

**CITY OF NORWALK
FINANCE/CLAIMS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**

ATTENDANCE: Greg Burnett, Chair; Douglas Hempstead John Igneri, John Kydes

ABSENT: Ernest Dumas, Nick Sacchinelli, Travis Simms

OTHERS: Fred Gilden, Comptroller; Chitsamay Lam, Comptroller's Department; Lisa Biagiarelli, Tax Collector; Sharon Connors, Purchasing Department.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Burnett called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Burnett called the roll. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no one present from the public at this time.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING FINANCE
COMMITTEE MEETING:**

August 9, 2018

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2018.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2018 AS SUBMITTED PASSED WITH THREE (3) IN FAVOR (BURNETT, IGNERI AND KYDES) AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION (HEMPSTEAD).**

Claims Committee: receive the monthly Claims report; review and approve claims as required for Claims Report dated:

September 13, 2018

Narrative on Tax Collections dated September 13, 2018 - Receive Report and discuss.

Monthly Tax Collector's Reports - Receive Reports and discuss:

August 31, 2018

Ms. Biagiarelli came forward and said that there were no special request that needed the Committee's approval this month, but that she anticipated there would be some next month.

She then went on to give the highlights from the Tax Sale, which netted over \$5 million dollars in back taxes and interest. She also reviewed her September Tax Collection report to the Committee members.

By having the Tax Sale in July, the City finishes out the year with a strong collection rate. Demand notices have been sent out as per the State Statutory requirements. January 23rd will be the end of the redemption period. Two homes have already been redeemed. By keeping the collection rate high, it allows the Board of Estimate and Taxation to set a lower mill rate, which give everyone a lower tax bill.

Discussion followed about the history of the tax sale.

Mr. Burrett asked if Ms. Biagiarelli about the end of the year taxes and the Federal Government eliminating deductions. Ms. Biagiarelli spoke about a recent conference she had attended that discussed this issue. She also said that the IRS had announced that they would not allow many of the former tax deductions to be submitted.

Mr. Burnett said for the record that he wished to thank Ms. Biagiarelli for the first class tax sale.

Authorize the Purchasing Agent to issue a purchase order to Crowley Ford, LLC for the purchase of two (2) 2018 Ford Escape 4x2 SUV for a sum not to exceed \$48,300.60. State of Connecticut Contract Number 10PSZ0239 – Supplement #49. Account No. 013410-5731.

**** MR. KYDES MOVED THE ITEM.**

Ms. Sharon Connors came forward and gave an brief overview of the purchase request. Mr. Kydes said that it was a very reasonable price for 2 SUVs.

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Receive Oak Hill Authority Monthly Financial Statements for

June 30, 2018.

July 31, 2018.

Mr. Hempstead asked if there was any resolution regarding Oak Hills. He said that part of the original request involved the fact that the City overpaid for the clubhouse and they were looking for forgiveness on the original bond.

Mr. Burnett said that there was on-going discussions with the Mayor, the Chief of Staff and the Finance Department but nothing in those discussions has reached a level for presentation to the Committee. Mr. Kydes said that he had attended a number of meetings and that the Authority was claiming that they did not have enough to make any payments on the debt at this time. Discussion followed about the details.

Mr. Burnett said that he would check back with the Mayor and the Finance Director regarding the status of the discussions and convey to them that they would like to see some type of action regarding Oak Hills.

Mr. Igneri asked Mr. Gilden about the number of loans that the Authority currently had. Mr. Gilden said that there were a total of 3 loans. Mr. Igneri for a list of their outstanding costs to be presented at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. IGNERI MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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