GA 30339	-272.93
2018-01-0002046	CORELOGIC	P.O. BOX 9202	COPPELL, TX 75019	-1,800.94
2018-01-0005795	CORELOGIC	3001 HACKBERRY ROAD	IRVING, TX 75063	-10.32
2018-01-0005972	WELLS FARGO	1 HOME CAMPUS	DESMOINES, IA 50328	-2,555.76
2018-01-0008247	ION BANK	1430 NEW HAVEN ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-3,282.70
2018-02-0040013	ABEL MEJIA LLC	133 THUNDERBIRD ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-22.34
2018-03-0051787	BAXTER, DAVID A.	192 PARK AVENUE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-212.58
2018-03-0053461	CAB EAST LLC	2975 BRECKINRIDGE BLVD.	DULUTH, GA 30096	-561.87
2018-03-0055006	CONNOLLY, JOSEPH T.	27 CAROLYN CIRCLE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-292.95
2018-03-0056502	DESOMMA, ANTHONY J.	49 PARTRIDGETOWN RD.	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-425.82
2018-03-0057008	DOXSEY, JOAN M.	39 HORTON HILL RD, APT 3E	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-40.00
2018-03-0060500	HICKEY, MICHAEL M.	P.O. BOX 1847	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-243.04
2018-03-0060814	HONYOTSKI, ELIZABETH	320 N. HOADLEY STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-488.77
2018-03-0061148	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	4100 WILDWOOD PKWY.	ATLANTA, GA 30339	-401.18
2018-03-0061211	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	4100 WILDWOOD PKWY.	ATLANTA, GA 30339	-285.85

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2018-03-0061866	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA	P.O. BOX 901098	FORT WORTH, TX 76101	-258.44
2018-03-0066825	NISSAN INFINITI LT	P.O. BOX 254648	SACRAMENTO, CA 95865	-61.14
2018-03-0066943	NISSAN INFINITI LT	NMAC	DALLAS, TX 75265	-37.84
2018-03-0067045	NOLE, EDWARD A.	213 WOOSTER STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-234.90
2018-03-0067046	NOLE, MICHELE A.	213 WOOSTER STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-200.70
2018-03-0068414	PICCIRILLO, DANIEL A.	122 LONGVIEW TERRACE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-99.36
2018-03-0072685	STOPPER, STEVEN L.	174 SCHOOL STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-116.10
2018-03-0073614	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	3200 W. RAY ROAD	CHANDLER, AZ 85226	-330.30
2018-03-0073660	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	3200 W. RAY ROAD	CHANDLER, AZ 85226	-730.00
2018-03-0074461	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	1401 FRANKLIN BLVD.	LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048	-179.54
2018-03-0074503	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	1401 FRANKLIN BLVD.	LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048	-435.60
2018-03-0074822	WEISS, JACQUELINE J.	32 WOODBINE STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-274.95
2018-03-0075161	WOJTCZAK, JOHN T.	174 SPRING STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-56.25
2018-04-0082464	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	4100 WILDWOOD PKWY.	ATLANTA, GA 30339	-610.52
2018-04-0083514	MORTENSEN, BRUCE A.	11 SOUTHVIEW STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-8.98
			TOTAL	-19,407.89

15. Public Comment – None

16. Burgess Comments/Sub-Committee Reports

Burgess Vitale said it is 8 p.m. and horns could be heard blowing outside as a show of support for our healthcare workers and first responders during this crisis. The State Bond Commission will be meeting tomorrow at 1 p.m. One of the items to be discussed is additional rail cars for the Waterbury Branch Line. The meeting can be viewed live on CTN. He wished everyone a Happy Easter.

Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson thanked the Unified Command Team. She said they are doing a great job. Distance learning at schools is going well. Happy Easter. Stay safe.

Burgess Marengi gave Kudos to Fran Dambowsky and the command center.

Burgess DeOliveira hopes everyone is staying home and staying safe. Best wishes for a Happy Easter. He thanked the Unified Command Team.

Burgess Dambowsky said it has been a few tough weeks and we have a few more to go. He thanked everyone for their feedback. He said they work as a team; the mayor, Chief Hunt, Chief Murray, Deputy Chief McAllister and Deputy Chief Russell.

Burgess Bronko said he and his wife walked Linden Field and Breen Field South. He said it was very nice. He thanked the public works crew for the work they did on both fields. He would like to see the golf course opened again.

Mayor Hess said closing the golf course was necessary to comply with social distancing. People were not following the rules and we need to keep people safe from the virus. Work is being done on the golf course to get it ready for when it reopens. He looks forward to playing golf again.

Burgess Herb said he has been through many crises in his lifetime. We need to look for great opportunities in a crisis. If you have a mortgage, take advantage of the low interest rates and refinance. If you can invest, look at the stock market. We are Naugatuck Strong. We need to remain optimistic.

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Mayor Hess said schools will be closed the remainder of the year as far as he can tell. We need to find a way to honor the graduating class. We will have to look at alternatives for the Memorial Day Parade and our annual Street Festival. We are in the heart of the virus right now. We need to stay home and stay safe. He said we will get through this.

17. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth to recess to Executive Session at **8:15 p.m.** for discussion on the following: **Contract Negotiations** (Chapter 90 CSEA/SEIU Union) and **Pending Litigation**. No one was invited into executive session.

Mayor Hess reconvened the meeting at **8:36 p.m.**

18. There were no motions emanating from Executive Session.
19. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth to adjourn the meeting at **8:38 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