

**CITY OF NORWALK
FINANCE/CLAIMS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: John Kydes, Chair; Travis Simms, Bruce Kimmel, Nick Sacchinelli (7:14)

ABSENT: Douglas Hempstead, Shannon O'Toole-Giandurco, John Igeri

STAFF: Lisa Biagiarelli, Tax Collector

OTHERS: Sal Iannacone, Donna Castracane

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Kimmel called the meeting to order at 7:10. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

Mr. Kimmel said the first topic he wanted to discuss was the issue of people getting beach stickers for cars that are not registered in Norwalk that had been discussed in the local press. He then asked Ms. Biagiarelli if the costs outweigh the benefits. She said she did not have any information to confirm this situation is true.

She said if someone lives in Norwalk and the car is registered elsewhere the person should not be able to get a beach sticker. Ms. Biagiarelli said there were not that many leased vehicles or people with cars not registered in Norwalk with beach stickers. She said an individual cannot get a beach pass unless the person is a resident. Ms. Biagiarelli said she does not think there are people driving with NY plates who have beach stickers.

Mr. Sacchinelli joined the meeting at 7:14.

Mr. Simms said he had a conversation with Mr. Mocciae. Mr. Simms said a person cannot have an out of state license plate and get a beach pass. Mr. Kydes said an individual can only obtain a beach sticker if it is connected to a vehicle that is registered in Norwalk.

Mr. Sacchinelli said a company car could be an exception. He added the first time you obtain a beach pass the applicant has to do it in person not on line. Ms. Biagiarelli pointed out her department works with Parks & Recreation and the IT Department and it is not a matter of not cooperating.

Ms. Biagiarelli said if you have delinquent taxes an individual cannot get a beach pass and will be sent to the tax office. She said it only applies to back taxes on the vehicle not for property taxes.

**CLAIMS COMMITTEE REPORT & TAX COLLECTIONS REPORT DATED APRIL
14, 2016**

Ms. Biagiarell said after three quarters of the fiscal year the collection rate is 98.21% which is good. She said back collections are behind because it is a net figure where refunds were given out based on court settlements.

She said back in November courtesy letters were sent out and as a result of those letters the city has collected in excess of \$1.2 million. The tax sale will be held July 18. A demand letter will be sent for payment that by regular and certified mail. The person has 10 days to pay and then the sale process commences.

Mr. Kydes asked if the property list is published in The Hour. She said they publish in The Hour the first time the list comes back and then twice more and also when mail comes back.

She has the first notice comes out in the beginning of May, then mid-May and early to mid-June. She said if the result is to take the property her department has to do everything it can do prior. Ms. Biagiarelli said the goal is not to sell the property but to get the delinquent owner to pay. Ms. Biagiarelli said if the owner is delinquent for 3 years or more or owes \$20,000 or more then that property is in the sale.

She said evictions can take a long time and sometimes as long as 2 years. She said she needs the support and understanding of the Committee and the Mayor as the sale process proceeds.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2016

**** MR. SIMMS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED 3-0, MR. KIMELL ABSTAINED.**

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A 4-YEAR MASTER LEASE
AGREEMENT FOR OFFICE COPIERS WITH TGI OFFICE AUTOMATION AND THE
PURCHASING AGENT TO ADD OFFICE COPIERS TO THIS MASTER
AGREEMENT FOR A TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED \$268,505.21.**

**** MR. KYDES MOVED.**

Ms. Costrocane said she said they had originally chosen TGI, but more than 90 days has elapsed and it was decided to resend the submission out in February. CVS, Ricoh and TGI were interviewed and scored and the selection committee went with TGI.

She said under the current contract the expense was \$89,000 and the new contract will cost \$59,000. She said Ricoh was interviewed and the committee was not satisfied with the interview or its past service. She said it was more an issue of service than their copiers.

Mr. Kydes said Ricoh was significantly less than TGI. He asked if the copiers are just for City Hall. Ms. Castrovinci said they are City wide including police, fire and health departments. She said the BOE and the Library have separate agreements. She said TGI is the leasing company and the amount of copiers will increase from 40 to 54.

**** THE MOTION PASSED 4-0.**

OAK HILLS REPORT

Mr. Kimmel said there were 116 revenue rounds in February compared to none last year as a result of a mild winter.

ADJOURNMENT

MR. KYDES MOVED TO ADJOURN.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Venuto

Telesco Secretarial Services