

**MINUTES
FIRST TAXING DISTRICT
JANUARY 9, 2019**

COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Marija Bryant, Commissioner Thomas Cullen and Commissioner Elsa Obuchowski

ALSO PRESENT: Dominick M. DiGangi, General Manager, Michelle Botero, Office Services Supervisor, David Capolete, Senior Accountant, Eleanor Militana, Assistant to the General Manager and Jalin Sead, Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Yeosock, P.E., City of Norwalk Assistant Director of Transportation
Bradford Craighead, Norwalk Green Living
Richard Bonenfant, Resident at 17 Parkhill Avenue
Attorney Frank Murphy, Tierney Zullo, Flaherty and Murphy

1. Roll call.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Commissioner Marija Bryant. Ms. Michelle Botero called the roll. Commissioners Bryant, Cullen and Obuchowski were present. Treasurer Jalin Sead was also present

2. Public participation relating to agenda items.

**RICHARD BONENFANT AND BRADFORD CRAIGHEAD BOTH
DISCUSSED AND ADDRESSED THEIR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS IN
REGARDS TO ITEM 3**

3. Presentation by Michael Yeosock, PE, City of Norwalk Assistant Director of Transportation, on the proposed installation of an East Avenue crosswalk and hybrid pedestrian signal adjacent to the Centennial Bandstand at the Norwalk Green.

Mr. Yeosock gave a presentation in regards to the proposed installation of an East Avenue crosswalk and hybrid pedestrian signal adjacent to the Centennial Bandstand at the Norwalk Green and answered questions from the Board of Commissioners.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- December 12, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

***** COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2018 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
*** COMMISSIONER CULLEN SECONDED THE MOTION
*** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- November 21, 2018 and December 12, 2018 Annual Meeting of the Electors

***** COMMISSIONER CULLEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 21, 2018 AND DECEMBER 12, 2018 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS
*** COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION
*** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

5. Correspondence:

- “Traffic Authority considers pedestrian-activated crosswalk on East Avenue near Norwalk Green”; The Norwalk Hour, November 19, 2018.
- “Battle to build crosswalks continues in Norwalk”; The Norwalk Hour, December 1, 2018.
- “Norwalk vs. New Canaan land battle”; The Norwalk Hour, January 3, 2019.
- “2 Fishermen Die After Boat Capsizes on Westchester Reservoir”; The New York Times, January 1, 2019.
- “Drowning, hypothermia kill fishermen at Muscoot Reservoir”; The Journal News, January 2, 2019.

NO ACTION NECESSARY

6. Receive Financial Report.

***** COMMISSIONER CULLEN MOVED TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT
*** COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION
*** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. Approval of FY 2019 Operating Budget Transfers:

- Approve an Operating Budget Transfer from Contingency (Account No. 10 1700 5900 00) to 1124 Valley Road Repair and Maintenance (Account No. 10 1500 5606 00) for various interior and exterior maintenance in the amount of \$30,000.

- *** COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE AN FY 2019 OPERATING BUDGET TRANSFER FROM CONTINGENCY (ACCOUNT NO. 10 1700 5900 00) TO 1124 VALLEY ROAD REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE (ACCOUNT NO. 10 1500 5606 00 FOR VARIOUS INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.**
- *** COMMISSIONER CULLEN SECONDED THE MOTION**
- *** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

8. Receive Monthly Operations Report.

- *** COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI MOVED TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT**
- *** COMMISSIONER CULLEN SECONDED THE MOTION**
- *** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

9. Approve the returning of the appropriation in the amount of \$100,000 for Transmission and Water Main Inspections included in the Approved Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Capital Budget (Account Number 30 2013 3600 00) to FY 2013 Capital Budget Surplus.

- *** COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE RETURNING OF THE APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 FOR TRANSMISSION AND WATER MAIN INSPECTIONS INCLUDED IN THE APPROVED FISCAL YEAR 2013 ANNUAL CAPITAL BUDGET (ACCOUNT NUMBER 30 2013 3600 00) TO FY 2013 CAPITAL BUDGET SURPLUS**
- *** COMMISSIONER CULLEN SECONDED THE MOTION**
- *** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

10. Authorize an additional appropriation from FY 2013 Capital Budget Surplus in the amount of \$100,000 to the FY 2013 Annual Capital Budget for Improvements to the Water Filtration Plant (Account Number 30 2013 3200 00).

- *** COMMISSIONER CULLEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM FY 2013 CAPITAL BUDGET SURPLUS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 TO THE FY 2013 ANNUAL CAPITAL BUDGET FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER FILTRATION PLANT (ACCOUNT NUMBER 30 2013 3200 00).**
- *** COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION**
- *** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

11. Authorize the General Manager to issue a Task Order HS-01 to Hazen and Sawyer to provide professional engineering services in connection with

Improvements to the Water Filtration Plant, Phases 1 and 2 for a sum not to exceed \$ 73,150 (Account Number 30 2013 3200 00).

- *** COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE GENERAL MANAGER TO ISSUE TASK ORDER HS-01 TO HAZEN AND SAWYER TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER FILTRATION PLANT, PHASES 1 AND 2 FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$ 73,150 (ACCOUNT NUMBER 30 2013 3200 00).
- *** COMMISSIONER CULLEN SECONDED THE MOTION
- *** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Designate surplus revenues from the First Taxing District FY 2019 Operating Budget in the amount of \$40,000.00 be deposited into a Valley Community Foundation Donor Designated Fund entitled "First Taxing District and the Mulvoy-Tarlov-Aquino VFW Post 603 Cannon Preservation Fund".

- *** COMMISSIONER CULLEN MOVED TO DESIGNATE SURPLUS REVENUES FROM THE FIRST TAXING DISTRICT FY 2019 OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 BE DEPOSITED INTO A VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION DONOR DESIGNATED FUND ENTITLED "FIRST TAXING DISTRICT AND THE MULVOY-TARLOV-AQUINO VFW POST 603 CANNON PRESERVATION FUND".
- *** COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION
- *** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Approve the Appointment of Eleanor Militana, Assistant to the General Manager, as the District Clerk effective January 9, 2019.

- *** COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ELEANOR MILITANA, ASSISTANT TO THE GENERAL MANAGER, AS THE DISTRICT CLERK EFFECTIVE JANUARY 9, 2019
- *** COMMISSIONER CULLEN SECONDED THE MOTION
- *** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES TO ADD AN ITEM:

- *** COMMISSIONER CULLEN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD ITEM 13a 3 BELDEN AVENUE TO THE AGENDA.
- *** COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION.
- *** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- 13a. 3 Belden Avenue

- *** COMMISSIONER CULLEN MOVED THAT THE COMMISSIONERS ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:42 P.M. TO DISCUSS ITEM

**13a 3 BELDEN AVENUE, NORWALK, CT DOMINICK DI GANGI, P.E.,
GENERAL MANAGER, AND DISTRICT COUNSEL, FRANK W.
MURPHY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO
PROVIDE OPINION AND LEGAL ADVICE. TREASURER SEAD AND
ELEANOR MILITANA WERE ALSO ASKED TO REMAIN PRESENT.**

*** COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION
*** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

***** COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI MOVED TO COME OUT OF
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:21 P.M.**

***** COMMISSIONER CULLEN SECONDED THE MOTION
*** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

NO VOTE OR ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

14. Call to the Public.

**ELSA OBUCHOWSKI INQUIRED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE
COMMITTEE FOR THE LATE COMMISSIONER FRANK ZULLO. ELSA
OBUCHOWSKI ALSO STATED THAT SINCE PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOW
GOING TO BE BANNED, SHE FEELS THAT PLASTIC ENVELOPES
SHOULD NO LONGER BE USED FOR THE COMMISSIONERS AGENDAS**

15. Adjournment.

***** COMMISSIONER CULLEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING
*** COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION
*** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Militana
District Clerk