

**REVISED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
OCTOBER 5, 2021**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Borough of Naugatuck held the Board of Mayor and Burgesses meeting on a hybrid basis. Everyone was welcomed to attend in person, by Zoom Webinar or by phone. All social distancing requirements were enforced.

1. Mayor “Pete” Hess called the regular meeting to order at **7:00 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

L. Taf Jackson	C. Marenghi
M. Bronko	J. Mizeski, virtual
F. Dambowsky	R. Neth
C. Herb, absent	R. Vitale
K. Kiernan, absent	

PRESS:

A. Yilma, virtual

RESIDENTS:

Three

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

J. Kallipolites, IT Director	J. Stewart, DPW Director, virtual
A. Bruce, Controller, virtual	K. Hanks, Deputy Fire Chief

OTHERS:

D. Sheridan, Board of Finance Chairman, virtual	J. Higgins, Board of Finance
E. Fitzpatrick, Borough Attorney, virtual	J. Litke, BOE Chairman
J. Rodorigo, Naugatuck Ambulance Interim CEO	J. Allison, Police Commission
D. Neth-Kunin, Board of Education, virtual	J. Lennon, Pension Board, virtual
M. Smith, Board of Finance, virtual	

2. Burgess Charles Marenghi 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 minutes of the regular meeting of **September 7, 2021**. Each member received a copy for review.
Burgess Mizeski 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 **September**. Each member received copies for review.
5. **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 **7:01 p.m.**

Mayor Hess reconvened the meeting at **7:03 p.m.**

6. Mayor’s Opening Comments
The fall festival will be held at Linden Park on October 16th. The public works department has done a lot of work in the area. Mayor Hess said it is looking better and better. This is

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part of the plan to bring back the river. The borough joined with NVCOG and several other groups working to revoke the exemption of the holders of the permit at the Kinneytown Dam. Fish are dying trying to travel up the fish ladder to pass through the dam. Once the dam is gone, we will have migratory fish coming back and forth in the river. Mayor Hess told us to keep our eye on the infrastructure bill in Washington because the money will benefit Naugatuck. **For the record:** “This is Laurie’s last regular meeting. We are going to miss you. I am going to call a special meeting. This is your last regular meeting so thank you for all you’ve done. I’m going to miss having you sit next to me. Thank you. Good luck. The best is yet to come.”

7. Public Comment
Michelle Russell, Police Commissioner Joanne Allison, BOE Chairman Jeffrey Litke and BOE Secretary Francis Santana thanked Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson for her service to the borough over the past ten years.
8. Mayor Hess said he will be holding a **Special Board of Mayor and Burgesses Meeting in October**. The board chose Wednesday, October 27th at 7 p.m. No details were given as to the purpose of the meeting.
9. Mayor Hess appointed **Matthew Erickson**, 81 Clearview Circle, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a member of the **Housing Authority**, filling the expired term of T. Swanson, term to expire October 1, 2026.
10. Mayor Hess reappointed **Joanne S. Allison** (D), 912 Prospect Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as an alternate member of the **Police Commission**, term to expire October 1, 2026.
11. Mayor Hess said there are limitations on what the borough can do with the **American Rescue Funds**. We are looking to use the money on infrastructure, especially downtown. There are serious issues with our old sewer system. Storm drains downtown are inadequate and need to be upgraded.
12. Mayor Hess said we are looking for volunteers to serve on the **Naugatuck Valley Health District Board**. He said this board is more important now than ever due to COVID. There are four positions on the board that represent Naugatuck, three of which are vacant. The board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Anyone interested should contact the mayor’s office.
13. **Naugatuck Ambulance Corps, Inc.** Interim CEO Jeremy Rodorigo gave an update on the agency. There were 498 requests for service in September and the response time was just over five minutes for high priority emergency calls and just over six minutes for non-priority calls. Naugatuck requested mutual aid six times and provided aid to other municipalities thirty-three times. A reversal of where the agency was a few months ago. Kyle Kelley will start Monday as the permanent CEO for Naugatuck Ambulance Corps, Inc. There is a waiting list of people wanting to work for Naugatuck Ambulance. Revenues are up. A brand new paramedic fly car was put into service this week. Drew Marine International donated two heart machines for the ambulances. The Eagle Club

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made a donation in memory of one of their members. The borough board will vote on a new three-year service agreement with Naugatuck Ambulance Corps, Inc. as the PSAR (Primary Service Area Responder). The agency will provide two fully staffed ambulances and a fly car 24 hours a day. A third ambulance during peak hours Monday through Friday. Compliance to response time will be nine minutes from call to arrival for emergencies and fifteen minutes for non-emergencies. The agency has to pay back the funds given by the borough at no interest within three years.

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 enter into a service agreement between the borough and **Naugatuck Ambulance Corps, Inc.** for a three year term.

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:

Bill	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Over Paid
2018-03-0053440	CAB EAST LLC	2975 BRECKINRIDGE BLVD.	DULUTH, GA 30096	-911.26
2019-01-0009398	SIMKO, ROBERT E. + KIMBERLEE, F.	399 WEBB RD. + KRODEL RD.	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-537.18
2019-03-0050070	ACAR LEASING LTD	4001 EMBARCADERO DR.	ARLINGTON, TX 76014	-790.25
2019-03-0053424	CAB EAST LLC	2975 BRECKINRIDGE BLVD.	DULUTH, GA 30096	-846.46
2019-03-0059307	GORDON, SAVATINA J.	44 ANNA AVENUE	WATERBURY, CT 06708	-153.46
2019-03-0059308	GORDON, SAVATINA J.	44 ANNA AVENUE	WATERBURY, CT 06708	-94.50
2019-03-0061781	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA	P.O. BOX 901098	FORT WORTH, TX 76101	-731.62
2019-03-0070752	SANCHEZ, YOLANDA	15 WEST MAIN ST., 6A	ANSONIA, CT 06410	-292.06
2019-03-0073478	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	20 COMMERCE WAY, SUITE 800	WOBURN, MA 01801	-71.10
2019-04-0080514	BREWER, CECIL	73 COLD SPRING CIRCLE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-12.33
2019-04-0081111	DEBARROS, IDALINA E.	123 MIDFIELD DR., APT. 9	WATERBURY, CT 06705	-638.55
2020-01-0009045	SANSONE, EDWARD A. + BARBARA, A.	21 VALLEY VIEW ROAD	NEWTOWN, CT 06479	-331.82
2020-03-0052536	BOYNE, ELIZABETH L.	70 W MAIN ST., APT. 15	MILFORD, CT 06460	-31.95
2020-03-0052748	BRODEUR, RICHARD A.	131 PARK AVENUE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-54.84
2020-03-0055385	DAIMLER TRUST	14372 HERITAGE PKWY.	FORT WORTH, TX 76177	-504.76
2020-03-0055526	DASILVA, ANTONIO P.	118 FRANCIS STREET	WATERBURY, CT 06708	-116.55
2020-03-0056026	DEPASQUA, DANIEL J.	188 MARGARET CIRCLE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-81.10
2020-03-0056027	DEPASQUA, DANIEL J.	188 MARGARET CIRCLE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-51.43
2020-03-0056028	DEPAULA, ALAN M.	32 KAREN DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-62.10
2020-03-0056032	DEPIANO, DOMINIC R. 3 RD	11 DUNICAN AVENUE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-29.74
2020-03-0056267	DIEDRICH, ODELIA F.	324 MULBERRY STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-47.52
2020-03-0056269	DIERS, RALPH A.	132 MAIN ST., APT. 318	DANBURY, CT 06810	-135.00
2020-03-0056572	DOUTY, ROSEMARIE B.	1013 WEID DR., APT. 12D.	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-94.50
2020-03-0057662	FISCHER, RONALD E.	117 WALNUT STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-20.56
2020-03-0058035	FREER, GAIL	2854 FOREN ROAD	FRIENDSVILLE, PA 18818	-25.97

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2020-03-0058038	FREER, GARY M.	2854 FOREN ROAD	FRIENDSVILLE, PA 18818	-16.51
2020-03-0058897	GONZALEZ-FONSECA, ESMERALDA	5 CHURCH ST., APT. 3A	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-66.15
2020-03-0059126	GREENE, BRYAN A.	634 FIELD STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-41.16
2020-03-0059899	HERNANDEZ, DANIEL D.	111 MAY STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-216.72
2020-03-0060073	HOFF, MELISSA D.	78 ARLINE DRIVE	WATERBURY, CT 06705	-396.90
2020-03-0060744	IVERSON, YALE H. JR	100 WARREN AVENUE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-26.00
2020-03-0061445	KAMINSKI, THOMAS J.	42 KOSKO LANE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-11.70
2020-03-0062298	LAIRES, PAUL	94 N HOADLEY STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-4.99
2020-03-0062933	LOCKWOOD, GEORGE H.	38 WALNUT STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-92.60
2020-03-0064874	MILLER, DENNIS H.	206 BLUEBIRD DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-46.90
2020-03-0065039	MITNIK, JOHN J.	33 LITTLE RIVER DRIVE EXT.	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-45.22
2020-03-0065509	MULLIN, KIMBERLY A.	1352 RUBBER AVENUE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-144.12
2020-03-0066073	NISSAN INFINITI LT	P.O. BOX 254648	SACRAMENTO, CA 95865	-258.16
2020-03-0066142	NISSAN INFINITI LT	P.O. BOX 254648	SACRAMENTO, CA 95865	-436.32
2020-03-0066644	ONOFREO, MICHAEL J.	101 PONDVIEW DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-316.56
2020-03-0067595	PIANKA-GRAY, ALLISON	218 DONOVAN ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-2.00
2020-03-0068817	RIMKOSKI, ROBERT F.	264 HIGHLAND AVENUE	WALLINGFORD, CT 06492	-135.00
2020-03-0069542	RUCCIO, PAMELA G.	70 FAIRVIEW AVENUE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-44.10
2020-03-0071117	SLOMSKI, GERARD M.	2949 LOON DRIVE	FAYETTEVILLE, NC 28306	-55.67
2020-03-0071654	STEELE, ROBERT H. JR	83 HIGH ST., APT. 1	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-10.52
2020-03-0071842	STRZESIEWSKI, CARL	129 WEBB ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-81.00
2020-03-0072665	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	20 COMMERCE WAY, SUITE 800	WOBURN, MA 01801	-880.66
2020-03-0072720	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	20 COMMERCE WAY, SUITE 800	WOBURN, MA 01801	-750.46
2020-03-0073323	VEECH, KATHRYN A.	139 PARK AVE., APT. 1	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-300.16
2020-03-0073781	WARREN, JAMES P.	1013 WEID DR., APT. 11E	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-112.06
			TOTAL	-11,158.25

15. Public Comment – None

16. Burgess Comments/Sub-Committee Reports

Burgess Mizeski said he has enjoyed working with the mayor and the burgesses the past two years. He appreciated the mayor's guidance. He said Burgess Taf Jackson, Burgess Herb, Burgess Kiernan and former Burgess DeOliveira will be missed. God bless you all.

Burgess Marengi said it has been a pleasure serving on the board. He thanked IT Director Jim Kallipolites for keeping us online for the borough board meetings during COVID. He thought September was a wonderful time in the borough. The month started with the Portuguese Club's Sao Paio Festival, then St. Michael's Church Annual Fair, Troop 102 organized the Harvest Moon Festival and the month ended with the Mission 22 Hike. We have many terrific people volunteering to make things happen. Burgess Marengi said this is what makes Naugatuck a special place to live and raise a family.

Burgess Dambowsky congratulated Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and Burgess Herb on their temporary retirement from the board. He said this board worked well together the past two years.

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Burgess Bronko said cars have been seen driving down Church Street in the wrong direction. He asked if the police department could do something about this.

Mayor Hess said there are cones in place but it will take time for people to remember Church Street is now one-way.

Burgess Vitale said goodbye to Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and Burgess Herb. There will be a Candidate Forum October 10th on the green from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. October 15th at 6 p.m. is move night at the Park and Recreation Department. October 23rd will be a Grove Cemetery Tour. He wished all the candidates well on the upcoming election. Burgess Vitale said it has been amazing to work with a great mayor.

Burgess Neth said it has been an honor to serve the borough for twenty plus years. Mayor Hess has done a fantastic job moving Naugatuck in the right direction. He thinks he is the best mayor we have ever had. He thanked Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and said she will be missed. He said it has been a privilege to have served with Cindy Herb, Chris Herb and Carl Herb over the years. He thanked the current burgesses for serving and wished them good luck in the election. He thanked IT Director Jim Kallipolites for his assistance with the virtual meetings for the past year and a half. He also thanked Jeremy Rodorigo, Deputy Fire Chief Ken Hanks, Burgess Vitale and Burgess Dambowsky for putting Naugatuck Ambulance Corporation in the right direction.

Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson thanked her family, friends and the residents of Naugatuck for their support over the past ten years. It has been an honor for her to serve as a burgess and deputy mayor. She said it was a hard decision not to run for reelection but she needs to take care of her family and her health. She thanked her fellow burgesses and the mayor and wished them well in the election. Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson said this is not goodbye but see you later. Naugy Strong.

17. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Taf Jackson and seconded by Burgess Neth to recess to Executive Session at **7:50 p.m.** for discussion on the following: **Real Estate** (Parcel B – RFP, 1221-1247 New Haven Road, Lanxess Property, NorcomCT Expansion), **Collective Bargaining** (UPSEU, Chapter 90 Union) and **Pending Litigation**. No one was invited into executive session.

Mayor Hess reconvened the meeting at **8:06 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 regular meeting at **8:07 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