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**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2019**

MILFORD CITY CLERK

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their Regular Meeting on Monday, October 7, 2019 in the Aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman P. Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:33 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
K. Fortunati
C. Gaynor
D. German
A. Giannattasio
M. Hardiman
F. Smith
A. Sutton
J. Tranquilli
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali
Jay Zammiello

Also Present

B. Blake, Mayor
P. Erodici, Finance Director
J. Rohrig, City Clerk
J. Rosen, Chief of Staff

Excused

J. Golden
J. Grant

Mayor Blake presented a proclamation to Benjamin James recognizing him for his accomplishments in the field of Golf. Mayor Blake congratulated Mr. James on a job well done and stated he brings great pride to the City of Milford.

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.

Mark Leso, 20 Myers Lane, stated the Board had previously approved the sale of a sliver of property at Myers Lane to his wife Lisa Leso and that to date the sale had not been completed.

David Kinskey-Lebeda, 147 North Street, thanked Sgt. Kranyak, Chris Saley, Justin Rosen, Brian Anderson and Karen Fortunati for their assistance with navigating the repaving of North Street.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on August 5, 2019.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications.

Chairman Vetro reminded everyone that this is breast cancer month and asked that those who have suffered be kept within everyone's thoughts.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations:

Mayor Blake requested the Board's action on agenda items 8a through 8c. He also stated the Paige Miglio, Executive Director of MAC, was here to provide short presentation to the Board.

Paige Miglio, Executive Director of MAC, provided a handout to the Board members and provided highlights of the Meet Me at the Bench, 2020 DECD Project Grant. She stated that the MAC will receive \$12,000 and is looking for corporate sponsors to provide match or in-kind supplies and services.

7. Unfinished Business

Ald. Giannattasio made a motion to add 20 Myers Lane, sale of City property to Mark and Lisa Leso to the agenda.

Mayor Blake stated that unless an item has been left in abeyance by the Board it cannot be added as unfinished business. He further state that this particular item was not left on the table. Ald.

Giannattasio stated that he would like to add this to the agenda in order to have further discussion.

Mayor Blake stated that there is pending litigation and any discussion should be in executive session at a later meeting. Ald. Vitali asked if this was appropriate for discussion under unfinished business.

Mayor Blake stated only tabled items are appropriate and there are current none. Chairman Vetro stated this is not the appropriate time to bring up this motion.

Ald. Giannattasio withdrew the motion.

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

(8a) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion for the appointment of (D) Stephen Schmidt, 29 Central Avenue, 06460, as a member of the Library Board, to fill the present vacancy (term expiring 12/31/21.) Motion carried unanimously.

(8c) Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to authorize the City of Milford to accept the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) and to authorize the Mayor, Finance Director and Fire Chief to take all steps necessary, including signing all documents, to effectuate the receipt of said grant funds.

Mayor Blake stated this was previously discussed during budget and the 10% match was included in the operational budget. Ald. Giannattasio asked if the radios were out dated and how old. Battalion Chief Ron Wetmore stated there are approximately 15 years old and that they are no longer supported. Ald. Giannattasio asked for a timeline on when the new radios would be received. Battalion Chief Wetmore stated approximately 2 weeks after the funds are released. Ald. Anderson commented on the size of the grant and congratulated the department on receiving the grant. He asked if ISO was a factor in receiving the grant. Battalion Chief Wetmore stated he could not say for certain and provided a brief description on how the radios will work and interface with other agencies. Mayor Blake stated the City was recertified as a Class I ISO and that the department brings great pride to the City.

Motion carried unanimously.

Ald Giannattasio requested a five minute recess. The Board recessed at 8:09 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

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

Ald. Giannattassio and Ald. German made and seconded a motion to add 20 Myers Lane, Mark and Lisa Leso to the agenda. Motion failed 5 in favor (Gaynor, German, Giannattasio, Tranquilli, Viali), 8 against (Anderson, Fortunati, Hardiman, Smith, Sutton, Veccharelli, Vetro, Zammiello).

10. Budget Memo Transfers:

None.

11. Refunds:

a. Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve refunds in the amount of \$48,929.75. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Report of Standing Committees:

- a. Ordinance Committee – no report.
- 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.

None.

Ald. Veccharelli stated he was not seeking reelection on the Board and thanked everyone for their work and the honor to serve the citizens of the City

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

The Board adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Toni Jo Weeks
Recording Secretary