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**CITY OF NORWALK  
THIRD TAXING DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 3, 2010**

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

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

OTHERS: Connie DiScala, Treasurer; John Bove, District Counsel; Chris Hodgson

Mr. Plunkett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no members of the public present.

**MINUTES OF MEETINGS** – April 7, 2010 & April 19, 2010

**\*\* MR. BROWN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> AND APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> AS PRESENTED**

**\*\* MR. PLUNKETT SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**LABOR COUNSEL REPORT**  
**NORDEN GENERATORS**  
**SUBSTATION SITE ACQUISITION**

**\*\* MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**LABOR COUNSEL REPORT**  
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**\*\* MR. BROWN SECONDED**

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The Commissioners, Ms. DiScala, Mr. Leary, Mr. Scofield, Attorney Bove and Attorney Hodgson went into Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.

They came out of Executive Session at 8:41 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Leary reviewed his written report. He reported that the fire alarm in the Library is not monitored by the Fire Department. Mr. Leary reviewed the financials and said that sales were down and profits up by \$172,000. Mr. Plunkett asked how sales could be down and profits up. Mr. Leary said that it was due to generation. He said that the gross profit was down 58% in part due to conservation and warmer weather. Mr. Leary said that he feels they are doing ok.

### **COGSDALE ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER PROPOSAL**

Mr. Scofield described this electronic function that can be offered to customers. The one time cost is \$10,980. He said that the only additional fee will be the monthly credit card transaction fees. Mr. Plunkett asked what the transaction fees would be. Mr. Leary said that he did not know. Mr. Plunkett said that he could not vote to authorize this item, without knowing the costs.

Mr. Scofield said that Cogsdale recommends having a contract with PayPal to process payments because they are compatible. Mr. Leary said that in the past PayPal was easy to deal with. Mr. Scofield said that he has called PayPal, but has not received a response from them. Mr. Plunkett questioned doing business with PayPal if they do not respond when you want to start doing business with them.

Mr. Plunkett said that he wants the fee schedule for PayPal. Mr. Kokias noted that the quote has expired and wants a valid quote. Mr. Scofield described the steps he has taken to get information from Cogsdale.

There was no action taken on this item.

### **SMART GRID**

Mr. Leary described the program. He said that he is going to a meeting tomorrow and believes that they will be looking for a contract soon. He said that he does not know what the costs will be with SNEW. Mr. Kokias asked what this will save the District. Mr.

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Leary said that the project has not done a pay-back analysis. Mr. Kokias asked where the cost to participate will come from. Mr. Leary said that it will come from the customers. Mr. Kokias said that he was not willing to pay for the unknown. Mr. Leary added that a lot of the savings will be to the customers. Mr. Plunkett and Mr. Brown agreed with Mr. Kokias. Mr. Brown said that he would like to see Norwich and Groton do this first. Mr. Kokias said that he did not think it was in their best interest; it is too costly to not know the return on their investment.

- \*\* MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO INFORM CMEEC THAT THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN SMART GRID AS OUTLINED ON PAGES 15 – 20 OF THE MEETING PACKET**
- \*\* MR. KOKIAS SECONDED**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **AUDITOR FOR 2010**

Mr. Plunkett said that the District has used Hope and Hernandez for at least five years. He said that they have done a good job and have been the low bidders.

- \*\* MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF HOPE AND HERNANDEZ, P.C. TO PERFORM THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT FY 2010 AUDIT FOR A PRICE OF \$18,975 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR PROPOSAL OF APRIL 15, 2010**
- \*\* MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **CHRISTMAS TREE**

Mr. Leary recommended removing the trees and hedges and replacing them with a 15 – 18 ft. tree and grass. Mr. Kokias asked for the cost for different sized trees.

- \*\* MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO REMOVE THE EXISTING (CHRISTMAS TREE) EVERGREENS AND HEDGE AND REPLACING WITH A TREE AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000**
- \*\* MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **STORM OF 3/13/2010 AND EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE**

- \*\* MR. KOKIAS MOVED TO TABLE THIS ITEM**
- \*\* MR. PLUNKETT SECONDED**
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**ADJOURN**

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

There was no further business and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi  
Telesco Secretarial Services