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**THIRD TAXING DISTRICT**  
of the City of Norwalk  
Special Commission Meeting  
June 23, 2015

**ATTENDANCE:** Commissioners: Charles Yost, Chair; Debora Goldstein  
Treasurer: Dr. Michael Intrieri

**STAFF:** Jim Smith, General Manager; Ron Scofield, Assistant General Manager

**PUBLIC:** Sarah Mann, Stanley Siegel, Jim Anderson

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Yost called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sarah Mann stepped forward and spoke.

“First of all, my first question and statement is, why do all the Library Planning Committee meetings have to be in secret?”

Commissioner Yost: “Wait a minute. Are you expecting answers now or are you just making a statement?”

Ms. Mann: “Ideally, I’d like answers.”

Commissioner Yost: “We haven’t had one Library Committee Meeting. Continue.”

Ms. Mann: “Why did you have to read the resumes of the Planning Committee members in secret in Executive Session?”

Commissioner Yost: “What?”

Ms. Mann: “On May 21<sup>st</sup>, on the agenda, it shows that you were reading the resumes of the Library Planning Committee volunteers in Executive Session. That’s what is showed on your agenda.

Commissioner Goldstein: “We didn’t do resumes.”

Ms. Mann: “That’s what the agenda showed.”

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Commissioner Goldstein: "What do the Minutes for that meeting say?"

Commissioner Yost: "We're not going to have a discussion here. We have 15 minutes. Go ahead. Continue."

Ms. Mann: "And finally, (handed out copies – see Attachment A) this is your Annual Minutes from your Annual Meeting. As you can see the electors voted in the meeting that there should be two Commissioners on the Planning Committee. So, moving forward, it looks like you guys wanted to have three Commissioners on the Planning Committee. Is that still correct?"

Commissioner Goldstein: "This is public comment. We're listening."

Ms. Mann: "Okay, so, it seems as though you all want to have three Commissioners on the Planning Committee, two Library Board members and three members of the public. I don't understand how you can arbitrarily change that when the electors have said two members, two Commissioners. That's all."

Commissioner Yost: "Thank you."

### **BOY SCOUTS/CONSTITUTION PARK FLAG POLE DISCUSSION**

Mr. Smith presented David Shockley's request for Boy Scout Troop 19 to use the flag pole in Constitution Park for holiday and flag ceremonies. If permitted, they are asking if TTD would please make some minor repairs which consist of 2 new halyards and proper hand lines. The flag would be donated by the Boy Scout Troop.

The Commission's major concern was liability. Mr. Smith said that we have liability insurance coverage for all the parks in the district. Commissioner Yost asked Mr. Smith to contact the insurance agent and get a direct answer about this particular issue. Commissioner Goldstein also asked if Mr. Smith could find out whether or not the Boy Scouts have insurance or are willing to sign a waiver for the use of the park.

**\*\* COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE MR. SMITH TO ACT BASED ON THE INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE PROVIDED TO SECURE EITHER CONFIRMATION OF LIABILITY INSURANCE ON THE BOY SCOUTS OR A WAIVER FOR TTD AND CERTIFICATION THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT AND THEN HE CAN CLOSE THE DEAL.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER YOST SECONDED.**

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

**\*\* COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE MR. SMITH TO MAKE THE REPAIRS TO THE FLAG POLE THAT ARE NECESSARY.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER YOST SECONDED.**

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

**2015-16 ANNUAL REVENUE & EXPENSE BUDGET**

Mr. Smith presented the Commission with the Operating Budget for FY 2015-16. The Commission reviewed the line items and had some questions, which were answered satisfactorily by Mr. Smith. Commissioner Yost asked that one change be made to the Operating Budget. Under Income, 443-00, Cervalis Data Center Revenues, he asked that the number be increased from \$72,000 to \$150,000. All other line items remained as is.

- \*\* COMMISSIONER YOST MOVED TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY 2015-16.**
- \*\* COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET FORECAST FY 2015-16 – FY 2019-20**

Mr. Smith presented the Commission with the Capital Expense Budget for FY 2015-2016. Mr. Smith said he would like to request the “Middle” scenario under the Capital Projects Priority List for the upcoming year. The total request is \$1,551,000, and includes \$493,500 for SCADA which has to be done. The Commission reviewed the projects for consideration and asked questions, which were answered. Two of the projects which were discussed in detail were the Storage Facility and the WWTP, which are two of the larger projects on the Priority List.

Mr. Smith then presented the Funding Schedule for the Capital Projects. The Commission discussed the schedule and indicated concern that the funding was going to use half of what is currently in the Capital Improvement Account. Further discussion took place and it was decided to decrease the Capital Improvement Account funding from \$500,000 to \$250,000. The \$250,000 would then be taken from the CMEEC Rate Stabilization Fund, making the new funding amount from this account \$1,051,000.

- \*\* COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT FY 2015-16 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET AT THE MIDDLE CASE LEVEL WHICH IS \$1,551,000 INCLUDING SCADA ITEMS AND THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDING SCHEDULE FOR THE SAME FISCAL PERIOD AS AMENDED AT THIS MEETING.**
- \*\* COMMISSIONER YOST SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Before adjourning the meeting Commissioner Yost addressed those members of the public in attendance.

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Commissioner Yost: "If you guys want to sit down sometime and discuss whatever questions or issues you have, come to us. We want to talk."

Mr. Anderson : "We've tried."

Commissioner Yost: "Jim, you just went through a routine here that you didn't have to do. I want to have a meeting."

Ms. Mann: [Indistinct]

Commissioner Yost: "You're not going to get a discussion."

Ms. Mann: "That was really unfair. I'm an elected Board member, you didn't have to attack me."

Commissioner Yost: "I didn't attack you."

Ms. Mann: "You did to when I made the motion."

Commissioner Yost: "If you want to have a meeting, come to us and ask for a meeting. Okay?"

Ms. Mann: "Okay. Fair enough."

Commissioner Yost: "Thank you."

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* COMMISSIONER YOST SECONDED.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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