

FINAL

THIRD TAXING DISTRICT  
Of the City of Norwalk  
June 4, 2012

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners: Paul Kokias, Chair; David Brown, Charles Yost.

STAFF: George Leary, General Manager; Ron Scofield, Assist. General  
Mgr.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kokias called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and requested to move the order of the agenda to have public comments following approval of the minutes.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Mr. Brown requested the following changes:

Page 1: Fire Chief Hines should be Captain.

Page 2: Paragraph 3, after the word lumber, add at Rings End.

Paragraph 5: Mr. Brown questioned this sentence, and Mr. Leary did not recall the reference and suggested that it be deleted.

Page 3: Paragraph 5: Mr. Brown questioned this sentence, and Mr. Leary did not recall the reference and suggested that it be deleted.

Mr. Leary requested that the word "motioned" be replaced with "moved" in all motions throughout the minutes and from this point on. Also, the wording on the resolution should be adopt rather than approve.

\*\* **MR. BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE  
MEETING OF  
MAY 7, 2012 AS AMENDED WITH CORRECTIONS NOTED.**

\*\* **MR. YOST SECONDED.**

\*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Diane Cece, 37 Olmstead Place, stated that she was waiting for Mr. Kydes, but he just called to say he could not attend the meeting. She stated that she would be attending the Siting Council forum on June 14, but was here tonight to ask about the roof replacement bid process. She asked if three bids were received as is the City's bidding process, and if the vendor chosen was local.

Mr. Brown replied that if the bid is below a certain amount (\$5,000) then the bid can be awarded based upon the General Manager's discretion. He added that in this case, the total is \$4,200 and Pete Johnson did get three bids. Mr. Yost added that the vendor is a local Norwalk company that is well-known as a reputable, reliable firm.

### General Manager's Report

Mr. Leary stated that the report as included in the packet was self explanatory and everything seems to be on track with the Financial Statements.

Mr. Brown asked about the purchased power adjustment and the percentage lower rate on less commodity and Mr. Leary replied that that as he pointed out last month, the reduction of sales is out of balance with the cost of product bought, and that sales are down as an offset with cost of power being down.

Mr. Brown asked about the increased gross receipts tax and Mr. Leary explained that it is based on a state formula calculation that remains up in the air and there needs to be an adjustment versus year ago. Mr. Kokias added that the 6.35% is assessed plus an additional 8%, which becomes a "tax on top of a tax" situation.

Mr. Brown asked about the Norden Income/Expense and the comment that it is now less than \$1/KW, and Mr. Leary replied that it will get better next year. A discussion ensued and investments show large changes due to nature of available investment vehicles. Mr. Leary replied that it depends on how money is invested, for example, the ability to buy bonds or others that have attractive returns on the investments.

### Library Gas Conversion

Mr. Leary stated that as discussed last month, he has not received all the information from the East Norwalk Library regarding replacing the boiler/water heater with a conversion to gas unit. He stated that he received some information from Mr. Siegel and the amount of gallons is really not as much as they thought, and it will take a long time to have savings achieved.

Mr. Yost suggested that if the Library is looking to have relief from utility costs, the district should increase their operating budget. Mr. Leary replied that they do have cash available in their improvement fund from donations accumulated from the Library Association. It was agreed to table the item until further information was received.

### Office Roof Replacement

Mr. Leary presented copies of the bids and asked which one was preferred.

- \*\* MR. BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL AND AWARD A CONTRACT FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE LOWER ROOF SECTION TO ZAKHAR ROOFING AND SIDING, LLC AS THE LOW BIDDER AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED OF \$4,200 AS CONTAINED IN THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED ON PAGES 19-22.**
- \*\* MR. YOST SECONDED.**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### TTD 100th anniversary observance

Mr. Leary stated that he had no specific recommendation but wanted to have a discussion to get ideas on how to best develop the anniversary observance for the district. Mr. Kokias stated that it would be nice to have new banners on the poles. Mr. Brown added that we have a lot to celebrate with the substation and that perhaps a big concert with giveaways of some sort should be looked into. Mr. Yost stated that it would be nice to have something coincide with the ground breaking for the substation. Mr. Kokias stated that he felt it would be best to have the new manager come up with a recommendation, and in the mean time keep a list of the ideas that have been suggested so far.

#### Substation Development - Interconnection Studies, Site Council Proceedings, Financing

Mr. Leary distributed copies of his presentation that was discussed last meeting and stated that there was nothing new with the proposed budget and financing structure. He stated that there is \$30,000 in the Renewable Energy Fund and would like to use it if CMEEC will approve this. He added that Atty. Bove has worked with Cervalis on the contract and he expects a draft next week. Mr. Leary stated that the team meeting is this Friday in Middletown to rehearse the proceedings for the public hearing which is scheduled for June 14 at City Hall.

Mr. Yost asked if there will be a better rendering of the plans done to provide a visual that is more to scale and Mr. Leary showed what has been done. It was suggested that it should include a photo of the train station to replicate the proposed look with the surroundings.

#### General Manager Search

Mr. Kokias asked what the status of the contract was and Mr. Yost replied that Jim Smith has signed the contract and will send it to Atty. Hodgson. Mr. Leary stated

that he plans to use the conference table area as his work station during the transition with the new General Manager.

Mr. Brown asked if there should be some type of welcome lunch for the new manager, and Mr. Kokias replied that this should be left up to Jim Smith as how he wants to have as far as orientation sessions with staff.

#### Other Items

Mr. Leary referred to the thank you note contained in the packet from Mrs. Coggin, and Mr. Brown noted that he would like to do something as far as a memorial service for Paul Coggin. Mr. Brown stated that he has had a conversation with Andy Garfunkel, and they would like to have something held at the Library. Mr. Kokias offered to provide refreshments and snacks from the Market Basket.

#### Next Meeting Date

Mr. Scofield suggested that the next meeting was to be held on July 2, but it is very close to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, and it was agreed to change the meeting to July 9.

#### Adjournment

**\*\* MR. BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN.  
\*\* MR. KOKIAS SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Knox  
Telesco Secretarial Services