

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
SEPTEMBER 2, 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 **7:03 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

R. Vitale
M. Bronko
F. Dambowsky, absent
K. Gallo
C. Marenghi

R. Neth
D. Neth-Kunin
J. Rosenblatt
M. Smith, virtual, arr. 7:24 p.m.

PRESS:

None

RESIDENTS:

Unable to determine due to the format

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

J. Stewart, Public Works Director
E. Cornacchia, Acting Controller

K. Hanks, Fire Chief
D. Norck, Deputy Chief of Police

OTHERS:

K. Kelley, NAC Chief

L. Wehry, IT Assistant

2. Burgess Julie Rosenblatt 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 **August 5, 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 **August**. Each member received copies for review.
5. Mayor’s Opening Comments – None
6. Public Comment – Open Topic – None
7. Chief Kyle Kelley gave a brief update on the **Naugatuck Ambulance Corps (NAC)**. NAC will be receiving its fourth new ambulance on Thursday. Chief Kelley was asked how mutual aid works. He said it is a revenue generator and NAC bills directly. There are mutual aid agreements with their partners. Some towns need aid more than others. Beacon Falls will come to offer the borough aid when needed. Burgess Bronko said he spoke to staff at NAC and they enjoy working with Chief Kelley.
8. Deputy Police Chief Daniel Norck was instructed by Mayor Hess at the August board meeting to discuss the proposed **Municipal School Bus Violation Enforcement System** with Brad Macdowall from BusPatrol LLC. The purpose of the system is to ticket vehicles

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passing school busses while the stop sign is activated. Deputy Chief Norck met with Mr. Maccowall. He doesn't see any negatives to the system. There is no cost outlay for the borough. Passing school buses has nothing to do with law enforcement he said. It is a \$250 civil infraction. The company appears to do all the work. The company will pay to replace all the cameras on school buses. The police department would get involved to review the file of vehicles that passed school buses. Someone would have to agree it was an infraction. He feels we do not have a lot of violations in Naugatuck like big cities. Mayor Hess asked Deputy Chief Norck to speak to the Board of Education about the system to get their thoughts. An agreement was discussed and the board would like to see everything spelled out in it. One was not available at the meeting.

9. **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 three-year contract renewal with Thomson Reuters for the “**CLEAR Proflex and CLEAR for Law Enforcement Plus**” as recommended by Chief of Police C. Colin McAllister.
10. Mayor Hess said the **Facade Improvement Program** is taking applications.
11. Update on the **Senior Center**. Mayor Hess said they will be interviewing a candidate for a part time position to organize programs and help Senior Center Director Harvey Frydman. Chairman Pito is handling things diplomatically and efficiently. Burgess Gallo said the director is separate from the board and does not run the board. She said younger seniors want to do more than is currently offered at the senior center.
12. Mayor Hess gave an update on the **Borough of Naugatuck Development Plans**. He said they will finish the road in front of town hall, for traffic purposes, by the end of the week. The second coat of pavement will be done on Church Street in a couple of weeks. The laying of the bricks will be completed on Church Street, the green, Maple Street and then the Maple Street Bridge. He wanted to discuss the finishing touches, a logo design, for portions of Church Street and Maple Street. He introduced Paul Munko who had an idea to put an emblem, seal or design in color on the road. There was a discussion about the possibility of a walking tour with the designs on the road. The closing of the Maple Street Bridge, while the bridge is being redone, was discussed. Should it be partially closed or completely closed?
13. Mayor Hess briefly discussed the **TIF Grant Program – Phase II**. He said Phase II will be open to Rubber Avenue businesses from Old Firehouse Road to North Hoadley Street. The same amount of money would be used as with Church Street, \$150,000.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses instruct the Tax Incremental Financing District Committee to put together a **Grant Incentive Program for Rubber Avenue** essentially the same terms as before.

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14. Mayor Hess appointed **Leslie Mengacci**, 229 Church Street, Naugatuck, CT 06770 to the **Naugatuck Elderly Commission**, term to expire June 1, 2026.
15. Mayor Hess appointed **Kenneth Hanks**, 19 Hillcrest Avenue, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as the director of **Emergency Management**, term to expire June 1, 2026.
16. Mayor Hess appointed **Kyle Kelley**, 246 Rubber Avenue, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as the assistant director of **Emergency Management**, term to expire June 1, 2026.
17. **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 **Kenneth Hanks**, 19 Hillcrest Avenue, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a member of the **Emergency Planning Committee of the Council of Governments**, term to expire January 1, 2028.
18. **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 **Kyle Kelley**, 246 Rubber Avenue, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a member of the **Emergency Planning Committee of the Council of Governments**, term to expire January 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 appointment of **James R. O'Donnell**, 163 Allerton Road, Naugatuck, CT 06770 as a regular member of the **Conservation Commission**, filling the unexpired term of M.L. Sharon, term to expire November 1, 2025.
20. **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 **Eileen A. Cornacchia as Controller** and authorize Mayor Hess to enter into a three-year employment agreement commencing September 1, 2025.
21. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses waive the bid to **“Replace the Boiler at Hop Brook School”** with CT Combustion Corporation, 40 Whittemore Road, Middlebury, CT 06762 in an amount not to exceed **\$222,660** as recommended by DPW Director James Stewart and Schools Facility Manager Todd Perrelli.
22. **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 an **Agrimetal Debris Blower for Hop Brook Golf Course** Large Capital FY26 with F&W Equipment Corporation, 164 Boston Post Road, Orange, CT 06477 in the amount of **\$7,425** as recommended by Public Works Director James Stewart.

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23. **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 **Toro Multi Pro 1750 Sprayer for Hop Brook Golf Course** FY26 Large Capital Item with Turf Products, 157 Moody Road, Enfield, CT 06082 in the amount of **\$64,423.78** 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 **24 Restore**, 9 Corporate Ridge Road, Hamden, CT 06514 as an approved vendor 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 Acting Controller Eileen A. Cornacchia.
25. Mayor Hess discussed the **Solar Project at Naugatuck High School**. He said we are working with Gary Hale and Adam Burkitt from Advanced Energy Efficiencies, the Board of Education and the Capital Committee on a large solar project at the high school that involves the replacement of the roof and car ports. The federal government is eliminating solar type projects. The board will be voting tonight on the filing of an application for the solar project. Included in the project are major upgrades to schools and municipal buildings that will be done at no cost to the borough. Our attorneys are looking into the details for us.

VOTED: Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses adopt the following resolution for the **Solar Project and Roof at Naugatuck High School**, as if read:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Naugatuck has engaged Advanced Energy Efficiencies (AEE) to consult with the Borough on an ambitious program to analyze, design and oversee the construction of a number of renewable and clean energy projects for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration between the Borough in this endeavor and AEE has resulted in the successful installation of fuel cells, solar energy, combined heat & power projects at a number of the Borough's municipal and school facilities, and

WHEREAS, the result has been a dramatic reduction in the Borough's carbon footprint and savings of millions of dollars in energy costs over the preceding and future 20 year period; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to take advantage of state incentives included in the special 25-megawatt solar program designed specifically for Connecticut schools and achieve further savings for the Borough.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES to authorize Mayor Hess to execute the necessary documents recommended by the partnership of Advanced Energy Efficiencies to submit an application into the NRES renewable energy

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incentive program which includes the 20-megawatt solar program for schools including necessary steps to construct a new roof at the Naugatuck High School.

It is understood that the solar program will rely on state and federal incentives and private sector investment while the federal incentives still exist for the complete cost of the solar project.

26. Motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the following **Financial Assistance Agreement for the 889 New Haven Road Remediation Project**, as if read:

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.G.S. Section 32-763, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development is authorized to extend financial assistance for economic development projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Borough of Naugatuck make an application to the State for \$200,000 in order to undertake the 889 New Haven Road Assessment Project and to execute an Assistance Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Mayor and Burgesses

1. That it is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for the state financial assistance imposed by C.G.S. Section 32-763
2. That the filing of an application for State financial assistance by the Borough of Naugatuck in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 is hereby approved and that N. Warren Hess, Mayor is directed to execute and file such application with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, decisions, and revisions thereto, and to act as the authorized representative of the Borough of Naugatuck.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR

Mayor N.W. Hess
R. Vitale
M. Bronko
K. Gallo
C. Marengi

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

OPPOSE

None

ABSTAIN

None

Motion carried 9-0-0

27. Motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt that the Board of Mayor and Burgesses approve the following **Municipal Resolution in Support of the 889 New Haven Road Remediation Project**, as if read:

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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 22RG). 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 remediate one of the largest remaining brownfield sites in the Borough, perfectly poised for redevelopment, that has remained vacant for a number of years, 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 22RG) for an amount no greater than \$6,000,000, 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 \$6,000,000 by the Director of Grants.

Commit a 20% project match, if this grant is awarded by DECD. The match will total 20% of the funds requested in the final grant application submitted to DECD.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

FOR

Mayor N.W. Hess

R. Vitale

M. Bronko

K. Gallo

C. Marenghi

R. Neth

D. Neth-Kunin

J. Rosenblatt

M. Smith

OPPOSE

None

ABSTAIN

None

Motion carried 9-0-0

28. **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 **waive the bid for the purchase of precast concrete planters.**
29. **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 “**8 Precast Concrete Planters for the Town Green**” to Tournesol Siteworks, 2930 Faber Street, Union City, CA 94587 in an amount not to exceed **\$15,000.00**, funding from the TIF Account, as recommended by Public Works Director James Stewart.

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30. **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 the list of **Tax Refunds**.

31. **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
2021-03-0052257	BLACKWATER SERVICES GROUP LLC	117 GREAT HILL ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-578.76
2021-03-0055396	CRUZ, DIOGO F.	182 WOODTICK ROAD	WATERBURY, CT 06705	-280.62
2022-03-0052338	BLACKWATER SERVICES GROUP LLC	117 GREAT HILL ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-521.96
2023-03-0052308	BLACKWATER SERVICES GROUP LLC	117 GREAT HILL ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-443.08
2023-03-0057267	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	14002 E 21ST ST STE 1500	TULSA, OK 74134-1424	-424.45
2023-03-0065101	MASSIELLO, CRYSTAL	14 FAIRLAWN STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-52.91
2023-03-0074180	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	3200 WEST RAY ROAD	CHANDLER, AZ 85226	-70.22
2023-03-0074221	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	3200 WEST RAY ROAD	CHANDLER, AZ 85226	-492.64
2023-03-0074267	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	3200 WEST RAY ROAD	CHANDLER, AZ 85226	-459.14
2023-03-0074764	VAULT TRUST	P.O. BOX 23950	NASHVILLE, TN 37202	-543.46
2023-04-0091418	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	SUITE 1905	HARTFORD, CT 06103	-261.95
2023-04-0091422	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	14002 E 21ST ST STE 1500	TULSA, OK 74134-1424	-61.57
2023-04-0091427	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	SUITE 1905	HARTFORD, CT 06103	-38.43
2023-04-0091429	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	14002 E 21ST ST STE 1500	TULSA, OK 74134-1424	-308.54
2023-04-0091431	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	14002 E 21ST ST STE 1500	TULSA, OK 74134-1424	-132.96
2023-04-0091435	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	14002 E 21ST ST STE 1500	TULSA, OK 74134-1424	-366.34
2023-04-0091437	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	SUITE 1905	HARTFORD, CT 06103	-236.99
2023-04-0091440	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	SUITE 1905	HARTFORD, CT 06103	-294.08
2023-04-0091441	EAN HOLDINGS LLC	SUITE 1905	HARTFORD, CT 06103	-404.06
2024-03-0052636	BOUCHER, ANN M.	41 LOCUST STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-140.45
2024-03-0053374	C2G ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS	165 SHERWOOD AVENUE	FARMINGDALE, NY 11735	-239.24
2024-03-0053841	CARREIRO, ANITA	595 MAY STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-30.33
2024-03-0055289	CROOKS, JENNIFER C.	95 HIGH STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-81.80
2024-03-0056500	DIAZ, SUSAN A.	180 RED ROBIN ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-72.06
2024-03-0056684	DLUGOKECKI, FREDERICK	33 MICHAEL LANE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-2.00
2024-03-0056771	DOOLING, EILEEN M.	119 PARTRIDGETOWN ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-92.69
2024-03-0057094	DWYER, DAVID E.	102 BIRCH LANE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-4.06
2024-03-0057777	FEDUN, STEPHEN	65 ALMA STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-25.82
2024-03-0058832	GATINHO, MOISES M.	511 N MAIN ST., APT 1	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-55.63
2024-03-0059587	GREEN, BEAU J.	131 HILLTOP ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-4.01
2024-03-0060720	HONDA LEASE TRUST	11675 GREAT OAKS WAY SUITE 200	ALPHARETTA, GA 30022	-79.31
2024-03-0060843	HOPKINS, TRISTAN B.	13 MAIN ST., APT. 1207	LAKEVILLE, MA 02347	-159.75
2024-03-0061101	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	3161 MICHELSON DR., STE 1900	IRVINE, CA 92612-4418	-432.14

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2024-03-0061282	INIGO, MICHAEL	29 BRIGHTON ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-124.66
2024-03-0061283	INIGO, MYRTA I.	29 BRIGHTON ROAD	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-78.88
2024-03-0062219	KERNKE, ENRICO G.	340 SPRING STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-93.16
2024-03-0063904	LUZIO, MANUEL	17 THUNDERBIRD DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-19.62
2024-03-0066532	NAUGATUCK STAIR COMPANY, INC.	P.O. BOX 384	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-45.36
2024-03-0066711	NICHOLS, JESSICA A.	38 SUNSET DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-158.05
2024-03-0066834	NISSAN INFINITI LT LLC	P.O. BOX 254648	SACRAMENTO, CA 95865	-426.11
2024-03-0067311	ONOFREO, MICHAEL J.	101 PONDVIEW DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-63.05
2024-03-0067413	ORTIZ, WANDA I.	62 ANDERSON STREET, 64B	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-60.18
2024-03-0068355	PICHULO, EDWARD J.	80 BOWMAN DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-87.64
2024-03-0068963	QUEIROS, JULIO F.	90 WILDWOOD CIRCLE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-130.78
2024-03-0072039	SMITH, BRANDEN R.	31 WOODSIDE DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-92.51
2024-03-0072064	SMITH, FERNANDA H.	31 WOODSIDE DRIVE	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-192.50
2024-03-0073977	ULRICHSEN, JANICE B.	31 WILSON STREET	UNION CITY, CT 06770	-49.73
2024-03-0075630	TAPIA, CARMEN	157 RUBBER AVENUE, UNIT 2	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-139.26
2024-03-0064280	MANANA, NOLWAZI M.	144 MEADOW STREET	NAUGATUCK, CT 06770	-297.02
			TOTAL	-9,449.96

32. Public Comment – Agenda Items – None

33. Mayor and Burgess Comments/Sub-Committee Reports

Burgess Smith said the high school track will be dedicated to Colonel Ralph Roper on September 20th at 11 a.m.

Burgess Neth complimented the Parks Department for the job they did maintaining the grounds before schools opened this year. He said we are on the right path moving forward.

Deputy Mayor Vitale reported Harvest Moon Festival will be held on September 19th and 20th. The Downtown Festival will be on September 27th from 4 to 9 p.m. Gunntown Kids will have a butterfly program on September 27th.

Burgess Rosenblatt said the Trades Program had 36 students interested in participating. Unfortunately, they could only take 20 students this year.

Burgess Marengi said the Arts Commission had excellent concerts this year. There is a lack of lighting in the area of Church Street and Meadow Street. He would like to see a plan to illuminate that portion of the street. He thinks the lawn by the Historical Society is a better performance venue with better viewing, seating and shade on hot days. He discussed how there was a concession stand in the past.

Burgess Gallo said perhaps we could incentivize businesses to distribute their food at the concerts. She went to convocation for the school system. Acting Superintendent Cooney set a positive and aggressive tone. She felt positive energy in the auditorium. There are really good plans in place.

34. **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 **8:24 p.m.** for discussion on the following: **Real Estate** (Parcels A, B, C, Y & Z, Naugatuck Industrial Park Section III, Freight Rail

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Discussion, Hershey Property, Riverview Mobile Home Park), **Collective Bargaining** (UPSEU), **Personnel** (Deputy Chief of Police) and **Pending Litigation**. No one was invited into executive session.

Mayor Hess reconvened the meeting at **9:00 p.m.**

35. 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 three-year extension of an employment agreement with **Deputy Chief of Police Daniel Norck** as discussed in executive session.

36. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt to adjourn the regular meeting at **9:01 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