

REVISED MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
JUNE 3, 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
E. Cornacchia, Acting Controller

J. Kallipolites, IT Director
J. Goggin, Tax Collector

OTHERS:

M. Cornacchia, Mayor Hess’ Intern

S. Loban, Fire Commission

2. Burgess Robert A. Neth 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 **May 6, 2025** and the special meeting of **May 14, 2025**. Each member received copies 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 **May**. Each member received copies for review.
5. Mayor’s Opening Comments
Mayor Hess said he will call a Special Joint Boards Meeting in the near future for a detailed presentation by Michael Goss, Fiducient Investment Advisors, on our pension investments.
6. Public Comment – Open Topic – None
7. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the following list of uncollected taxes to be transferred to the **Suspense List** in the amount of **\$781,832.20** effective June 30, 2025 as recommended by Tax Collector James Goggin, as if read:

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6/30/25 Transfers to Suspense	
2020 Grand List	Amount
Motor Vehicle	\$ 321,309.21
Motor Vehicle Supplement	\$ 88,780.10
Personal Property	\$ 371,742.89
Grand Total	\$ 781,832.20

8. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses **add to the agenda** a motion to appoint **Steven Loban** as a regular member to the Fire Commission replacing Steven Hunt for a term ending May 1, 2030.

Mayor Hess appointed **Steven Loban** (R), 100 Barn Finch Circle, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member of the **Fire Commission**, filling the expired term of S. Hunt, term to expire May 1, 2030.

Mayor Hess swore in Steven Loban as a regular member of the Fire Commission.

9. Deputy Mayor Rocky Vitale gave a brief update on the **Naugatuck Ambulance Corps (NAC)** in the absence of Chief Kyle Kelley. NAC responded to 423 calls in May. Mutual aid to other municipalities was forty-eight calls. Mutual Aid in town was three calls. NAC was named EMS Service of the Year by Waterbury Hospital. He said we should be very proud of NAC and what they have accomplished in a short amount of time.
10. The **Borough of Naugatuck Development Plans** are on schedule. Mayor Hess said the final grading on Church Street will be on July 9th. There will be no parking on Park Place while Church Street is being paved but there will be temporary two-way traffic. The infrastructure project on Church Street should be done in July then they will move on to the green, Maple Street and the Whittemore Bridge. Parcel A&B is on schedule and should be finished in October around the same time as the downtown project. DOT will be issuing their order to commence construction on July 3rd. Pennrose's closing is July 20th and they should begin construction the same time as DOT.
11. Mayor Hess discussed the **Borough of Naugatuck Downtown Stabilization/Incentive Grants**. The TIF (Tax Incremental Financing) Committee created a packet with an application form, submission instructions, eligibility requirements and submission dates. They plan to extend the grant offer from Church Street/Maple Street businesses to a portion of Rubber Avenue. The committee will be reviewing the applications on June 23rd. Applications were hand delivered, emailed and put on the borough website.
12. Mayor Hess said the **Facade Improvement Subcommittee** is meeting next week to create a very similar format to the Stabilization/Incentive Grants.

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13. There is a new part-time position for the senior center in the budget for next year which will increase help. Burgess Gallo and Burgess Rosenblatt are on the **Senior Center Activity Committee**. They are recommending Jessalyn Pito be the chair of the commission and that more meetings are held during the year. Some concerns were brought to the mayor and they checked on the validity of those concerns. They visited other senior centers. They are recommending increasing membership and adding more meetings with an appropriate agenda. More programs and activities need to be added at the senior center.

14. Mayor Hess appointed the following members to the **Naugatuck Elderly Commission**, terms to expire June 1, 2026 as if read:

Ciana Hosking
87 Church Street

Pastor Desmond Dorsett
210 Church Street

Jennifer Harris
300 Meadow Street

Joseph Corona
300 Meadow Street

Susan Sloan
35 Porter Avenue

Nicole Sheldon
130 Rubber Avenue

Kenneth Pratt
70 Tower Lane

15. Mayor Hess reappointed the following members to the **Naugatuck Elderly Commission**, terms to expire June 1, 2026 as if read; and further ordered **Jessalyn Pito be the chairman of the commission** and instruct her to schedule more regular meetings and to take other appropriate action to increase and enhance programs, and further authorize Jessalyn Pito to select a vice chairman from the existing members.

Kathryn Green
317 Field Street

Jessalyn Pito
300 Meadow Street

Fire Chief Kenneth Hanks
41 Maple Avenue

Steven A. Zembruski
240 North Main Street

Trista Caron
6 Culver Street

Gretchen Carlson
246 Rubber Avenue

Donna Marie Johnson
300 Meadow Street

Josean Aquino
608 Ferry Road, Stratford

Tina Royal
18 Woodlawn Avenue

16. Mayor Hess reappointed **Steven Smith** (R), 39 Alison Avenue, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member of the **Police Commission**, term to expire June 1, 2030.

17. **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 **Wayne M. Malicki** (D), 191 Horton Hill Road, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member of the **Board of Finance**, term to expire June 1, 2028.

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18. **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 **Seeram James** (R), 37 Jolie Road, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member of the **Board of Finance**, term to expire June 1, 2028.
19. **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 **Erich Reichert** (D), 67 Heritage Drive, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member of the **Board of Finance**, term to expire June 1, 2028.
20. **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 **Elma Solomon** (D), 228 Crestwood Drive, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as an alternate member of the **Board of Finance**, term to expire June 1, 2028.
21. **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 **Smith A. Payne, Jr.** (D), 1 Van Avenue, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as an alternate member of the **Board of Finance**, term to expire June 1, 2028.
22. **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 **Scott Erfe** (R), 41 Millville Avenue, Unit 201, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member of the **Golf Course Commission**, term to expire June 1, 2028.
23. **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 No. FY26-B112 for the **“Purchase of Golf Carts and Annual Service Contract”** to New England Golf Cars, Inc., 62 Industrial Way, Seekonk, MA 02771 **as per bid** as recommended by Public Works Director James Stewart.
24. **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 No. FY26-B129 for **“Turf Maintenance Materials”** to the following vendors **as per bid** as recommended by Public Works Director James Stewart, as if read:

SiteOne Landscape Supply
1385 East 36th Street
Cleveland, OH 44114

Tom Irwin, Inc.
12 Progress Avenue
Tyngsborough, MA 01879

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Harrell's LLC
P.O. Box 807
Lakeland, FL 33802

The Cardinal's, Inc.
166 River Road
Unionville, CT 06085

25. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses accept and award the bid received after the opening date for Contract No. FY26-B117 for **“General Construction Equipment, Roof Repairs, Labor and Material Rates”** to Rocco Iadarola General Contracting, 176 Pinehurst Avenue, Waterbury, CT 06705 **as per bid** as recommended by Public Works Director James Stewart.
26. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Public Works Director James Stewart to accept a **Fee in Lieu of Final Paving from the Connecticut Water Company** in the amount of **\$305,500.00** for work completed on Park Avenue, New Street, Grove Street and May Avenue.
27. **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 sign the FY 25-26 Woodard and Curran Professional Services Agreements for **Environmental Services & Groundwater Extraction Management at the Former LANXESS Facility** in an amount not to exceed **\$430,500.00**.
28. **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 execute **Kleinfelder Work Order #4 for Parcel B** in the amount of **\$48,600.00** to “Support Development of Twelve (12) Easements and the Submission of the NAUL to CT DEEP”.
29. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses authorize Acting Controller Eileen A. Cornacchia to refund the following tax refunds approved by Tax Collector James Goggin; as if read:

Bill	Name	Address	City/State/Zip	Over Paid
2018-04-0081543	MARSHAL JOHN BARBIERI	17 MAPLE STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-404.75
2021-03-0052602	BOULAY, MARGARET K.	90 LONGVIEW TERRACE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-99.33
2021-03-0052603	BOULAY, MARGARET K.	90 LONGVIEW TERRACE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-3.95
2021-03-0052677	BOYLAN, JOSEPH E.	667 MAY STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-65.57
2021-03-0056883	DOWLING, KATHRYN M.	41 BRIDLE TRAIL DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-163.11

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2021-03-0057709	FAZLIU, BEDRI	31 SILVER RIDGE LANE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-32.68
2021-03-0058442	FULCHER, JEFFREY E.	33 CONSTITUTION DRIVE	WOLCOTT, CT 06716	-232.80
2021-03-0067787	PEFFERS, JENNIFER L.	40 ROCKWELL AVENUE	WATERBURY, CT 06708	-86.02
2021-03-0072040	SORRENTINO, VERONICA F.	70 CELANTANO DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-32.46
2022-03-0050915	ANTONELLI, DAWN M.	1536 HIGHLAND AVENUE, APT. 7	WATERBURY, CT 06708	-430.10
2022-03-0063851	LOPES, AUGUSTO A.	133 LONGVIEW TERRACE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-42.16
2023-01-0002023	CLASAN APARTMENTS LLC	40 MAPLEWOOD DRIVE	DANBURY, CT 06770	-600.00
2023-01-0003605	FOGARTY, EDWARD J. T+	326 PARK AVENUE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-129.41
2023-03-0074181	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	LOCKBOX 830238	MT LAUREL, NJ 08054	-445.74
2023-03-0074800	VAULT TRUST	500 WOODWARD AVENUE	DETROIT, MI 48226	-62.24
2023-03-0074987	VIEIRA MARINS OHNESORGE CLAUDETE	38 ANN STREET, APT. 3A	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-283.38
2023-03-0074988	VIEIRA MARINS OHNESORGE CLAUDETE	38 ANN STREET, APT. 3A	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-116.69
2023-04-0092159	HONDA LEASE TRUST	11675 GREAT OAKS WAY, SUITE 200	ALPHARETTA, GA 30022	-735.47
2023-04-0093236	NERES DA SILVA, RONALDO F.	10 CAITLIN CIRCLE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-136.88
			TOTAL	-4,102.74

30. Public Comment – Agenda Items – None

31. Mayor and Burgess Comments/Sub-Committee Reports

Burgess Gallo attended the Adult Education Graduation. She said it solidifies in her mind the importance of education in people's lives. These individuals had the courage to go back and do the things they needed to do. She was proud to be part of the Memorial Day ceremonies. She and her husband feel this is a nice town they grew up in and raised a family.

Burgess Marengi reported in two weeks the summer concerts will begin on the Historical Society lawn. The high school construction class built a stage for the performers. The Arts Commission is looking for a tent to cover the stage. The Historical Society building will be open the nights of the concerts. Congratulations to the girls track team and Coach Roper. They came in second in the state.

Burgess Bronko said Duck Day was a fantastic event. He appreciates all of the people who organized the event.

Burgess Rosenblatt attended Honors Night at the high school. Fourteen students went through the Trades Program. She gave two scholarships to the Trades Program. She read aloud a thank you note from one of the recipients. She said the Adult Education Program has people who have overcome so many obstacles in their life.

Deputy Mayor Vitale would like to request that Brittany Tooth be appointed to the Animal Shelter Subcommittee. He said dog licenses are not available to get or renew online.

Mayor Hess appointed Brittany Tooth to the Naugatuck Animal Shelter Subcommittee.

Burgess Neth said Duck Day was a nice day. He attended with his grandchildren.

Burgess Dambowsky said it was nice to see the turn out for the Memorial Day Parade and the ceremonies before and after.

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Burgess Neth-Kunin attended the Adult Education Graduation. She enjoys hearing the reports of the graduates. She attended the Raymond K. Foley award ceremony. The Planning Commission and Zoning Commission are dealing with zone changes.

Burgess Smith congratulated the track team and Coach Roper. Two middle school athletes went to states. Ten high school athletes are going to nationals in Philadelphia. They need to raise money to attend. The Board of Education does not pay for uniforms, food or hotels. They will be leaving on June 19th.

32. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses recess to Executive Session at **8:22 p.m.** for discussion on the following: **Real Estate** (Parcels A, B, C, Y & Z, Naugatuck Industrial Park Section III, Freight Rail Discussion, Hershey Property, Riverview Mobile Home Park), **Collective Bargaining** (UPSEU) and **Pending Litigation** inviting in Mayor Hess' Intern Marcello Cornacchia.

Mayor Hess reconvened the meeting at **9:06 p.m.**

33. The following motions 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 submit an offer to **acquire the Hershey Property** as discussed in 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 tax abatement program with **Riverview Mobile Home Park** as discussed in executive session.

34. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt to adjourn the regular meeting at **9:06 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

Minutes revised to correct the spelling of a name in item #14.