

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
MARCH 4, 2025**

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 **7:01 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

R. Vitale	R. Neth
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
S. Ribeiro, Park Superintendent
K. Hanks, Fire Chief

J. Kallipolites, IT Director
A. Bruce, Controller

OTHERS:

F. Santana, Arts Commission Co-chair
J. Erdmann, Arts Commission Co-chair
C. Herb, Former Burgess, virtual
J. Mizeski, Former Burgess, virtual
K. Taylor, Hop Brook School Principal

J. Lennon, DPW Foreman
K. Kelley, NAC Chief
R. Roper, Police Commission Chair
L. Kropo, NHS Student Athlete
B. Goodrich, Western School Principal

2. Burgess Gallo led in the 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 **February 4, 2025**. 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 **February**. Each member received copies for review.
5. Mayor Hess along with Track and Field Coach Ralph Roper recognized the outstanding achievements of Naugatuck High School student athlete **Lauren Kropo**. Lauren is the NVL Champion in 55M, 300M & 600M (set records in all), State Class L Champion in 55M, 300M & 600M (set records in all), State Open Champion in 300M & 600M, ranked #1 in Connecticut this season in the 55M, 330M and 600M, 5th in the 55M, 3rd in the 33M and 4th in the 600M and a New England Champion in the 600M being ranked #9 in the United States. She received the NVL Outstanding Sprinter Award, NVL Outstanding Meet Performer, GameTimeCT Athlete of the Week, HOKA Week 5&7 Athlete of the Week and Republican American Athlete of the Week. Lauren is ranked among the best all time in

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Connecticut history. Mayor Hess presented her with a proclamation stating in part:

“I, N. Warren “Pete” Hess, Mayor of the Borough of Naugatuck, on behalf of all the citizens recognize Lauren Kropo as an elite athlete who has attained the highest level of achievement in her field and she has made us all proud as she continues to excel not only in sports but in life. Her hard work, determination, and passion have set a high standard of excellence for all of us to admire.”

6. Mayor’s Opening Comments

Mayor Hess said the budget is worked on over the winter. Our line item budget is developed by the Board of Finance then is presented with the town and Board of Education together. We are in year three of the implementation of reevaluation. The objective is to get below 40 mils. He said on the town side we are completely on target. The Board of Education has challenges, so does the town. The mayor thinks the town budget should come in with a 1% increase. The Board of Education first had an increase of 14% then said they struggled to reduce it to 8%. The Board of Education decided to close Salem School as a means to reduce their budget. They have not come with their budget before the Board of Finance yet. The mayor and burgesses just found out about their decision to close the school at the end of last week. They were surprised. He said the timing and the process was not good. They will work with the Board of Education on their budget. Mayor Hess said the Long-Term School Facility Planning Committee has a plan in place to close Salem School in four or five years after a new fifth through eighth grade facility is built.

7. Naugatuck Arts Commission Co-chairs Francis Santana and Jeffrey Erdmann discussed the **“Church Street Wall Mural Contest”**. They invited all students in the borough to submit artwork to go on a wall mural in the municipal parking area behind the building of 66 Church Street. They received thirty-one submissions, the majority of which were from the elementary level. The commission chose the top five drawings. The chosen artists are: Nuha Amatul Elah from Hop Brook Elementary School in grade 3, Joseph Guerreiro from Hop Brook Elementary School in grade 3, Ariebella Vrablic-Marelli from Hop Brook Elementary School in grade 4, Kelsey Lynn from Maple Hill Elementary School in grade 3 and Ruba Alyamani from Western Elementary School in grade 3. The other entries will be on display at the Naugatuck YMCA and the Howard Whittemore Library during the month of March. The Arts Commission is going to have local artists sketch out the mural. They will then schedule community paint days where everyone is welcome to paint the winning drawings on the wall.

8. **Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget** – regarding the proposed closure of Salem School.
Burgess Gallo said this is a difficult discussion. There are Naugatuck schools that are in need of repair. Salem School is not handicapped accessible and it doesn’t have a gym or cafeteria. It has a beautiful school community. We have work to do, making our discussions more fruitful and less emotional. She found out on Facebook.
Burgess Marengi said he found out the Board of Education’s decision to close Salem School when he was picking up his pizza on Friday night. Salem School is a beautiful building, an architectural gem. Does it provide what is required to give the very best modern education for our children? Sadly, it has gone past its time and usefulness. He has been through reconfiguration before. Children are resilient. The timing is off.

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Burgess Rosenblatt found out about the closing of Salem School on Facebook. She was disappointed they didn't find out about it another way as a board.

Deputy Mayor Vitale said he was playing cards with friends on Friday when someone received a text that Salem School was closing. He was not aware. The Board of Education is making it sound like it was a financial decision. The budget is not done yet so how do they know that it is a financial decision.

Burgess Neth found out about Salem School while picking up his pizza on Friday. He said the board should've been told by someone in the education department.

Burgess Dambowsky said Salem School is not conducive to students with disabilities. It is not handicapped accessible.

Burgess Neth-Kunin said there were discussions in 2012/2013 regarding closing Salem School. Before closing the school, numbers would need to be looked at to see why they made this decision. Where will the teachers go?

Burgess Smith is disappointed. She said they will have to see the budget.

9. Public Comment

A resident asked what would happen to the building if Salem School closes. Mayor Hess replied there has been a plan in place to use the building for town offices in four or five years.

10. Chief Kyle Kelley gave the monthly update on the **Naugatuck Ambulance Corps (NAC)**. He provided the board his written monthly report. Medicaid funding is less than they should be getting. The state is in discussions to cut that funding even more. He said they have support from state legislators.

11. Mayor Hess said he is very happy with the service the town is receiving from **Naugatuck Ambulance Corps**. We are working together as a team. He is going to ask for a motion to extend the contract with them. The only change the mayor is going to make to the contract is for a two-year lease and then will extend as necessary knowing if the town builds a new building, they would be leaving.

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 five-year contract extension with **Naugatuck Ambulance Corps (NAC)** as presented.

12. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the **Modified Five-Year Road Improvement Plan**.

13. Mayor Hess said there will be a meeting tomorrow of the **Facade Improvement Subcommittee**. The subcommittee consists of Burgess Smith, Burgess Rosenblatt, Building Inspector Bill Herzman, town staff and Fire Marshal Ned Dalton. They will create an application and discuss a procedure to then take applications.

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14. Update on the **Senior Center Activity Committee**. Burgess Gallo was pleased to report that Senior Center Director Harvey Frydman asked for a bus for activities and is working on improving the activities being offered at the Senior Center. One suggestion from a senior center member was to hold bingo twice a week since it is so popular. Bingo started on Tuesdays along with Fridays and the senior center is packed. The senior center is going to be upgraded with federal money.
15. Mayor Hess gave an update on the **Borough of Naugatuck Development Plans**. All new utilities have been coordinated and installed. Sanitary sewer lines were installed in January and all buildings were reconnected to the new sanitary sewer lines. The first sidewalk was done in front of ION Bank then they will be working their way up the street. The new road on Old Firehouse Road and Water Street is on the same timetable. Church Street is on schedule to be completed in June followed by the green, then Maple Street and the Maple Street bridge. Full speed ahead on our new industrial park. The sidewalk on Rubber Avenue is on schedule. Burgess Gallo said on social media people commented how much money is being spent on construction projects but we are going to close Salem School. Mayor Hess said we are not spending any town money on the Downtown Project.
16. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the reappointment of **Cary Lennon**, 348 Hillside Avenue, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member of the **Building Code Board of Appeals**, term to expire March 1, 2030.
17. Mayor Hess appointed **Debra Healy**, 30 Kent Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member to the **Arts Commission**, filling the unexpired term of A. Jones, term to expire April 1, 2026.
18. Mayor Hess appointed **Emilia McAllister**, 107 Deepwood Road, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as an alternate member to the **Arts Commission**, filling the unexpired term of D. Healy, term to expire April 1, 2026.
19. **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 execute all contracts and related documents for the proposed **Discontinuance of Water Street** based on a favorable report from the Planning Commission pursuant to Section 8-24 of the CT General Statutes.
20. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses refer to the Planning Commission for an 8-24 referral the proposed **Future Sale of 7 Lots in the A&B Subdivision**.
21. **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 execute all contracts and related documents for

the proposed **Transfer of Lot 6 as depicted on map titled “Borough of Naugatuck, Parcel I – Tract A&B Maple Street”** dated 09-20-2024, revised through 01-27-2025, prepared by Martinez Couch & Associates LLC **to the Connecticut Department of Transportation** upon receipt of a favorable report from the Planning Commission pursuant to Section 8-24 of the CT General Statutes.

22. **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 execute all contracts and related documents for the proposed **Transfer of Lot 7 as depicted on map titled “Borough of Naugatuck, Parcel I – Tract A&B Maple Street”** dated 09-20-2024, revised through 01-27-2025, prepared by Martinez Couch & Associates LLC to **Pennrose Properties LLC** upon receipt of a favorable report from the Planning Commission pursuant to Section 8-24 of the CT General Statutes.
23. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses refer to the Planning Commission for an 8-24 referral the proposed **Future Sale of 12 Lots in the Naugatuck Industrial Park – Phase III.**
24. Deputy Mayor Vitale asked to have the **Snow Removal Ordinance** placed on the agenda for discussion. He saw on the borough website, under the Department of Public Works, language listed as the snow removal ordinance. However, it was not accurate. The language will be removed and a link to locate the snow removal ordinance on the borough website will be added.
25. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses waive the bids and approve the following consortiums and state and federal contract awards to continue to provide goods and/or services for **Fiscal Year 2025/2026** and to authorize Mayor Hess to execute all contracts and related documents as recommended by Controller Allyson W. Bruce; as if read:

CONSORTIUM

- OMNIA PARTNERS (www.omniapartners.com)
- SOURCEWELL (sourcewell.org, Formerly NJPA- National Joint Powers Alliance)
- HGAC – Houston Galveston Area Council (www.h-gac.com)
- WCSA – Western States Contracting Alliance Connecticut State Contracts as issued by the Department of Administrative Services (www.naspoaluepoint.org/faq/what-is-wsca/)
- CRCOG – Capital Region Council of Governments (crcog.org)
- NCPA – National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (www.ncpa.us)
- CCOP – CT Consortium of Cooperative Purchase (www.crec.org/coop/)
- CREC – Capitol Region Education Council (www.crec.org)

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26. Motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the following vendors to continue to provide goods and/or services **upon passage and through June 30, 2026** and to authorize Mayor Hess to execute all contracts and related documents as recommended by Controller Allyson W. Bruce; as if read:

APPROVED VENDORS FY 2025-2026

- AAA Emergency Supply Company, Inc., 635 North Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603
- Acushnet Company, P.O. Box 88112, Chicago, IL, 60695
- Adkins Printing, Inc., 40 South Street, New Britain, CT, 06051
- Alarm Masters, Inc., P.O. Box 396, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- Allegiance Trucks LLC – Bridgeport, 1001 Wordin Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605
- Anthony Boucher DBA A & J Generator and Equipment LLC, 33 Sagamore Drive, Seymour, CT 06770
- Arden Building Company LLC dba MJ Daly LLC, 110 Mattatuck Heights Road, Waterbury, CT 06705
- Atlantic Tactical, 763 Corporate Circle, New Cumberland, PA 17070
- AutoZone Stores LLC, P.O. Box 116067, Dept. 8079, Atlanta, GA 30368
- Bethel Power Equipment, 6 Francis J Clark Circle, Bethel, CT 06801
- Brian H. Brainard DBA Brainard's Propane LLC & Oxford Propane, 137 Oak Avenue, Shelton, CT 06484
- C & C Hydraulics, Inc., 116 Wolcott Road, Terryville CT 06786
- C.N. Wood of Connecticut LLC, 25A Bernhard Road, New Haven, CT 06513
- Common Cents EMS Supply LLC, 304 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, CT 06475
- Connecticut Uniform, Inc., 567 Watertown Avenue, Waterbury, CT 06708
- CT Hydronics LLC, 1058 Rubber Avenue, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- CT Signcraft, Inc., 47 Cherry Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- Daigle Law Group LLC, 960 South Main Street, Plantsville, CT 06479
- DaSilva's Auto LLC, 275 Rubber Avenue, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- David W Duncan, Jr., DBA Brass City Ink, 1760 Watertown Avenue, Watertown, CT 06779
- DC Group, Inc., 1977 West River Road, Minneapolis, MN 55411
- Dumouchel Paper Company, 65 Benedict Street, Waterbury, CT 06706
- East Coast Sign & Supply, Inc., 11 Francis J Clark Circle, Bethel, CT 06801
- Ed's Hardware, 560 Rubber Avenue, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- Endoto Corporation, 610 N Mountain Road, Newington, CT 06111
- EnviroMed Services, Inc., 470 Murdock Avenue, Meriden, CT 06450
- Firematic Supply Company, Inc., P.O. Box 187, Yaphank, NY 11980
- Fleetpride, Inc., P.O. Box 847118, Dallas, TX 75284
- Franklin Paint Company, 259 Cottage Street, Franklin, MA 02038
- Fusco Commercial & Residential Painting LLC, 83 Middleway East, Waterbury, CT 06708

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- G. L. Capasso, Inc., 34 Lloyd Street, New Haven, CT 06513
- Gabrielli Truck Sales, 279 New Park Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106
- Glass Plus, 576 Rubber Avenue, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- Gowans Knight Company, Inc., 49 Knight Street, Watertown, CT 06795
- Gregory and Howe, Inc., 2 Corporate Drive, Suite 645, Shelton, CT 06484
- Harold W. Murtha DBA H's Automotive LLC & Naugatuck Tire, 486 Rubber Avenue, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- Hartford Riders LLC DBA Hartford Harley Davidson, 221 Governor Street, East Hartford, CT 06108
- Hines Bros, Inc., P.O. Box 406, Southbury, CT 06488
- Hocon Gas, Inc., 7 Armstrong Road, Shelton, CT 06484
- Honeywell Analytics, 405 Barclay Boulevard, Lincolnshire, IL 60069
- Independent Elevator Company, 84 Zeya Drive, Coventry, CT 06238
- Interstate Batteries of Connecticut, P.O. Box 715, Killingworth, CT 06419
- J & M Golf, Inc., 319 Industrial Drive, Griffith, IN 46319
- James Maslan, CT Potty Rentals LLC, 574 Boyden Street, Waterbury, CT 06704
- K.T.M. Electrical Construction LLC, 378 Boston Post Road, Suite 207, Orange, CT 06477
- Lighting Services, Inc., 150 Brookside Road, Waterbury, CT 06708
- Lock, Stock and Barrel, 770 Amity Road, Bethany, CT 06524
- Luso Cleaning Service, P.O. Box 324, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- Magna Steel Sales, Inc., 2 Alliance Circle, Beacon Falls, CT 06403
- MagnaKleen Services LLC, P.O. Box 923, Meriden, CT 06450
- Maine Oxy, 22 Albiston Way, Auburn, ME 04210
- Mayflower Medalist, Inc. DBA Golf Max, 535 East 42nd Street, Patterson, NJ 07513
- MES Acquisition LLC (formerly Shipman's Fire Equipment), 12 Turnberry Lane, 2nd Floor, Sandy Hook, CT 06482
- MHQ, Inc., 401 Elm Street, Marlborough, MA 01752
- Motorola Solutions Credit Company LLC, 500 West Monroe, Chicago, IL 60661 (associated with NorcomCT)
- Naugatuck Construction LLC, 61 Olive Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- Naugatuck Garage Door, Inc., 203 Margaret Circle, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- Newman Traffic Signs, 1606 6th Avenue SW, Jamestown, ND 58402
- NorcomCT, Inc., formerly Northeastern Communications, Inc., 7 Great Hill Road, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- Parts Authority LLC, 3 Dakota Drive, Suite 110, New Hyde Park, NY 11042
- Prospect CT Medical Foundation, Inc. DBA Alliance Medical Group & Waterbury Health, 1625 Straits Turnpike, Suite 211, Middlebury, CT 06762
- Rich's Car Works, Inc, 27 South Main Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- Roger Cleveland Golf Company, Inc, 5601 Skylab Road, Huntington Beach, CA 92647
- S & M Computer LLC, 112 Fairhaven Drive, Middlebury, CT 06762
- Safety Marking, Inc., 255 Hancock Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06605
- Saint Mary's Hospital DBA Trinity Health of New England, 1312 West Main Street, Waterbury, CT 06708

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- Sanitary Equipment Company, Inc., 25 Industry Drive, West Haven, CT 06516
- Schmidt's and Serafines, Inc., 464 Chase Avenue, Waterbury, CT 06704
- Shaker's Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center, 1189 New Haven Road, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- Shaker's Family Ford Lincoln, 831 Straits Turnpike, Watertown, CT 06795
- Sibby's Automotive, Inc., 600 High Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- Sirchie Acquisition Company LLC dba Sirchie Group, 100 Hunter Place, Youngsville, NC 27596
- Southbury Building Services LLC, 297 Peter Road, Southbury, CT 06488
- St. Pierre of Connecticut, 509 Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109
- Steve's Electrical Contracting/Steven Russo, 508 Candee Road, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- Superior Products Distributors, P.O. Box 57, Milldale, CT 06467
- Target Enterprises, Inc., 277 Old Branch Road, Thomaston, CT 06787
- The Jack Farrelly Company, 176 Chase River Road, Waterbury, CT 06704
- Tilcon Connecticut, Inc., 301 Hartford Avenue, Newington, CT 06131
- Tom's Firearms LLC, 4 Arch Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- Triborough Emergency Vehicle Services, 170 Water Street, Unit 2034, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- Tri-County Contractors, Inc., 154 Wayside Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089
- Tri-State Equipment Rebuilding, 50 Bala Ridge Road, Oxford, CT 06478
- TruGreen Chemlawn, Inc., 89 Old Forge Road, Rocky Hill, CT 06067
- Turf Products, Department 950, P.O. Box 4110, Woburn MA 01888
- TYR Tactical LLC, 9330 N 91st Avenue, Peoria, AZ 85345
- United Concrete Products, Inc., 173 Church Street, Yalesville, CT 06492
- Universal Copy LLC, 35 South Main Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- USA Mechanical & Energy Services LLC, 15-D International Drive, East Granby CT 06026
- Valley Floor Covering, 562 Rubber Avenue, Naugatuck, CT 06770
- Vantage Custom Classics, Inc., 100 Vantage Drive, P.O. Box 60, Avenel, NJ 07001
- Vigent, Inc. DBA Paragon Signs & Graphics, 6 Benson Road, Oxford, CT 06478
- Zyber Group LLC DBA HJ Bushka & Sons Lumber & Millwork, 25 Great Hill Road, Naugatuck, CT 06770

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

Burgess Neth abstained.

27. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the purchase of “**Gravelly OVIS RC Mower**” in the amount of **\$33,099.20** from Lock Stock & Barrel, 770 Amity Road, Bethany, CT 06524 out of the CT NIP Bottle Recycling Program as recommended by Park Superintendent Sandra Lucas-Ribeiro.

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28. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses waive the bid for the purchase of a **“Sweep-All PSE3948 Debris Collector”** to Jokela Power Equipment LLC, P.O. Box 452, Cold Spring, MN 56320 in the amount of **\$13,605.00** out of the CT NIP Bottle Recycling Program as recommended by Park Superintendent Sandra Lucas-Ribeiro.
29. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the purchase of **15 Trash Cans from Amazon** in the amount of **\$2,500.00** out of the CT NIP Bottle Recycling Program as recommended by Park Superintendent Sandra Lucas-Ribeiro.
30. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the purchase of **“Vortex Splash Pad Equipment”** in the amount of **\$97,730.00** from M.E. O’Brien & Sons, P.O. Box 718, Medway, MA 02053-0718 as recommended by Park Superintendent Sandra Lucas-Ribeiro.
31. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the bid for **Contract FY25-B102 “Bituminous Surface Treatments, Crack Sealing”** to Sealcoating, Inc. d/b/a Indus, 825 Granite Street, Braintree, MA 02184 as per bid based on final quantities pending CHRO approval as recommended by Public Works Director James Stewart.
32. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses extend **Contract 19-12 “Road Paving Program”** to Cocchiola Paving, 1380 Echo Lake Road, Watertown, CT 06795 with the following increase listed in graph below with an escalation base set at **\$502.50 per English ton** for Calendar Year 2025 & 2026 as recommended by Public Works Director James Stewart.

		Current	Proposed 2025	Proposed 2026
	Unit	Unit Price \$	Unit Price \$	Unit Price \$
Furnish and install Class 1	Ton	81.45	\$ 96.95	\$ 99.45
Furnish and install Class 2	Ton	84.45	\$ 99.95	\$ 102.45
Furnish and install Tack Coat	Gal	5.25	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.50
Furnish and install 6" Bituminous Curbing	LF	3.75	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.75
Furnish and install Bituminous Handwork	Ton	167.50	\$ 185.00	\$ 187.50
Reclaim & Fine Grade	SY	2.35	\$ 2.85	\$ 2.95
Remove Bituminous Curbing	LF	1.50	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
Install HC Ramps & Walks - 8 to 20 SY	SY	350.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 365.00
Install HC Ramps & Walks - 21 to 500 SY	SY	325.00	\$ 335.00	\$ 340.00
Catch Basin Top Replacement	EA	725.00	\$ 975.00	\$ 1,000.00
Catch Basin Repair	LF	450.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00

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33. Mayor Hess gave background on the need to adopt **Revised Motor Vehicle Assessment Protocols**. He said the state changed the manner in which motor vehicles are valued resulting in a 1.2 million-dollar loss in revenue for the borough. A fourteen-percentage difference in the formula. All municipalities in the state are affected and there was uproar to the fact. The state then devised a new procedure to adopt a newer depreciation schedule that is not as good as it used to be but better than what it is.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses adopt a **New Depreciation Schedule for Motor Vehicles** where there is an increase of five percentage points for each year beginning with the 2024 GL which is Fiscal Year 2026.

34. Motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses adopt the following **Municipal Resolution in Support of the Downtown Remediation Project – Phase II**, as if read:

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut's Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development (OBRD) issued a Notice of Funding Availability (Round 21RG). The purpose of such funding is to provide grants for brownfield remediation and redevelopment, encouraging private-public partnerships, leveraging the maximum amount of private funds, reactivating long-stalled sites, and encouraging job retention, and;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Brownfield Grant Program provides a unique opportunity for the Borough of Naugatuck to continue remediation in the Borough's Downtown with significant private investment as leverage and detailed development plans, and;

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Borough of Naugatuck make an application to the State of Connecticut Municipal Brownfield Grant Program (Round 21RG) for an amount no greater than \$2,105,746 for the Downtown Remediation Project – Phase II 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 Municipal Brownfield Grant application with the State of Connecticut for an amount no larger than \$2,105,746 by the Director of Grants.

This project will leverage significant Private, Federal, and Local funds, as detailed in the grant application.

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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

35. Motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses adopt the following **Municipal Resolution in Support of the Assessment of 889 New Haven Road, Naugatuck**, as if read:

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut's Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development (OBRD) issued a Notice of Funding Availability (Round 21AO – Assessment Only). The purpose of such funding is to provide grants for brownfield remediation and redevelopment, encouraging private-public partnerships, leveraging the maximum amount of private funds, reactivating long-stalled sites, and encouraging job retention, and;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Brownfield Grant Program provides a unique opportunity for the Borough of Naugatuck to evaluate the feasibility of a potential future site acquisition of the Hershey Property, located at 889 New Haven Road. The grant funding will be utilized for items including: environmental assessments, cost estimating, investigations and testing, appraisals of the property, engineering and other physical inspections, and other assessment as deemed necessary.

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Borough of Naugatuck make an application to the State of Connecticut Municipal Brownfield Assessment Grant Program (Round 21AO – Assessment Only) for an amount no greater than \$200,000 for the Assessment of 889 New Haven Road.

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 Municipal Brownfield Assessment Grant application with the State of Connecticut for an amount no larger than \$200,000 by the Director of Grants.

This project will leverage BON funding, as outlined in the application.

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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

36. **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
2021-03-0050376	AHMED, JUDITH G.	N DURKEE HILL LANE, 183A	SOUTHBURY, CT 06488	-227.22
2021-04-0080081	AHMED, JUDITH G.	N DURKEE HILL LANE, 183A	SOUTHBURY, CT 06488	-126.11
2022-03-0054332	CCAP AUTO LEASE LTD	1601 ELM STREET	DALLAS, TX 75201	-839.10
2022-03-0057349	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	14002 EAST 21ST ST.	TULSA, OK 74134	-268.34
2022-03-0057355	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	14002 EAST 21ST ST.	TULSA, OK 74134	-524.24
2022-03-0057357	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	14002 EAST 21ST ST.	TULSA, OK 74134	-284.48
2022-03-0059520	GONZALEZ GOMEZ, ALBA L.	80 BOUFFARD AVE.	WATERBURY, CT 06705	-222.04
2022-03-0059521	GONZALEZ GOMEZ, ALBA L.	80 BOUFFARD AVE.	WATERBURY, CT 06705	-410.62
2022-03-0068525	PESINO, ERIC N.	875 BASSETT ROAD	WATERTOWN, CT 06795	-139.90
2022-04-0083380	PESINO, ERIC N.	875 BASSETT ROAD	WATERTOWN, CT 06795	-957.89
2023-01-0001332	BROADRICK, BRIAN S. +	57 HUTCHINSON ST.	WATERBURY, CT 06708	-331.71
2023-01-0003441	CORELOGIC	42 FAIRCHILD STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-1,996.30
2023-01-0004492	HAYES, WILLIAM L. + LISA E.	14 HACKETT STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-3,221.87
2023-01-0005416	KRAHULA, MELODIE & CHARLES & KATHLEEN	2022 FERGUSON ST.	SCHENECTADY, NY 12303	-1,608.40
2023-01-0007447	OBERNIER, SUSAN	73 LOCUST STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-169.70
2023-01-0007460	OCONNOLLY, SEAMUS	622 MILLVILLE AVE.	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-117.51
2023-01-0007550	OLOSKEY, GREGORY +	25 HICKORY ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-3,817.94
2023-01-0008171	PORRICIELLO, COLLETTE	97 DONNA LANE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-810.73
2023-01-0008969	RUSATE, MARIE R.	34 HAZEL AVENUE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-49.86
2023-01-0008975	RUSSELL, FREDERICK	87 PHYLLIS DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-30.05
2023-01-0009381	CORELOGIC	P.O. BOX 9202	Coppell Texas, CT 75019	-8,626.25
2023-01-0009445	SHEA, KATHERINE M.	14 SHADDUCK ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-5.00
2023-03-0050118	ACAR LEASING LTD	4001 EMBARCADERO DR.	ARLINGTON, TX 76014	-1,007.88
2023-03-0050323	AHMAD, NASER A.	564 N CHURCH STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-88.62
2023-03-0051371	BAKER, CAROLE A.	41 MILLVILLE AVE., APT. 203	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-109.39
2023-03-0053034	BROOKS, PAUL F.	74 CLEARVIEW CIRCLE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-321.52
2023-03-0053638	CAMBRELEN, GEORGE	39 PONDVIEW DR.	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-22.37
2023-03-0054214	CAVE, CHARLES M.	140 HOLLY STREET	WATERBURY, CT 06706	-12.63
2023-03-0059513	GONZALEZ GOMEZ, ALBA L.	80 BOFFARD AVE.	WATERBURY, CT 06705	-104.52

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2023-03-0059514	GONZALEZ GOMEZ, ALBA L.	80 BOUFFARD AVE.	WATERBURY, CT 06705	-352.20
2023-03-0060113	HAHN, MARIA A.	208 WISTERIA DR.	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-157.11
2023-03-0060908	HONDA LEASE TRUST	11675 GREAT OAKS WAY SUITE 200	ALPHARETTA, GA 30022	-570.32
2023-03-0060915	HONDA LEASE TRUST	11675 GREAT OAKS WAY SUITE 200	ALPHARETTA, GA 30022	-524.88
2023-03-0062506	KILEY, SHARON A.	697 BEACON VALLEY RD., APT. 4	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-391.48
2023-03-0063391	LAWSON, DIANE S.	81 ROCKWELL AVE.	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-42.52
2023-03-0063756	LISIESKI, JOSEPH A., JR.	54 SKYVIEW DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-12.14
2023-03-0064469	MAKOWSKI, CRAIG A.	29 CRESTWOOD DR.	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-10.68
2023-03-0065072	MASON, ZACHARY M.	320 PARK AVENUE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-49.47
2023-03-0066470	MORTON, GEORGE B., JR.	142 MAY STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-149.47
2023-03-0067475	OBERNIER, SUSAN P.	73 LOCUST STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-8.28
2023-03-0068635	PESCE, JOSEPH S.	69 FOREST STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-187.29
2023-03-0072266	SIEFERT, VINCENT A.	685 KING STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-86.35
2023-03-0073046	STAIRES, TODD C.	55 MAY STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-73.22
2023-03-0073047	STAIRES, TODD C.	55 MAY STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-116.52
2023-03-0073795	THE CONNECTICUT WATER COMPANY	93 W MAIN STREET	CLINTON, CT 06413	-55.50
2023-04-0090880	CKS PACKAGING, INC.	650 GREAT SOUTHWEST PKWY SW	ATLANTA, GA 30336	-77.16
2023-04-0094025	SAVELLE, JEANNE R.	3000 MARCOS DR., APT P104	AVENTURA, FL 33160	-629.43
			TOTAL	-29,946.21

37. Public Comment – Agenda Items – None

38. Mayor and Burgess Comments/Sub-Committee Reports

Mayor Hess attended a NVCOG meeting where the topic of vaping and vaping shops was discussed. The shops are not regulated in most towns but can be regulated similar to liquor stores. He instructed Town Planner Lori Rotella to work with NVCOG staff to craft zoning regulations regarding regulations for vaping shops.

Burgess Neth-Kunin said the Community Showcase on February 22nd was very good with a lot of young entrepreneurs. She had the pleasure of reading to the first-grade class at Salem School. March 12th is the Dibble Award honoring Larry Erickson at Aria. March 21st is PSC Trivia Night at St. Michael's Church Hall, \$20 per person. March 22nd is an Adult Prom at the Crystal Room for the CT Partnership for Children. She will be attending a seminar for the National Board of Education addressing the achievement gap.

Burgess Dambowsky thanked fire department personnel and EMS for attending his father-in-law's funeral.

Deputy Mayor Vitale reported on March 13th there will be a Trivia Night for the Naugatuck Historical Society at Brady's Pub. He thanked Jim Stewart, Jeremy Lennon and Jim Kallipolites for their help choosing two cameras to stop illegal dumping. He thanked Chief McAllister, Captain Bastos and Lieutenant Baskins for their assistance with an officer ride along.

Burgess Rosenblatt said she is offering two \$250 scholarships in her late husband Howie's name for the Trades Program. The manufacturing program will be starting at the high school. Griffin Hospital does not have enough instructors to hold the CNA Program this year. She and Burgess Gallo were invited by Lieutenant Governor Bysiewicz to attend a Democratic dinner. She said it is an honor.

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Burgess Bronko congratulated Shane Kropo and his family on their outstanding athleticism.

Burgess Marengi said it was nice to recognize excellence in our young people tonight. The partnership between the town side and the education system transcends athletics. Naugatuck High School students are building a stage for the Arts Commission's outdoor summer concerts. Burgess Marengi wants everyone to keep the people, the Salem community, in their thoughts.

Burgess Gallo hopes we can look at the situation with Salem School in a positive way to go forward to get what we need from the Board of Education. She said in tonight's meeting alone, there were several motions approving lots to be sold which means they will then become tax paying members of this community.

39. Motion by Burgess _____ to recess to Executive Session at _____ **p.m.** for discussion on the following: **Real Estate** (Parcels A, B, C, Y & Z, Naugatuck Industrial Park Section III, Hershey Property, HRD Building – 575 Rubber Avenue), **Collective Bargaining** (UPSEU) and **Pending Litigation** inviting in _____.

The board did not go into executive session but voted on the following matter regarding the HRD Building – 575 Rubber Avenue which was discussed in previous executive sessions.

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 with **BL Companies, Inc.** in the amount of **\$15,000**, which is the number that was previously discussed in executive session, in order for them to do a feasibility study to determine what the borough can do with the property at **575 Rubber Avenue**.

40. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt to adjourn the regular meeting at **9:04 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