

**CITY OF NORWALK  
THIRD TAXING DISTRICT  
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING  
JULY 13, 2009**

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; Don Nelson and Dave Tracy, Tree Alliance/Tree Advisory; Joe Cristino

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Nelson and Mr. Tracy thanked the Commission for the use of 215 East Avenue. They submitted a rent check for \$3.00.

**MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

**\*\* MR. BROWN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING MINUTES AS PRESENTED:**

- April 7, 2009
- June 1, 2009
- June 16, 2009

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Leary reviewed his written report. He said that CMEEC met with CL&P and it is not encouraging

Mr. Leary reported that they have not yet heard anything from Mr. Lyons' arbitration. A part time meter reader gave their notice. He recommended hiring a replacement. Mr.

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Leary read the notice that Mr. Lyons asked to have his case moved from the CHRO to court; they have agreed to allow him to do that.

Mr. Leary said that he talked with Wachovia Bank and said that they have a number of fees. Fairfield County Bank and Patriot Bank will both give the District a good deal; the difference is that there is a \$2 million collateral agreement with Patriot Bank.

Mr. Leary talked about the "smart grid" and said that they have to make a decision quickly. He said that he is not in favor of doing this, because there are no standards and he does not believe it will save the District any money. There is a rush, because this is using stimulus funds.

The Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of participating in the Smart Grid initiative. There was no action taken.

### **TRANSFORMER UPDATE**

Mr. Cristino updated the Commission on the transformer project. He said that it was delivered last Wednesday. Overall the project is on schedule and on budget.

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT** (continued)

Mr. Leary reviewed the financials. He said that residents are using less electricity and conservation is eating away at the profits. Mr. Leary said that he projected a profit of approximately \$400,000. Mr. Leary reviewed the power supply report dated April 2009 and the TTD Electric Department Sales report dated April 2009.

Mr. Leary reviewed the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative fund activity dated April 30, 2009. He explained that the funds can only be used for energy conservation.

**\*\* MR. BROWN MOVED TO TRANSFER \$20,549 FROM THE REGGI (REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE FUND ACTIVITY) INTO ENERGY CONSERVATION**

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

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**SOLAR PV REBATE REQUEST**

Mr. Leary reported that a customer located at 66 Van Zant Street is requesting a \$27,000 solar PV rebate. For full disclosure, Mr. Plunkett stated that he knows the owners of 66 Van Zant Street since high school and would be willing to excuse himself from this discussion.

- \*\* **MR. KOKIAS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE PAYING 66 VAN ZANT STREET THE GOING RATE OF \$1.75 W.**
- \*\* **MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- \*\* **MOTION PASSED WITH ONE (1) ABSTENTION (MR. PLUNKETT)**

**ON-SITE FUEL TANKS**

Mr. Leary said that he was mistaken, and we cannot use the DPW fuel depot. The Commissioners discussed other options for getting fuel, but urged Mr. Leary not to go to CITGO. Mr. Plunkett recommended using Shell to see how it works.

**ACTUARIAL STUDIES**

Mr. Leary distributed copies of bids from actuarial services.

- \*\* **MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF HOOKER & HOLCOMB, INC. TO PROVIDE ACTUARIAL SERVICES FOR PENSION AND POST-RETIREMENT STUDIES AS REQUIRED THE GASB IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR PROPOSAL OF JULY 8, 2009**
- \*\* **MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- \*\* **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**TRANSCO BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Leary explained the item.

- \*\* **MR. PLUNKETT MOVED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS, THE ENABLING STATUE FOR THE CONNECTICUT TRANSMISSION MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY COOPERATIVE (“TRANSCO”) SETS FORTH THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COOPERATIVE SHALL BE A BOARD OF DIRECTORS, CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBERS, IN WHICH ALL LEGISLATIVE POWER OF THE COOPERATIVE IS VESTED; AND**

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WHEREAS, THE BYLAWS OF TRANSSCO SET FORTH THAT EACH OF THE MEMBERS SHALL APPOINT TWO (2) REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TRANSCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND THAT REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS.

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT HERBY APPOINTS DAVID BROWN AND GEORGE LEARY AS REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BOARD FOR TRANSCO FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS AND PAUL KOKIAS AND TIMOTHY PLUNKETT AS ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR TRANSCO FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS

ADOPTED BY THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT AT THEIR MEETING OF JULY 13, 2009

**\*\* MR. BROWN SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:55 P.M. TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

**FIREHOUSE LEASE**

**SUBSTATION SITE STUDY**

**\*\* MR. BROWN SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

**\*\* MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:35 pm.**

**\*\* MR. BROWN SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

No action was taken in executive session.

**\*\* MR. PLUNKETT MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* MR. BROWN SECONDED**

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\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi  
Telesco Secretarial Services