

**MINUTES  
FIRST TAXING DISTRICT  
August 8, 2018**

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

AISO PRESENT: Dominick M. DiGangi, General Manager, Michelle Botero, Office Services Supervisor, David Capolete, Senior Accountant, Michael Elliott, Manager of Water Treatment and Supply, Lauren Mappa, District Clerk, Eleanor Militana, Assistant to the General Manager and Michele McLean, Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Peter Torrano and Joe Muraski from the VFW Post 603  
Carl G. Cooke – First District Water Department Customer

1. Roll call

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Commissioner Thomas Cullen. Ms. Michelle Botero called the roll. Commissioners Cullen, Bryant and Obuchowski were present.

2. Public participation relating to agenda items

Mr. Peter Torrano addressed the Board of Commissioners in regards to placing a plaque/memorial on or next to the cannon on The Green to honor the Norwalk VFW Post 603. It was agreed that First District staff will work with the members of the VFW to create a suitable and appropriate sketch and proposal for the next Commissioners meeting for the Board of Commissioners to review and approve.

Mr. Carl G. Cooke addressed the Board of Commissioners in regards to the District's policies on Terminations, Payments and Payment Agreements in tenant situations.

3. Approval of Minutes

- June 13, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

\*\*\* **COMMISSIONER BRYANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2018 REGULAR MEETING**

\*\*\* **COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION**

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

- July 18, 2018 Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

\*\*\* **COMMISSIONER BRYANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 18, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING**  
\*\*\* **COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION**  
\*\*\* **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. Receive Financial Report

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

5. Approval of FY 2018 Operating Budget Transfers

**THERE WERE NO FY 2018 OPERATING BUDGET TRANSFERS**

6. Receive Monthly Operations Report

\*\*\* **COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI MOVED TO RECEIVE THE MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT**  
\*\*\* **COMMISSIONER BRYANT SECONDED THE MOTION**  
\*\*\* **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

7. Authorize the Commissioner to execute a Landlord Consent of the lease transfer relating to the building and premises known as 3 Belden Avenue, Norwalk, CT

\*\*\* **COMMISSIONER BRYANT MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER TO EXECUTE A LANDLORD CONSENT OF THE LEASE TRANSFER RELATING TO THE BUILDING AND PREMISES KNOWN AS 3 BELDEN AVENUE, NORWALK, CT**  
\*\*\* **COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION**  
\*\*\* **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

8. Approval of the Classification Description of the Senior Engineer, Operations Department – rename and modify the existing classification description of the Senior Facilities Engineer.

\*\*\* **COMMISSIONER BRYANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTION OF THE SENIOR ENGINEER, OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT – RENAME AND MODIFY THE EXISTING CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTION OF THE SENIOR FACILITIES ENGINEER**  
\*\*\* **COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION**  
\*\*\* **THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

9. Appoint District Counsel

\*\*\* COMMISSIONER BRYANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT COUNSEL  
\*\*\* COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION  
\*\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
  
\*\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Treasurer Vacancy

\*\*\* COMMISSIONER BRYANT MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:54 P.M. TO DISCUSS ITEM 10. TREASURER VACANCY  
\*\*\* COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION  
\*\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY  
  
\*\*\* COMMISSIONER BRYANT MOVED TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:43 P.M.  
\*\*\* COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION

Commissioner Bryant stated the following:

The vacancy for Treasurer became available when Elsa Obuchowski became Commissioner. According to the Charter the position needs to be filled by someone that is a resident of the First Taxing District as well as a member of the party of the former Treasurer and that would be Democrat. We had three candidates that responded to the opportunity to serve out the term of Treasurer, which is a two-year term ending November of 2019. We had three excellent, excellent candidates.

1. **Patsy Brescia** who has served the Norwalk Community in many functions, has experience as to the needs of the City as well as the needs of the First Taxing District. She is on the Library Board as a First Taxing District representative, has served on the Lockwood Matthews Mansion Board and has a long and extensive history of service in Norwalk.
2. **Jalin Sead** who is a lifelong resident of Norwalk has been a key in the community and the Democratic Party. He has been very active in youth groups and in forming various mentoring groups in the community. He is a dedicated and balanced, intelligent and thoughtful person. He is very interested and responsive to the needs of the First Taxing District and the role of Treasurer.
3. **Darnell Crosland** is a successful Attorney with a practice in Stamford. He currently will be primaryed for the candidacy of Probate Judge in Norwalk. He is also very committed to community service.

At this time with the needs of the Treasurer role and the opportunity that it presents to have someone who is interested in the opportunity and in the

interest of the First Taxing District and the Electors I nominate Jalin T. Sead to serve as the Treasurer for the First Taxing District.

Commissioner Obuchowski stated the following:

I am very happy to second that nomination I would add that Jalin Sead enclosed a resume in addition to his letter of interest. I have known Jalin for several years and I am very impressed with not only his enthusiasm and dedication but in his ability to evaluate and how to get something done and I think that he will do an excellent job as Treasurer so I am happy to second his nomination

**\*\*\* COMMISSIONER BRYANT MOVED TO APPOINT JALIN SEAD TO  
FILL THE VACANCY OF TREASURER  
\*\*\* COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION  
\*\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

11. Call to the public

Commissioner Obuchowski requested that item be placed on the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> to appoint Patsy Brescia to create a committee and serve as its Chairperson. The Committee shall be tasked with planning and implementing an appropriate First Taxing District Memorial for former Commissioner Frank N. Zullo. Mrs. Brescia shall be responsible for selecting the appropriate members for said committee.

12. Adjournment

**\*\*\* COMMISSIONER BRYANT MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING  
AT 5:55 P.M.  
\*\*\* COMMISSIONER OBUCHOWSKI SECONDED THE MOTION  
\*\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Mappa  
District Clerk