

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2023**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Milford held their regular meeting on Monday, August 7, 2023, in the Aldermanic Chambers at City Hall. Chairman Vetro called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Vetro asked those present to join in saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Board Members

M. Arciuolo
E. Beatty
B. Broesder
M. Casey
D. German
A. Giannattasio
S. Marlow
J. Moffitt
C. Moore
H. Mulrenan
R. Pacelli
M. Parente (left at 8:00 p.m.)
P. Vetro
R. Vitali
W. Willis

Also Present

Mayor Richard M. Smith
J. Berchem, City Attorney
K. Fortunati, City Clerk
J. Rosen, Chief of Staff
P. Erodicti, Finance Director

Excused:

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.

Patrick O'Connor, 28 Shea Avenue, spoke concerning the recent construction of the fencing at the Walnut Beach Pavilion.

Nancy Naumann, 66 Centennial Drive spoke concerning removal of diseased trees and stumps on her property.

Richard Stephen, 232 West River Street, spoke concerning a noise ordinance.

Tony Catapano, 94 Brewster Road, spoke concerning use of Brewster Field.

Jerome Payne, 146 Brewster Road, spoke concerning use of Brewster Field.

Tory Vienneau, 65 Cornfield Road, spoke concerning commercial activities being conducted at 20 Haystack Road.

Bradley Sanchez, 6 Haystack Road, spoke concerning activities at 20 Haystack Road.

James Ballas, 106 Cornfield Road, spoke concerning activities at 20 Haystack Road.

3. Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board Aldermen held on July 10, 2023.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board Aldermen held on July 10, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Organizational Meeting.

None.

5. Chairman's Report and Communications

Chairman Vetro thanked everyone for their comments this evening. He stated Woodmont Day was a great success and enjoyed by all.

6. Mayor's Report and Recommendations

Mayor Smith stated that Milford will hold its 49th Oyster Festival on August 19. He stated he looks forward to seeing everyone at the Oyster Festival.

7. Unfinished Business

None.

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

(8a) None.

(8b) Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve the appointment of (D) Anne Marie Kindley, 94 Sixth Avenue, 06460, as a member of the Pension and Retirement Commission to fill the present vacancy, term to expire 12/31/2023. Motion carried unanimously.

(8c) Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Re: Cash Advance for UPS Batteries at the Milford Police Station. Motion carried unanimously.

(8d) Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded motion to approve Allocation Transfer No. 1 (Fund Balance Unreserved & Construction – Rogers Avenue Pump Station Upgrade - Supplemental).

Ald. Giannattasio asked Chris Saley, Public Works Director, to provide background on the transfer request. Mr. Saley discussed estimates provided for the pump station resiliency. He stated upon receipt of bids it was determined the project was overbudget, and a transfer would be necessary. Ald. Giannattasio asked if the project is overbudget. Mr. Erodici stated the bids were received and the budget was not sufficient requiring a transfer.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

None

10. Budget Memo Transfers.

Ald. Beatty and Ald. Giannattasio made and seconded a motion to approve Budget Memo Transfers #11 and #12, Funds 1005 and 2812.

Ald. Vitali asked why there are budget shortfalls so early in the new budget year. Mr. Erodici stated the shortfalls are for the prior budget year. Ald. Vitali asked for an explanation of the shortfall in secretarial fees. Mr. Erodici discussed the IRS audit and required revisions to how secretaries are paid. He stated the secretaries are now paid through the payroll process. Ald. German asked if solid waste costs increased or was it underfunded. Mr. Saley discussed cost increases and stated cost continue to rise. He stated usage is also higher at the Transfer Station. Ald. Giannattasio asked for an explanation of increase in solid waste regular wages. Mr. Saley stated funds are being taken from regular wages to pay for solid waste costs. Mr. Erodici stated due to vacancies funds were available for transfer to the solid waste account. Ald. Giannattasio asked if this will be a recurring issue. Mr. Erodici stated the new year budget will need to be looked at for future transfers and in the following budget increases should be considered.

Motion carried unanimously.

11. Refunds

11a. None.

12. Report of Standing Committees

a. Ordinance Committee – no report

b. Public Safety and Welfare Committee – no report

c. Public Works Committee – Ald. Giannattasio asked the purpose of the fence at the Walnut Beach Pavilion. Mr. Saley stated the fence was for multiple purposes, including security of the area due to number of private events held. Mr. Saley discussed differentiating the public area from the area

reserved for private events. Ald. Vitali stated the decision was not an action of the Board of Aldermen. He stated it was an administrative decision.

- 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 – 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. Liaison Sub-Committee – Library Board – no report.
- i. Liaison Sub-Committee – Veterans Ceremony & Parade Commission – no report
- j. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fine Arts – no report
- k. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Redevelopment & Housing Partnership – no report.
- l. Liaison – Golf Course Commission – no report.
- m. Liaison – Inland Wetlands Agency – no report.
- n. Liaison – Board of Health – no report.
- o. Liaison – Human Services Commission – no report.
- p. Liaison Sub-Committee – Pension & Retirement Board – no report
- q. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Government Access Television (MGAT) – no report.
- r. Liaison – Economic Development Commission – no report.
- s. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Arts Council – no report.
- t. Liaison Sub-Committee – Milford Progress, Inc. – no report.
- u. Liaison Sub-Committee – Fire Commission – no report.
- v. Liaison Sub-Committee – Police Commission – no report.
- w. Permanent School Facilities Building Committee – 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.

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

The Board adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Jo Weeks
Recording Secretary