

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND BURGESSES
FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

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 special meeting to order at **6:32 p.m.** with the following in attendance:

BURGESSES:

R. Vitale
M. Bronko, virtual
K. Gallo, virtual
K. Kimball
C. Marenghi

R. Neth, virtual
D. Neth-Kunin
J. Rosenblatt
J. Velazquez

PRESS:

None

RESIDENTS:

Unable to determine due to the format

OTHERS:

L. Wehry, IT Assistant

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

E. Cornacchia, Controller

2. Deputy Mayor Vitale led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Mayor Hess discussed the **DRAFT \$25 Million Dollar Capital Project Plan**. He said we intend on bonding the items through our restructuring plan. He listed twenty projects.
 1. **Expedited Road Paving Plan – \$10,000,000.00.** All roads will be paved or micro paved within the next two years. The cost is higher than this but we are using LOCIP Funds, town road state funding and contributions from utility companies.
 2. **Public Safety Dispatch Center Radio Tower and Radios – \$7,500,000.00.** This project will connect all emergency radios on the same network allowing for better cell service eliminating dead zones. A new dispatch center.
 3. **Acquisition of Land/Downtown Parking – \$1,000,000.00.** We will soon need additional parking downtown. In the next two years, we will build a municipal parking lot across the river.
 4. **School Building Enhancements – \$560,000.00.** It will take 18 months to complete the eight million dollar Johnson Controls Solar Package Projects. We will maintain in the interim.
 5. **Tuttle House Renovations – \$400,00.00.** Upgrades to the Tuttle House supplementing the SHPO funding.
 6. **Senior Center Renovations – \$200,000.00.** This will supplement the Federal Earmark Project to improve the Senior Center.
 7. **Pedestrian Bridge Design – \$170,000.00.** Designing a new pedestrian bridge to go across the river near the train station.
 8. **Animal Control Facility Design/Site Work – \$500,000.00.** Need to plan to build a new facility while seeking funding and regionalization.
 9. **Salem Park Enhancements – \$150,000.00.** Needs to be enhanced as we prepare to relocate town hall. Was designed by Frederick Olmsted and
 10. **Maple Street Bridge Lighting Repair – \$100,000.00.** These are repairs over and above FEMA claim to repair the lighting.

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11. **Roundabout Design Tuttle Building – \$300,000.00.** Need to design a roundabout near the Tuttle House in order to receive 100% LOTCIP Funding for construction costs.
 12. **Storage Building DPW for Equipment – \$400,000.00.** A winter storage unit is needed next to the Park Maintenance Garage.
 13. **Hillside Avenue Enhancements – \$800,000.00.** We need to finish Hillside Avenue when the LOTCIP Stormwater Management Project is completed.
 14. **Rubber Avenue Corridor Upgrades – \$800,000.00.** Supplement the CIF Grant Funding in the Rubber Avenue Corridor for use on stormwater drainage.
 15. **Hop Brook Part A – \$200,000.00.** Hop Brook Park Spray Park improvements.
 16. **Hop Brook Part B – \$350,000.00.** Hop Brook Park former swimming pool. Build a pavilion for cold and warm weather.
 17. **Baummer's Park Upgrades (Courts and Parking Only) – \$400,000.00.** Upgrades over and above the Chip Schofield Playground paid for by state funding.
 18. **Lighting Fields at City Hill and Maple Hill – \$420,000.00.** Lighting at both fields to increase field space.
 19. **Townwide Stormwater and Infrastructure Improvements – \$500,000.00.** Townwide stormwater and infrastructure enhancements to older neighborhoods.
 20. **Salem School Feasibility Study – \$250,000.00.** Begin planning town hall move to Salem School.
4. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt to recess to Executive Session at **7:12 p.m.** for discussion on the following: **Real Estate** (Parcels A, B, C, Y & Z, Naugatuck Industrial Park Section III, Energy Park, Freight Rail, Hershey Property) and **Pending Litigation**. No one was invited into executive session.
- Mayor Hess reconvened the meeting at **7:58 p.m.**
5. There were no motions emanating from Executive Session.
6. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by Deputy Mayor Vitale and seconded by Burgess Rosenblatt to adjourn the special meeting at **7:58 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