

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 1, 2017**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. Chairman Vetro asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Roll Call**

Board Members Present

B. Anderson  
E. Beatty  
B. Bevan  
B. Bier (7:47 p.m.)  
M. Casey  
A. Giannattasio  
J. Golden  
J. Grant  
M. Hardiman  
S. Shaw  
F. Smith  
N. Veccharelli  
P. Vetro  
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin G. Blake  
S. Fournier, Mayor's Admin. Asst.  
J. Berchem, City Attorney  
P. Erodicti, Finance Director  
J. Rohrig, City Clerk

Excused

D. German (business)

Chairman Vetro deferred to Mayor Blake for a special presentation.

Mayor Blake stated the aldermen had front row seats for an exceptional group tonight. He welcomed the combined Milford High School's Fencing team, representing Jonathan Law, Joseph A. Foran and Platt High Schools. He stated the athletes of the fencing team have brought great pride to the City of Milford. Mayor Blake proceeded to read the proclamation.

**2. Public Statements**

Public statements are limited to the legislative function of the Board of Aldermen. He stated only residents; taxpayers or electors may address the Board. The time limit granted to each speaker shall be three (3) minutes. He asked each speaker to adhere to the three-minute limit.

S. Velky – 190 Cornfield Road - spoke regarding the condition of the roads around her area, including a Plains Road, Grinnell Street, and the one-way street and West Rutland Road. She stated she reached out to the mayor's office several times. She stated she also emailed the aldermen in her district, Bier and Giannattasio regarding the condition of these roads. She stated she received no reply from either. She stated she realized she had missed one other alderman in her district, Ald. Beatty. She emailed all three again, and within minutes received a response from Ald. Beatty.

Reading from a prepared statement, Mrs. Velky expressed her disappointment for the lack of aresponse from her aldermen and the public works department.

B. Sanchez - 6 Haystack Road – stated he was here tonight representing the Milford Umpires Association. He stated he is upset with the way the City's Recreation Department and Public Works Department do not work in conjunction with each other regarding the softball fields. He spoke of the condition of the fields and the decline in the condition of the fields as well as the number of teams participating in recreation softball. He stated in 2011 there were well over 160 teams in Milford, now 2017, there are approximately 75 teams. He stated he has spoken with the Recreation Department as well as a number of emails to Public Works that went with no response.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on April 3, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 3, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro welcomed May and asked all to remember all moms. He also reminded the Board of the wreath laying ceremony later this month as well as the Memorial Day parade which will take place on May 28, 2017. He invited all to attend.

Ald. Vitali added May is Mental Health Awareness.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake stated in addition to Mental Health Awareness month, this week is Teacher Appreciation Week. He stated he would respectfully request consideration and action for items 8a-8b. Mayor Blake stated he would be happy to answer questions as they come up.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business (from Mayor's Report Items 8a-8b)

8a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request pursuant to CGS §8-24, (i) to authorize the Connecticut Green Bank, its affiliates, designees and/or assignees to site, own, operate and maintain a solar array at Calf Pen Elementary School, Orchard Hills Elementary School, Pumpkin Delight Elementary School, The Academy and Harborside Middle School, (ii) to authorize the Board of Education to take all steps necessary to effectuate the

installation and operation of such solar arrays, including, without limitation, granting access licenses for each of the schools and signing all documents, and (iii) to authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to take all steps necessary on behalf of the City to assist the Board of Education to effectuate the installation and operation of such solar arrays, including signing all documents.

Ald. Vitali stated for the record that one of the schools listed in this motion had previously been slated to close, possibly two of them in the near future.

Motion carried unanimously.

8b. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve the request per Agreement between Senior Philanthropy of Milford B, d/b/a Golden Hill Rehab Pavilion and the City of Milford and to authorize the Mayor and Health Director to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate said program. Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business not on the Agenda which may be introduced by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

None.

10. Budget Memo Transfers

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #5, Funds 10 & 12, FY17. Motion carried unanimously.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Budget Memo Transfer #6, Funds 10 & 12, FY17. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to approve Consideration of Refunds in the amount of \$88,001.73. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

a. Ordinance Committee

Ald. Smith reported the Committee met prior to this meeting to consider An Ordinance Amending An Ordinance Establishing Compensation of City Officials and Employees in the Service of the City of Milford, Article II, Public Safety Employees, Schedule R. He reported the Committee voted unanimously to forward the Ordinance to the full Board with a favorable recommendation. Ald. Smith explained this amends the existing compensation Ordinance for those employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. He stated this is for the for the fire department's chief and two assistance chiefs, who fall under Public Safety.

Ald. Shaw seconded the motion.

Ald. Giannattasio asked if the wage increases were in line with other city employees.

Attorney Berchem stated they were.

- b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report.
- c. Public Works Committee – no report.
- d. Claims Committee – no report
- e. Rules Committee – no report.
- f. Personnel Committee – no report.

13. Report of Special Committees:

- a. Liaison Sub-Committee – Board of Education – no report.
- b. Liaison Sub-Committee – Flood & Erosion Board – no report.
- c. Liaison Sub-Committee – Park, Beach & Recreation Comm. – no report.
- d. Liaison Sub-Committee – Planning & Zoning Board – no report.
- e. Liaison Sub-Committee – Sewer Commission – no report.
- f. Liaison Sub-Committee – Harbor Management Commission – no report.
- g. Liaison – Council on Aging – no report.
- h. Permanent School Facility Building Committee – no report.
- i. Liaison Sub-Committee – Library Board – no report.
- j. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fowler Memorial building – no report
- k. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership – no report.
- l. Golf Course Commission – no report.
- m. Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.
- n. Liaison Health Department – no report.
- o. Devon Revitalization Committee – no report.
- p. Human Services Commission – no report
- q. Liaison Pension & Retirement Board – no report.
- r. Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – no report.
- s. Liaison – Milford Progress, Inc. – no report.

14. Executive Session. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting is required for any item to be considered in executive session. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting is required to go into executive session.

The Chairman shall announce, in public session, those items to be covered in executive session and call for a vote to enter executive session. If a two-thirds (2/3) vote, to enter executive session, is obtained, the hall shall be cleared and executive session declared.

Chairman Vetro stated the Board would adjourn to Executive Session for discussion concerning pending litigation regarding Jean Lasczak v. City of Milford. He stated the full Board along with the Mayor and City Attorney would adjourn to Executive Session.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Shaw made and seconded a motion to adjourn to Executive Session.  
Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 7:56 p.m.

Chairman Vetro reconvened the Board in public session at 8:20 p.m.

Being no further business to discuss, Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Giannattasio moved to adjourn.  
Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy  
Recording Secretary