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THIRD TAXING DISTRICT
of the City of Norwalk
Special Meeting
November 20, 2014

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners: Charles Yost (Chair), David Brown; Debora Goldstein¹,
Treasurer: Dr. Michael Intrieri

STAFF: General Manager: Jim Smith

CALL TO ORDER.

Commissioner Yost called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no one present from the public.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

The discussion began with the recent article that appeared in The Hour and Nancy on Norwalk dated Tuesday, November 18th with regard to TTD providing rate relief for the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP).

Mr. Smith explained his conversation with Robert Koch (writer for The Hour) and indicated that Mr. Koch had quoted him correctly in the article.

The article which appeared in Nancy on Norwalk did prompt contact with Commissioner Goldstein from one of TTD's customers. She asked Commissioner Goldstein if it would be possible to have her electric bills analyzed to see if she has been over-charged in the past. The Commission discussed the fact that a comprehensive rate study would not produce an analysis for an individual customer.

¹ Commissioner Goldstein participated by telephone, and confirmed that she could hear and be heard.

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The Commissioners and Mr. Smith then began to review the history of the situation with the WWTP, going back at least five years when a different General Manager was in place at TTD. Shortly after Mr. Smith came to TTD, he met with the WWTP to discuss the situation. He indicated to them at that time that a cost-of-service study would be conducted at some point in the future which would address the WWTP's historical requests for rate relief. Once the rate study was completed, and after a review of the complete relationship between TTD and the WWTP, the Commissioners of the TTD determined that a lower rate could be extended to the WWTP. After reviewing the final recommendations with the rate consultant and the Commission, Mr. Smith met with the WWTP to present possible rate relief to the WWTP. The maximum possible rate relief approved by the Commission included a phased-in rate reduction over the next three years, totaling 11.5%.

The Commissioners and Mr. Smith agreed that they would like to respond to the articles that were written on this issue and discussed what points should be addressed from each of the two articles which appeared in the press.

Commissioner Yost asked if Mr. Smith would write the response the next morning, send to the Commission for approval and then have it sent to the Robert Koch (The Hour) and Nancy Chapman (Nancy on Norwalk) by close of business on Friday, November 21st.

LIBRARY PROJECT

Commissioner Yost has been in contact with a market survey company and would like to set up a meeting/conference call with them. He will be back in touch with the Commission for available dates and times.

Mr. Smith informed the Commission that he had already reached out to SDS Research and received a written proposal from them, which was given out to the Commission for their review.

ADJOURNMENT.

**** COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN SECONDED
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Tenney
Recording Secretary

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