

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
DECEMBER 3, 2024**

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 **7:04 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

R. Vitale	R. Neth, virtual
M. Bronko	D. Neth-Kunin
F. Dambowsky	J. Rosenblatt
K. Gallo	M. Smith
C. Marenghi	

PRESS:

A. Yilma

RESIDENTS:

Unable to determine due to the format

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

J. Stewart, Public Works Director
J. Lawlor, Human Resources Director
D. Goewey, Director of Grants

S. Ribeiro, Parks Superintendent
A. Bruce, Controller

OTHERS:

K. Kelley, NAC Chief, virtual
E. Fitzpatrick, Borough Attorney, virtual
J. Lennon, DPW Foreman

L. Wehry, IT Assistant
N. Grello, Labor Attorney

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the minutes of the regular meeting of **November 6, 2024**. Each member received a copy for review.
4. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the monthly reports of **November**. Each member received copies for review.
5. Mayor’s Opening Comments
Mayor Hess said the annual tree lighting festival will be held on the first Saturday in December with a visit from Santa Claus.
6. Public Comment – None
7. Chief Kyle Kelley gave the monthly update on the **Naugatuck Ambulance Corps (NAC)**. NAC responded to less requests for service in November. All vehicles are in service.
8. Mayor Hess said all **Borough of Naugatuck Development Plans** are on schedule. The Department of Transportation is ahead of schedule and out to bid for the train station

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project. They plan to award the bid in March. Target date for commencing construction is in the spring. All of our teams are working cooperatively together to stay on schedule. Contractors are working on a better winter schedule to keep going through the winter.

9. Mayor Hess said the Building Committee is recommending replacing the **Turf Field at Naugatuck High School**. Money was put aside in the Capital Reserve Account after we did the bond restructure. We will be modeling the field in Killingly, Connecticut. Input was received from coaches of the various sports teams. A ten-year maintenance agreement is being negotiated with the company. Maintenance will be three times a year. Only professionals will maintain the field this time. We will have a ten-year warranty. The turf field will be done prior to graduation in May 2025 and the track will be done in the summer of 2025.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses proceed with the high school turf field and appropriate **\$1,138,285.00** and proceed to enter into an agreement with **FieldTurf USA** and authorize Mayor Hess to enter into appropriate contracts that will include a maintenance agreement and a warranty of ten years.

10. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the appointment of **John Didato** (D), 285 Hillside Avenue, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a member of the **Park Commission**, filling the expired term of D. Carangelo, term to expire October 1, 2028.

11. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the appointment of **Joseph D. Pascucci**, 168 Evening Star Drive, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as an alternate member of the **Zoning Commission**, filling the expired term of A. Bordas, term to expire July 1, 2026.

Mayor Hess swore in Joseph D. Pascucci as an alternate member of the Zoning Commission.

12. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Mayor N. Warren “Pete” Hess to sign a contract with Playground Boss, 1101 Central Expressway S, Suite 200, Allen, Texas 75013 for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 to “**Purchase and Install a Playscape for Linden Park Playground**” in the amount **\$49,874.00** as recommended by Parks Superintendent Sandra Lucas-Ribeiro.

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

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13. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Mayor Hess to enter into a **Waste Water On-Call Engineering Support Services** with Kleinfelder Northeast, Inc., 400 Capital Boulevard, Suite 104, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 in an amount not to exceed **\$125,000.00** as recommended by Public Works Director James Stewart.
14. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Mayor Hess to accept a **\$70,000.00** grant from NVCOG to complete a **Limited Phase 11/111 Environmental Site Assessment/Remedial Action Plan at 226 Rubber Avenue** and commit a ten percent, **(\$7,000.00)** match.
15. Motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses adopt a **Municipal Resolution in Support of Community Investment Fund 2030 (CIF 2030) Grant Application – Naugatuck Industrial Park III – Phase II**, as if read:

WHEREAS, C.G.S. Section 32-285a, as amended, authorizes the State of Connecticut's Community Investment Fund to award grants to eligible applicants for eligible projects, and

WHEREAS, the CIF grant program provides a unique opportunity for Naugatuck, a Public Investment Community and Alliance District, to further projects that promote economic or community development and enable consistent and fair treatment to all, especially underserved individuals, and

WHEREAS, one such transformative project includes the Naugatuck Industrial Park III, a former brownfield site, now remediated, that has commenced phased redevelopment for industrial, commercial, and other use, and

WHEREAS, the Naugatuck Industrial Park III – Phase II project will expand the work undertaken in Phase I, through infrastructure improvements that will unleash the site's redevelopment potential and create hundreds of jobs, increase the grand list, and promote equity for historically disadvantaged and environmental justice, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Borough of Naugatuck's Code of Ordinances, the legislative power and authority of the Borough is vested in the Mayor and Board of Burgesses,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF NAUGATUCK HEREBY:

Approve the completion and filing of a Round #6 CIF Grant Application for an amount not to exceed three million dollars (\$3,000,000) by Mayor N. Warren "Pete" Hess III, or his designee,

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The Borough, through the Phase I CIF award, has previously committed four million dollars (\$4,000,000) in local Tax Incremental Financing. Since the last CIF Application in Round 2, the Borough has committed an additional three million dollars in TIF funds to Phases I and II of Naugatuck Industrial Park III, bringing the total committed TIF funding for this site to seven million dollars (\$7,000,000). The Borough, by exceeding a 1:1 ratio of State: Local funds, displays strong local commitment to this project and highlights the importance of this project for the municipality, region, and state and for the residents who will live, work, and play in the surrounding areas.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR

Mayor N.W. Hess
R. Vitale
M. Bronko
F. Dambowsky
K. Gallo

C. Marengi
R. Neth
D. Neth-Kunin
J. Rosenblatt
M. Smith

OPPOSE

None

ABSTAIN

None

Motion carried 10-0-0

16. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Mayor Hess to enter into a contract for **Naugatuck Industrial Park III – Phase I Sitework and Utilities** with Guerrera Construction Company, Inc., 154 Christian Street, Oxford, CT 06578 in the base bid amount **\$5,899,900.00** as recommended by Public Works Director James Stewart.
17. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Mayor Hess to lock-in an agreement for delivery prices for **“Fuel Purchases of #2 Heating Oil, Regular Unleaded Gasoline and Dyed Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel”** in December – January for purchases in Fiscal Year 2025-2026 from East River Energy, 401 Soundview Road, P.O. Box 388, Guilford, CT 06437 as recommended by Controller Allyson W. Bruce.
18. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt 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
2023-03-0053128	BROWN, TAMMARRAH E.	70 CLIFF STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-99.00
2023-03-0053849	CAREY, THOMAS A.	50 FAIRCHILD STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-12.47
2023-03-0053850	CAREY, THOMAS A.	50 FAIRCHILD STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-36.52
2023-03-0054227	CCAP AUTO LEASE LTD	1601 ELM STREET	DALLAS, TX 75201	-449.12
2023-03-0057001	DOWLING, KRISTIN P.	164 HICKORY LANE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-14.61
2023-03-0065042	MASELLI, IRENE	7 MICHELLE LANE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-16.26
2023-03-0074169	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	P.O. BOX 23590	NASHVILLE, TN 37202	-574.76

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2023-03-0074171	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	P.O. BOX 23590	NASHVILLE, TN 37202	-57.52
2023-03-0074183	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	3200 WEST RAY ROAD	CHANDLER, AZ 85226	-651.58
2023-03-0074754	VASQUEZ, DAVID	396 QUINN STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-10.98
2023-03-0074765	VAULT TRUST	500 WOODWARD AVENUE	NASHVILLE, TN 37202	-487.52
2023-03-0074766	VAULT TRUST	P.O. BOX 23950	NASHVILLE, TN 37202	-543.46
2023-03-0074777	VAULT TRUST	P.O. BOX 223950	NASHVILLE, TN 37202	-555.14
2023-03-0074780	VAULT TRUST	P.O. BOX 23950	NASHVILLE, TN 07202	-345.44
2023-03-0074784	VAULT TRUST	P.O. BOX 23950	NASHVILLE, TN 37202	-76.50
2023-03-0074785	VAULT TRUST	P.O. BOX 23950	NASHVILLE, TN 37202	-251.08
2023-03-0074788	VAULT TRUST	P.O. BOX 23950	NASHVILLE, TN 37202	-363.20
			TOTAL	-4,545.16

19. Public Comment – Agenda Items – None

20. Mayor and Burgess Comments/Sub-Committee Reports

Burgess Gallo said at halftime the score for the football game was eight to seven. The Naugatuck quarterback broke his collarbone during the game. An international manufacturing company was introduced to the principal at the high school to enter into a discussion about internships.

Burgess Bronko congratulated the Naugatuck High School Football Team for their win over Ansonia on Thanksgiving Day.

Burgess Rosenblatt said she tutors at the American Job Center and asked about funds for the manufacturing program at the high school.

Mayor Hess said we are in the process of working with NVCOG to get fifty percent funding for a new animal control facility. The plan would be to build a new animal control facility and perhaps bringing in the Town of Prospect. The Town of Cheshire is coming to look at our site this week. They want to be part of a regional facility. Naugatuck would run the facility.

Deputy Mayor Vitale said the Naugatuck Historical Society will have a display and Santa from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. He wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Burgess Neth-Kunin said the Festival of Trees starts this Friday in the Bank of America Building. The Paul Harris Award is Thursday at 8 a.m.

Burgess Neth said kudos to his nephew Dylan Rodrigues for an outstanding game against Ansonia.

21. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt to recess to Executive Session at **7:55 p.m.** for discussion on the following: **Real Estate** (Jesse Camille's Lease, Sale of HRD Building, Parcels A, B, C, Y & Z, Naugatuck Industrial Park Section III, Hershey Property, **Personnel** (Emergency Management Position) and **Pending Litigation** (BON vs. Sileo, Geraldine E.) inviting in Human Resources Director John Lawlor and Borough Labor Attorney Nicholas Grello.

Mayor Hess reconvened the meeting at **8:54 p.m.**

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22. The following motion emanated from Executive Session.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Mayor Hess to enter into a lease for the rental of **Jesse Camille's Restaurant** as discussed in executive session.

23. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt to adjourn the regular meeting at **8:55 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