

**CITY OF NORWALK  
THIRD TAXING DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011  
2 SECOND STREET**

ATTENDANCE: Timothy Plunkett, Chair; David Brown; Paul Kokias

STAFF: George Leary, General Manager; Ron Scofield, Assistant General Manager

OTHERS: John Bove, District Counsel; Connie DiScala, Treasurer;  
Sarah Mann, Stanley Siegel, East Norwalk Library Board;  
Joe Cristino

Mr. Plunkett called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present this evening who wished to speak.

**MINUTES OF MEETING** – JANUARY 10, 2011

**\*\* MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED  
\*\* MR. BROWN SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Leary reviewed his written report. He noted that the financials remain consistent. Mr. Brown asked about line 420-00 Gain/(loss) on Investments. Mr. Leary explained that they are maximizing the return; the investors are doing what they are supposed to be doing. Mr. Plunkett asked Mr. Leary to schedule the investors to attend the meeting following the annual meeting.

**ANNUAL MEETING PREPARATION**

Mr. Leary explained that the Commissioners received a draft copy of the annual meeting package. He asked the Commissioners to set a recommendation for the Library budget.

Mr. Siegel said that the East Norwalk Library budget is as realistic as they could make it based on increased services. Mr. Plunkett noted that this is a recommendation to the Electors and it is ultimately their decision.

Ms. Mann said that the Board formed a task force to address budget issues and there was not a lot to cut from the budget. Mr. Siegel said that a challenge they have with fundraising is that they are excluded from applying for grants because the Library is not ADA compliant. Mr. Brown asked if they have given consideration to joining the City or State interlibrary loan system. Mr. Siegel said that they are looking into it, but it is very expensive. Mr. Brown said that as a member of the interlibrary loan system, the ADA issue would not be valid. Mr. Kokias said that the East Norwalk Library serves a purpose in East Norwalk and does not need to associate itself with other libraries.

- \*\* MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO RECOMMEND THE APPROVAL OF \$167,121 FOR THE EAST NORWALK LIBRARY BUDGET THAT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE ELECTORS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING**
- \*\* MR. KOKIAS SECONDED**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **WWTP OUTAGE**

Mr. Leary explained that the transformer at the Waste Water Treatment Plant stopped working on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cristino and the Third Taxing District staff have been working hard on this project. Mr. Leary explained the work that has been done and what needs to be done. He said that the fix that will be put in now will last at least two years. Mr. Cristino explained that when they are finished they will have a 4160 V circuit and back up for the facility which will provide flexibility if anything goes wrong with the 27,000 volt cable.

Mr. Cristino said that he went to two contractors he used in the past, McPhee and Sullivan. He said that McPhee could have a crew available in two weeks at a cost of \$25,000. Mr. Brown said that he would go with Mr. Cristino's recommendation. Mr. Cristino said that he will see which company could meet the schedule.

- \*\* MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ENGAGE IN A CONTRACT WITH AN AVAILABLE CONTRACTOR TO PERFORM THE REQUIRED REPAIRS FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT OUTAGE ISSUES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000**
- \*\* MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### SUBSTATION DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Leary explained the item. He said that there are a limited number of firms that engage in this type of work.

- \*\* MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF MURTHA CULLINA TO REPRESENT THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT AT THE CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL FOR PERMITTING OUR 115KV SUBSTATION AND RELATED WORK AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000
- \*\* MR. BROWN SECONDED
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

### RETIREE BENEFITS

Mr. Scofield explained that a retiree passed away on January 31<sup>st</sup>. He asked if the Commissioners wanted to extend the same benefit that was given to the spouse of a recently deceased retiree, if requested. Mr. Plunkett requested an opinion letter from Benefit Planning Services regarding extending benefits to the dependents of deceased retired employees.

### NORDEN GENERATORS

- \*\* MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:46 P.M.
- \*\* MR. KOKIAS SECONDED
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Messrs. Plunkett, Brown, Kokias, Bove, Leary and Scofield went into Executive Session at 8:46 p.m. to discuss the Norden generators.

- \*\* MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:25 P.M.
- \*\* MR. BROWN SECONDED
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

There was no action taken during the Executive Session.

### ADJOURN

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi  
Telesco Secretarial Services