

**CITY OF NORWALK
HEALTH, WELFARE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JUNE 22, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: Faye Bowman, Chair; Richard Bonenfant; John Kydes; Eloise Melendez; Michelle Maggio (arrived at 7:50PM)

OTHERS: Acting Fire Chief Gatto; Tim Callahan, Director of Health; Mary Oster, Early Childhood Coordinator

I. WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Ms. Bowman called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. She stated that a quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

January 26, 2017

**** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.
** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE (3) IN FAVOR AND (1) ABSTENTION (MR. KYDES).**

March 23, 2017

**** MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

April 27, 2017

**** MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.
** THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE (3) IN FAVOR AND (1) ABSTENTION (MR. KYDES).**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING AGENT TO ISSUE A PURCHASE ORDER FOR 4 THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS TO HI-TECH FIRE AND SAFETY, INC. 158 ALLEN BOULEVARD-SUITE A FARMINGDALE, NY. 11735, FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$47,980.00. \$43,613.00 TO BE PAID FOR BY FEMA THROUGH AN ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG), AND \$4,361.00 TO BE PAID FROM OPERATING ACCOUNT #0131205262 FY17.**

Acting Chief Gatto stated that they were awarded the grant for four thermal imaging cameras, and that the City of Norwalk's share of the grant is \$4,361.00 and that they have the funds available in the account.

**** MR. BONENFANT MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. **AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE AN AGENCY AGREEMENT TO PERMIT THE NORWALK HOSPITAL TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ICE (INTERTOWN CAPITAL EQUIPMENT) AGREEMENT AS AN AUTHORIZED AGENCY UNDER, THE CITY OF NORWALK. THE CITY OF NORWALK WOULD THEN BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NORWALK HOSPITAL EMSS' USE OF THE EQUIPMENT SO WE WILL ALSO NEED TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A SEPARATE AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH NORWALK HOSPITAL WHEREBY THE HOSPITAL SHOULD PROVIDE US WITH INSURANCE COVERAGE, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO US FOR ITS ACTIONS AND OMISSIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF**

THE EQUIPMENT AND WILL INDEMNIFY AND RELEASE US AGAINST ALL THIRD PARTY CLAIMS AND ITS OWN CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF ITS USE OF THE EQUIPMENT.

Assistant Chief Gatto stated that this was also part of a grant but that someone from the Office of Policy and Management had realized that the Norwalk Hospital is not a municipality and cannot be included on a multi- town agency if they are not a municipality, so they will need to come under the City of Norwalk and the Corporation Counsel's Office is currently drafting an agreement. He said that their share of the grant will be \$8,343.39.

****MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND STEPPING STONES MUSEUM FOR CHILDREN, INC. TO ALLOCATE CHILD DAYCARE CONTRACT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RUNNING A SUMMER CAMP FOR CHILDREN.

Ms. Oster stated that Head Start is currently under a temporary agreement and is being run by CDI/Head Start, and they did not plan to run a summer program at either location which is what happened last year and the early childhood community felt very strongly that those children need a summer program to continue to prepare them for kindergarten. She said that they are proposing that the City of Norwalk enter into a Sub-grant Agreement with Stepping Stones Museum for Children and with Gibson Educational Consulting for the purpose of running a summer program. She said that the programs at both centers are for current Head Start children enrolled in the program. Ms. Bowman suggested that the amount be included in the authorizations.

**** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO AMEND THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM NOT TO EXCEED \$52,902.40.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

4. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE A SUB-GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWALK AND GIBSON EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING TO ALLOCATE CHILD

**DAYCARE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RUNNING A SUMMER
CAMP FOR CHILDREN.**

- ** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO AMEND THE ITEM.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- ** MS. MELENDEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM NOT TO EXCEED \$46,289.60.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5A. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING TO EXECUTE ANY
AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT
GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$638,245.00 FROM TH ESTATE
OF CONNECTICUT FOR THE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES
AND TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL PROGRAMS FOR THE PERIOD OF
JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2022.**

Mr. Callahan stated that the funds are used to operate the sexually transmitted diseases treatment clinic at The Norwalk Health Department, to fund the salary and benefits of the Disease Intervention Specialist who follows up with contacts of patients treated for sexually transmitted diseases, and to reimburse the City of Norwalk for services proved by Health Department staff in the investigation of active tuberculosis disease cases, and that on average there are three active cases of tuberculosis per year.

- ** MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5B. AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, HARRY W. RILLING, TO EXECUTE ANY
ALL AGREEMENTS, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS OR
AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AND TUBERCULOSIS
PROGRAMS FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2017, TO JUNE 30, 2022.**

- ** MR. KYDES MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.**
- ** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Fire Department Response Quality

Ms. Bowman stated there was some concern regarding the lack of personnel and why an inspector was not called to investigate the fire at Ingalls Avenue. Acting Chief Gatto stated that when someone calls 911 it is very important what they say because there are certain protocols for the type of call that is received, and in this particular call engine five responded and that it is up to the officer on scene to determine if anything needs to be investigated, and that the Captain that was on scene also happens to be an Officer two level and through his training has that cause and origin that he could use his authority without having to call an inspector. Ms. Bowman asked of the Statue Statute requires a police officer to be on scene. Acting Chief Gatto said “no” but when there is a structure fire there are two police cars assigned automatically.

Ms. Bowman asked Acting Chief Gatto if he had any other concerns and that she knows that hoarding has been a problem. He stated that they have been working with the Health Department and are also making their staff more aware of hoarding and also for blight issues.

2. Ryan Park Contamination Report.

Ms. Bowman stated this will be discussed at next month’s meeting.

3. Safety at Dr. Martin Luther King/West Ave Intersection

Ms. Bowman stated this will be discussed at next month’s meeting.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Director of Social Services

Ms. Bowman said that she would like to see a Director of Social Services and that the charter states that there should be one, and that in the past NEON was available but they have been gone for some time now.

2. Food Truck Vendor Fees

There was no discussion.

3. Police Media, Pursuit, and Complaint Policies

There was no discussion.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

**** MS. MAGGIO MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd

Telesco Secretarial Services