

SIXTH TAXING DISTRICT, City of Norwalk, CT
APPROVED ACTIONS

June 17, 2020

I. ATTENDANCE:

Present: Commissioners Tammy Langalis, Mike Barbis, John Igneri, District Treasurer Gil Kernan, District Fire Marshal and District Property Manager Ed Carlson, District Asst. Property Manager Jason O'Donnell, District Clerk Andrea Woodworth (some via ZOOM)

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- There was a long discussion about the number of young people jumping off the Bell Island Bridge and the problems that has caused. The District, of course, wants to be sure that everyone is safe. However, the bridge belongs to the City of Norwalk. The Commissioners are entertaining different ideas to be sure the teens, especially the out of towners who might not be familiar with the tides schedule, are discouraged from jumping from the bridge unless they are assured it is safe.
- The issue of the hanging of a sign “Black Lives Matter” on the Old School fence was brought up. Apparently the first sign was removed after having been defaced. The same happened to a second sign. Ultimately the sign was up for almost a month. The Commissioners said that, of course, they stand with our residents against systemic racism.
- Residents have been collecting donations brought about through the Black Lives Matter issue. Those funds are being donated to the Carver Foundation.
- Mrs. Langalis spoke about the RCA Summer Concerts saying that the Commissioners don't think there is a way for these concerts to go on in the COVID-19 environment.
- Rowayton Library will operate following the city phase II plan. There will be curb side pick up only for now.
- A review and update for State Route 136 has shown areas that need help. The intersection of Pinkney Park and Rowayton Avenue needs improvements. There are several other areas that also fall into this category.
- Due to the lack of commuters at the RR Station, we have been able to repave and restripe the lots. Our concessionaire in the Station House has retired.
- Mrs. Langalis also said that we are going to go back to annual permit renewals rather than monthly. Monies collected from RR operations remain in the RR Budget.
- Commissioner Mike Barbis gave an update on Bayley Beach saying that we had closed Bayley Beach on April 10 because of lack of social distancing. The Beach season will open on May 23. We originally limited attendance to 60 persons and then went to 100 persons on the beach at any one time to facilitate social distancing.

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- Residents were told that the 6TD hires a retired police officer to patrol in Rowayton during the summer. Parents should inform their children that the District may not look the other way over some of the infractions that occur.
- RR parking permits' renewals will still be done online.
- A big Thank You was paid to Andy Meyerson who has been helping us with the email blasts that have been going out.
- District Treasurer Gil Kernan said that our income is at 101% of the budgeted income due to the Federal PPP Loan. Our expenses are currently at 90% of the budgeted expenses. Including reserves, the Capital account has a balance of \$286,897.
- For Budget Modification, there were two motions made. They are:
 1. A motion to re-appropriate available funds from the Capital CC Phase 4 Expense account to fund the Capital Bayley Beach Field Drainage Account #3250 in the amount of \$1,067.04.
 2. A motion to re-appropriate available funds from the Capital Fire Dept. Expense account to fund the Capital Fire Dept. Equipment Purchases account #3540 in the amount of \$93.00.
- District Fire Marshal Ed Carlson said that all fire marshal inspections are continuing according to schedule with proper precautions taken and PPE is used during the inspection.
- 1,573 Bayley Beach permits have been issued so far this season.

III. ACTION ITEMS:

- The Commissioners unanimously passed the motion to re-appropriate available funds from the Capital CC Phase 4 Expense account to fund the Capital Bayley Beach Field Drainage Account #3250 in the amount of \$1,067.04
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- District Clerk Andrea Woodworth quoted an email from the RAC. Executive Director Andrea Letters asked if they could proceed with a plan to replace the grass with gravel near their door so that dogs wouldn't find it so attractive. The Commissioners gave their approval for the change.
- The Commissioners agreed to the possibility of Greg Barringer offering yoga at some future time in the Community Center.
- On a motion by Commissioner John Igneri, the June 17, 2020 meeting of the Sixth Taxing District Commissioners of the City of Norwalk was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.