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**CITY OF NORWALK
THIRD TAXING DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
April 7, 2010**

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

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

Others: Connie Discala, Treasurer, John Bove, District Counsel, Peter Johnson, Chris Belinsky

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2010

**** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**
**** MR. KOKIAS SECONDED**
**** MOTION PASSED WITH MR. BROWN ABSTAINING**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Leary reviewed his written report and the financial reports for the year to date. He discussed in detail the comparison between TTD's electric rates and the various rate offerings from CL&P and its marketers. Mr Leary noted that TTD's price for power had not changed since November 2008 and in all cases TTD's rates are lower than CL&P's.

COPY MACHINE REPLACEMENT

Mr. Scofield reviewed his memo summarizing the bids received for replacing the office copy machine. Mr. Leary noted that the existing copy machine is over ten years old and parts are increasingly difficult to get for repairs. He said that both he and Mr. Scofield

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recommend purchasing a copy machine from DocuSource which is capable of copying in color. Chris Belinsky from DocuSource was present and answered questions from the commissioners on the cost and merits of the various options available.

- ** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO PURCHASE A COLOR COPY MACHINE FROM DOCUSOURCE AT A COST OF \$7309 WITH THE GENERAL MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AN APPROPRIATE SERVICE CONTRACT.**
- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

LANDSCAPE BIDS

Mr. Leary reviewed his memo of April 5, 2010 summarizing bids received on April 1st for the landscaping contract. There was discussion on the capabilities of the various bidders, the importance of having a high-quality presentation on the traffic islands and whether to split the cemetery work from the other landscaping.

- ** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO AWARD A CONTRACT FOR THE LANDSCAPING WORK TO PRESTIGE MASONARY AND LANDSCAPING AT THE UNIT PRICES QUOTED.**
- ** MR. KOKIAS SECONDED.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED WITH MR. BROWN VOTING NO.**

MARVIN SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

Mr. Brown stated for the record that he was not present at the last commission meeting due to illness but wanted to express his opposition to the sponsorship of the Marvin School science program because it is outside the purview of the District Charter.

Norden Generator Update

Mr. Leary provided a status report on the issues and problems at the Norden generators. He reviewed and answered questions on the technical and legal aspects of the operational issues with the pollution control equipment. He also provided an update on the problems with siting the CL&P switches required to isolate the Norden site from the CL&P electric system. After discussion it was decided to have District Counsel Bove look into the matter and report back to the commission.

Smart Grid

Mr. Leary reported on the status of the Smart Grid project noting that the contract between the Department of Energy and CMEEC for the grant funding and the proposed contract between SNEW and a system provider had been sent to the commissioners.

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TTD is working with SNEW and its system provider to make TTD a part of this contract in partnership with SNEW. Mr. Leary stated that CMEEC would soon be asking TTD to approve a contract with CMEEC for participation with CMEEC and other municipal utilities in the Smart Grid project.

Executive Session

- ** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 9:15 PM.**
- ** MR. KOKIAS SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Going into executive session were commissioners Plunkett, Brown and Kokias and Messers Bove and Leary.

Executive session concluded at 9:32 p.m.

- ** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED THAT DISTRICT GENERAL MANAGER, GEORGE LEARY IS AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT AN OFFER TO MR. FRANCIS HALAS TO PURCHASE THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 6 FITCH STREET, NORWALK, CT FOR THE SUM OF ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000.00) DOLLARS. THE OFFER IS SPECIFICALLY CONDITIONED UPON THE CONDUCT AND COMPLETION OF DUE DILIGENCE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE DISTRICT WHICH DUE DILIGENCE SHALL INCLUDE BUILDING AND ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTIONS, AND SUCH OTHER INSPECTIONS AS THE DISTRICT DEEMS APPROPRIATE IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION. SUCH DUE DILIGENCE SHALL BE CONDUCTED AND COMPLETED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BY THE PARTIES AND, IF THE RESULTS OF THE DUE DILIGENCE ARE SATISFACTORY TO THE DISTRICT, PROCEED TO CLOSE THE TRANSACTION WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE COMPLETION OF THE DUE DILIGENCE.**
- ** MR. KOKIAS SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Adjournment

- ** MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:34 p.m.**
- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

George E Leary
Secretary Pro Temp.