

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

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.

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

BURGESSES:

R. Neth G. Mudry
M. Bronko D. Neth-Kunin
F. Dambowsky M. Smith
C. Marengi R. Vitale
J. Mizeski, virtual

PRESS:

A. Yilma

RESIDENTS:

Unable to determine due to the format

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

J. Stewart, Public Works Director
K. Hanks, Deputy Fire Chief
J. Lawlor, Human Resources Director

J. Kallipolites, IT Director
C. McAllister, Chief of Police
A. Bruce, Controller, virtual

OTHERS:

E. Fitzpatrick, Borough Attorney, virtual M. LaFortune, YMCA CEO

2. Deputy Mayor Neth led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the minutes of the regular meeting of **January 3, 2023**. Each member received a copy for review.
4. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the monthly reports of **January**. Each member received copies for review.
5. Mayor’s Opening Comments
Mayor Hess said the meeting tonight should be relatively short but executive session will probably be lengthy. He encouraged the board to visit Linden Park to view the work the Public Works Department’s employees did to prepare for the skateboard park.
6. Public Comment – None
7. NAC Board Member Kenneth Hanks gave the monthly update on the **Naugatuck Ambulance Corps (NAC)** in the absence of Chief Kyle Kelly. They responded to 430 calls for service. Bethany, which is an all-volunteer corps, approached them. They are having trouble with staffing. NAC is having some difficulty with Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement. NAC has collaborated with Waterbury Hospital to receive a huge savings

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on medication. Even though Waterbury Hospital is printed on the side of their vehicles, a patient can go to the hospital of their choice.

8. Mayor Hess discussed a **Joint Venture with the Naugatuck YMCA and the Wilmot Farm Borough Open Space Gunntown Park**. He said we are the owners of the Wilmot Farm Borough Open Space Gunntown Park, which has been expanded over the past three to four years. We applied to the State of Connecticut for an open space grant to purchase the mountain area. The mayor said the property is the unbuildable portion of the Wilmot Property that will connect Gunntown Park to our land at the top of Andrew Mountain Road. It is beautiful land for a variety of uses such as trails, nature and wildlife. He will be working with the YMCA on grant funding to purchase fields on the Wilmot property on the Rubber Avenue side that adjoins borough land. Mayor Hess said the public works department would work with the YMCA and assist them with their knowledge. He introduced Mark LaFortune, the CEO of the Naugatuck YMCA. Mr. LaFortune said the YMCA would like to purchase the land to create a destination to teach kids how to be kids again. Water and electricity needs to be added to the property and eventually he would like to build a building and/or a pavilion. The YMCA has grant funds and wants to create a top tier summer camp for children. He envisions three to five hundred kids attending the camp. Mr. LaFortune said they would not be able to do this without the partnership with the borough.
9. Mayor Hess discussed the possibility of **Revaluation Phase In**. Not all properties in Naugatuck increased at the same rate. Residential properties increased 41% with condominiums and multi dwellings increasing even higher. There was commercial growth. The mayor said the Grand List is a lot better than it was. Many properties were not assessed accurately for years. Phase in will benefit those properties with a large increase. Properties with a decrease would prefer to have it implemented all at once. The borough did revaluation late last time so this year we are doing it a year earlier to be on schedule. We can do a revaluation every year if something is not right or out of “whack”.
10. Mayor Hess discussed the **Cannabis Ordinance/Regulations/Prohibition on Borough Property**. He said the Zoning Commission passed Cannabis Regulations. Attorney Fitzpatrick submitted a draft Cannabis Ordinance. Attorney Fitzpatrick will meet with the Cannabis Committee to go over the new Zoning Regulations and the proposed ordinance. Burgess Neth-Kunin, Burgess Mizeski and Burgess Dambowsky are on the committee.
11. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses add a motion to the agenda to authorize the Borough of Naugatuck to **enter into settlement agreements** with the entities Attorney Fitzpatrick outlined.
12. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Borough Attorney Fitzpatrick to sign the appropriate **opioid settlement documents with the entities Walgreens, CVS, TEVA, Walmart and Allergan**.

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11. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the appointment of **Therese M. Wasoka** (U), 37 Phyllis Drive, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as an alternate member of the **Board of Finance**, filling the expired term of R. Burke, term to expire June 1, 2024.
12. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the appointment of **Linda Mayfield** (R), 23 Hopkins Hill Road, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a temporary member of the **Board of Assessment Appeals**, filling the unexpired term of A. Bronko, term to expire June 1, 2025.
13. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the reappointment of **Katherine Carten**, 23 Coventry Lane, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a member of the **Saunders Trust Advisory Committee**, term to expire January 1, 2025.
14. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the reappointment of **Sandra Heller**, 29 Coventry Lane, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a member of the **Saunders Trust Advisory Board**, term to expire January 1, 2025.
15. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the reappointment of **Tracy L. DeBarber** (R), 815 Maple Hill Road, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member of the **Inland Wetlands Commission**, term to expire January 1, 2027.
16. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the reappointment of **Marcia Puc** (R), 17 Webb Road, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member of the **Inland Wetlands Commission**, term to expire January 1, 2027.
17. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the reappointment of **Louise Sheedy** (D), 6 Culver Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member of the **Inland Wetlands Commission**, term to expire January 1, 2027.
18. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the reappointment of **Rui C. Costa, Jr.** (R), 22 Sierra Ridge Road, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as an alternate member of the **Inland Wetlands Commission**, term to expire January 1, 2027.

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19. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the reappointment of **Catherine Aresta** (U), 85 Marbern Lane, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member of the **Water Pollution Control Authority**, term to expire February 1, 2028.

For the record:

Mayor Hess “No one says Naugatuck better than you.” *The mayor was referring to Deputy Mayor Neth.*

20. Mayor Hess appointed **Jeremy Rodorgio**, 104 Burton Road, Beacon Falls, CT 06403 as a member of the **Naugatuck Ambulance Board of Directors**, term to expire January 1, 2028.
21. Mayor Hess appointed **Robert A. Mezzo**, 43 Olde Farm Lane, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a member of the **Naugatuck Ambulance Board of Directors**, term to expire January 1, 2028.
22. Mayor Hess reappointed **Robert Retallick**, 150 Ledgewood Road, Watertown, CT 06795 as a member of the **Naugatuck Ambulance Board of Directors**, term to expire January 1, 2028.
23. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Mayor Hess to enter into a contract for “**Grant Writing**” with Danielle Goewey LLC.
24. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Mayor Hess to sign a contract to “**Liquidate the Contents of the Naugatuck Event Center**” with Keystone Liquidators.
25. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses waive the bid and authorize Mayor Hess to execute all contracts and related documents for the annual renewal of the “**Fireworks Software Subscription**” with EPR Systems USA, Inc., 1016 LaSalle Street, Jacksonville, FL 32220 as recommended by Fire Chief Paul Russell and Information Technology Director Jim Kallipolites.

Contracts shall commence upon vendor completing all borough requirements and the purchase order is received by vendor.

26. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses waive the bid for contract FY23-B008 “**Motor Vehicle and Equipment Parts & Repair**” with Rich’s Car Works, Inc., 27 South Main Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as recommended by Public Works Director James Stewart.

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27. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve and authorize Mayor Hess and Controller Allyson W. Bruce to purchase vehicles through the **Fleet Fund** as recommended by Controller Allyson W. Bruce.

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28. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko 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
2017-01-0010088	THOMPSON, MIGUEL H.	120 MELBOURNE COURT	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-72.52
2018-01-0010074	THOMPSON, MIGUEL H.	120 MELBOURNE COURT	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-94.50
2019-01-0010068	THOMPSON, MIGUEL H.	120 MELBOURNE COURT	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-143.24
2019-03-0067816	PATINO, WALTER J.	6 VINCENT PLACE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-11.56
2020-01-0010152	THOMPSON, MIGUEL H.	120 MELBOURNE COURT	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-143.24
2020-03-0058562	GIACOMAZZO, EDWARD P., JR.	31 PONDVIEW DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-62.23
2020-03-0066529	OLIVEIRA, ANTONIO A.	1368 MERIDEN ROAD	WATERBURY, CT 06705	-298.36
2021-01-0002964	DOLAN, THOMAS JOHN	3948 MARKET ST. #24704	EDINA, MN 55424	-1,867.90
2021-01-0003194	NAUGATUCK PINES LLC	41 PURDY AVENUE	RYE, NY 10580	-213.21
2021-01-0004627	HOLLEY, JOHN S., JR. & RUTH A.	108-092 CLARK ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-539.10
2021-01-0005873	LIPPAI, ISTVAN +	135 LINDA COURT	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-60.00
2021-01-0006990	RAUCCI, EMILIO	10 ROLLINGWOOD DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-47.76
2021-01-0011051	CORELOGIC	P.O. BOX 9202	COPPELL, TX 75019	-1,314.56
2021-02-0040515	GIACOMAZZO, LUCILLE	31 PONDVIEW DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-2.00
2021-03-0050138	ACAR LEASING LTD	4001 EMBARCADERO DRIVE	ARLINGTON, TX 76014	-299.78
2021-03-0051102	ARMENTANO, MARK A.	28 SIMSBERRY ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-107.08
2021-03-0052302	BLASAVAGE, EUGENE H.	630 MAY STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-30.10
2021-03-0052309	BLEES, JOSE L.	53 HIGHLAND AVENUE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-99.08
2021-03-0053291	BURROWS, RICHARD J.	14 ALLERTON ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-8.81
2021-03-0054595	CLARK, RYAN C.	287 FIELD STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-898.52
2021-03-0055107	CORREA, ANTONIO J., JR.	43 MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE	BERLIN, CT 06037	-29.14
2021-03-0056037	DECRESCENZO, GEORGE M.	120 JUNCO CIRCLE	LONGS, SC 29568	-26.18
2021-03-0056038	DECRESCENZO, GEORGE M.	120 JUNCO CIRCLE	LONGS, SC 29568	-10.68
2021-03-0057888	FESKE, PAULA	86 HILL STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-91.41
2021-03-0058685	GARCIA, ROBERTO, JR.	325 WOOSTER STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-126.60

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2021-03-0059867	HAMEL, SHIRLEY A.	5 PICTURE LANE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-84.07
2021-03-0060515	HOLLEY, JOHN S., JR.	108 CLARK RD. TRLR. 92	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-101.12
2021-03-0061727	JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA	P.O. BOX 901098	FORT WORTH, TX 76101	-240.40
2021-03-0062821	LANGO, BRENDA A.	37 EVERGREEN STREET	BRISTOL, CT 06010	-171.84
2021-03-0065459	MILLETTE, ROBERT R., JR.	90 CLIFF STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-22.72
2021-03-0067083	OLIVEIRA, ANTONIO A.	1368 MERIDEN ROAD	WATERBURY, CT 06705	-227.88
2021-03-0067198	ONOFREO, DAWN M.	101 PONDVIEW DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-55.70
2021-03-0069917	ROLAND, SCOTT E.	59 RUSTLING REED ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-91.38
2021-03-0071561	SILVA, FERNANDO M.	85 WEDGEWOOD DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-644.17
2021-03-0071973	SOBON, SHARON M.	205 QUINN STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-388.39
2021-03-0072793	TATAR, NIZAMEDIN	13 RED ROBIN ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-142.90
2021-03-0073305	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	1650 S PRICE ROAD, STE. 200	CHANDLER, AZ 85286	-161.10
2021-03-0073312	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	1650 S PRICE ROAD, STE. 200	CHANDLER, AZ 85286	-276.96
2021-03-0073397	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	1650 S PRICE ROAD, STE. 200	CHANDLER, AZ 85286	-313.62
2021-03-0073428	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	1650 S PRICE ROAD, STE. 200	CHANDLER, AZ 85286	-444.14
2021-03-0073985	VEGA, VICTOR K.	395 QUINN STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-27.00
2021-04-0080648	BRYK, DONALD E.	172 GORMAN STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-97.38
2021-04-0080967	CLARK, RYAN C.	97 COUNTRY HILL ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-363.42
2021-04-0080968	CLARK, RYAN C.	97 COUNTRY HILL ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-98.35
2016-01-0076216	TORAN, DAMION HARVEY LEE	395 WOOSTER STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-152.86
96			TOTAL	-10,702.96

29. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses add a motion to the agenda to **appoint a member to the Park Commission.**
30. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the appointment of **Alex Olbrys (R)**, 72 Candee Road, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a member of the **Park Commission**, filling the expired term of E. Solomon, term to expire September 1, 2027.
31. Public Comment – Agenda Items – None
32. Mayor and Burgess Comments/Sub-Committee Reports
Burgess Mizeski asked about raises for the Registrars of Voters.
Burgess Vitale attended the fire and police departments' basketball game. He said our personnel are very athletic. A Sweetheart Breakfast, run by the Park and Recreation Department, will be held on Saturday, February 11th.
Burgess Bronko said the Cannabis Committee working with Attorney Fitzpatrick should look at the new Zoning Regulations.
Burgess Marengi said the lights never turn on over the Long River Bridge. The lights under the Whittemore Bridge are not working.
Deputy Mayor Neth discussed the passing of Peter Jurzinski. He ran for mayor twice.

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33. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko to recess to Executive Session at **8:20 p.m.** for discussion on the following: **Collective Bargaining** (Police Union, Fire Union), **Personnel** (Public Works Director) inviting in Human Resources Director John Lawlor, Police Chief Colin McAllister and Deputy Fire Chief Kenneth Hanks.

Mayor Hess reconvened the meeting at **9:05 p.m.**

34. The following motion emanated from executive session.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Mayor Hess to enter into a **Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Naugatuck Police Union** for the term of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026 as discussed in executive session.

For the record:

Mayor Hess “I want to be clear that we are not voting on the firefighter’s contract because it’s not necessary. The matter has been solved and resolved by a State of Connecticut Interest Arbitration Award where the terms of the agreement are mandated and we’re bound by them. So, it’s not necessary for us to vote but I will note that on January 3, 2023 the award was issued. It’s now in effect. I’ll just say that we could talk about it for a long time; I’m not going to do that. I’m just going to say we’re very happy that we achieved our primary goal to get some relief on the unnecessary overtime from matters at the fire academy, which saves us a minimum of \$188,000 per year, and have other benefits. We’re very happy with that. We’re going to work with the firefighters, talk about some other things, and move forward together and get everyone rowing in the same direction.”

Mayor Hess recessed the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Mayor Hess reconvened the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

35. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko to recess to Executive Session at **9:19 p.m.** for discussion on the following: **Real Estate** (Parcels A, B, C, Y & Z, Naugatuck Industrial Park Section III, Breen Field, Acquisition of Land for Downtown Parking, Tax Incremental Financing District, Church Street, Maple Street, 146 Walnut Street, VNA Building, Riverview Mobile Home Estates), **Contracts** (Smart City/Broadband, Recycling/Anaerobic Digestion). No one was invited into executive session.

Mayor Hess reconvened the meeting at **10:12 p.m.**

36. There were no matters emanating from Executive Session.

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37. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Neth and seconded by Burgess Bronko to adjourn the regular meeting at **10:12 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