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**CITY OF NORWALK
THIRD TAXING DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Timothy Plunkett, Chair; Paul Kokias; David Brown (7:05 p.m.)

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

OTHERS: John Bove, District Counsel; Chris Hodgson

Mr. Plunkett called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present this evening.

Mr. Brown joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. for the purpose of labor negotiations.

Present were: Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Brown and Mr. Kokias, Mr. Leary, Mr. Scofield and Attorney Hodgson and Attorney Bove.

They came out of Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.

- ** **MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE MEDIATOR REGARDING THE WRITTEN WARNINGS FOR TWO EMPLOYEES**
- ** **MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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- ** **MR. BROWN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED**
- ** **MR. PLUNKETT SECONDED**
- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Leary said that his written report was included in everyone's packets. Mr. Plunkett said that he was puzzled that more people were not taking advantage of the home energy savings program. He said that if someone gets a shut off notice that they are obligated to take advantage of the free program in order to reduce their bill.

CAPITAL BUDGET

Mr. Leary explained that for a number of reasons, they are late on the Capital budget. He highlighted the larger items. Mr. Leary said that investing in the substation will provide better service to the customers. The Commissioners reviewed the items and asked for an explanation of the costs. Mr. Brown said that he wants more details before spending on the Capital budget items. Mr. Leary said that he always brings the large items to the Commission.

**** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR
FY09/10 AS PRESENTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER, MR. LEARY
** MR. KOKIAS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO APPROVE SPENDING \$25,000 FOR THE
SUBSTATION METER REPLACEMENT WHICH WILL PROVIDE
COMPLETE INFORMATION FROM THE SUBSTATION
** MR. KOKIAS SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

CRIME INSURANCE

Mr. Leary explained that the bond for the pension fund expired. Mr. Plunkett asked Mr. Leary to find out what other municipalities and whether this is needed. This item will be explored further. There was no action taken.

2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Scofield explained that the date have been checked to be sure that they do not interfere with religious holidays.

**** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE 2010 MEETING
SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED BY MR. SCOFIELD
** MR. BROWN SECONDED
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

The Commissioners discussed the Christmas Lighting contest. Mr. Kokias said that he felt they should have the contest and Mr. Brown said that they should not.

- ** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO HOLD THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST AS A NON-CASH PRIZE EVENT JUDGED BY THE COMMISSIONERS**
- ** MR. KOKIAS SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) VOTE IN OPPOSITION (MR. BROWN)**

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Mr. Scofield said that everything is in the planning stage. He discussed the entertainment. He said that he is waiting to hear from Mr. Baum to see if the East Norwalk Business Association will provide refreshments. He is also waiting to hear from Rabbi Fish to tell him the date for the Menorah lighting. He said that Mr. Baum took care of it last year, but very few people attended.

Due to the low attendance last year, the Commissioners instructed Mr. Scofield to let Mr. Baum know that they decided not to hold the Menorah lighting this year.

The Commissioners instructed Mr. Scofield to inform Marvin School that they would like the students to sing traditional Christmas songs and not holiday songs at the Christmas Tree lighting event.

POSTAGE MACHINES REPLACEMENT

Mr. Leary explained the item. He and Mr. Kokias will continue to investigate replacement machines and will provide a comparison of the two machines.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners went into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. Present were: Mr. Plunkett, Mr. Brown and Mr. Kokias, Mr. Leary, Mr. Scofield and Attorney Bove. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss the following items:

FIREHOUSE LEASE

SUBSTATION SITE STUDY

They came out of Executive Session at 9:56 p.m.

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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