

MINUTES
Commissioners' Meeting
SIXTH TAXING DISTRICT, City of Norwalk
January 10, 2024
6:30 p.m., Community Center and via Zoom

Commission Chair Mrs. Langalis called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

Attendees – Commission Chair, Mrs. Langalis, Commissioner Mr. Meyerson, Commissioner Mrs. Sattler, Treasurer, Mr. Kernan, Assistant to the Treasurer, Doug Hillman, Assistant Property Manager, Eric Holter

Minutes from the December 13, 2023 meeting were approved by Mrs. Langalis, Mr. Meyerson, and Mrs. Sattler.

MOTION

Mrs. Langalis made the following motion:

In the Capital Fund

1 Zero out Pinkney Park Exterior painting of \$4,550 and allocate \$3,700 to Bayley Beach Sidewalk and \$850 to Community Center Sewer Line.

2 Reduce the Art Center Seawall by \$8,000 and create a new project The Art Center Emergency Door for \$8,000

Mr. Meyerson and Mrs. Sattler approved the motion

New Business

Norwalk Police Department

Officers Dave Vetare and Sal Calise talked about car break-ins and said that 9 cars were stolen since 11/1 and all were left open with the key fob in it. They also said there have been no break-ins this week. They said that Police are not allowed to chase a stolen car as it is against the law.

They stressed the importance of locking the car. It was also mentioned that key fobs have a range of 50-75 feet and that if left close enough to the vehicle it will still work. Some people walk around with backpacks and an antenna to boost the signal of the key fob.

Norwalk police hand out pamphlets about the importance of locking a vehicle to prevent theft. Mr. Kernan asked if the District could get a copy of the pamphlet to be distributed at the Railroad Parking lot twice a year.

There was a discussion about thru trucks and how hard it is for the police to enforce.

There was a discussion about speeding enforcement and reckless driving on Highland Avenue.

Mrs. Langalis suggested that the District send letters to the dump truck companies regarding safe driving.

State Rep. Tracy Mara is trying to have the speed limit lowered in town.

Jake Braking was discussed as being loud and the officer will look into what can be done with the State about enforcing.

The officer put on his list the mention of drag racing between Indian Spring road and the elementary school.

Dave Vetare's email is dvetare@norwalkct.gov

Roton Point Request for use of Bayley Beach

Mrs. Langalis is handling this. It is regarding using the Bayley Beach parking lot and storing boats on the beach overnight between 9/16-20.

Friends of Bayley Beach

FBB said they are about 20% funded and the RCA has pledged sponsorship contingent on the amount raised. They are working on a 501c3 filing with the IRS which should help fundraising. The process may take 9 months. They asked about applying for a grant from the District and Mrs. Langalis asked them to write a proposal. Mr. Kernan said any award may be contingent on fundraising just as the RCA did.

The size of the planned structure is twice the current size and the geography is 3 times the current space. Nothing will be staying, 1 ADA spot will be needed, and the plan will not take away from the current parking.

Art Center Emergency Door

Eric Holter has 1 bid and will be getting 2 more.

Art Center Sidewalk

The cost will be around \$13k and 2 more bids are needed.

Old Business

Dog Park Registration

This has become necessary because too many rules are broken with no monitoring. Dogs will need to be registered with a city somewhere in order to register for the Sixth Taxing District dog park.

Pinkney Park Barn

Eric Holter asked Gene Salvatore for a write-up on what he thinks needs to be done and an estimate of the cost. Gene did say he liked what Eric did with the screen he put up to protect the damaged area of the barn.

Moose Room Painting

The Moose Room painting will take place the week on Feb 19. The painters expect to be done in 3 days but have until Friday if needed.

Commissioner's Report

Mrs. Sattler – Mrs. Sattler said the Bayley Beach sticker application process is being worked on for automation.

Treasurer, Mr. Kernan

Mr. Kernan stated that the finances of the district are in good shape and that revenues should come in slightly over budget and expenses slightly under budget. The checks issued during the month were reviewed and it was pointed out that the District is taking advantage of earning interest on reserve balances with the increased interest rates in the market.

The budget meetings for 2024-2025 are scheduled as follows:

Monday Jan 29 4pm

Monday Feb 12 4pm

Monday Feb 26 4pm

All will be held in the office

Fire Marshal December 2023

Report of the Fire Marshal _____

Type of Activity	#	# Man Hours
Blasting Permits	***	***
Blasting Site Inspections	***	***
Building Inspections	2	3
Clerical (office) work		9
Fire Marshal Conferences	***	***
Career Development Training	1	3
Investigations	***	***
Meetings :		
FNHCFMA	1	5
Construction	2	2
(Other)		

Temp. Structure Inspection	1	1
Propane Tank Inspection	1	1
		Total Man Hrs: 24

Remarks: Christmas and New Years Holidays were quiet for fire incidents. Wishing all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Property Managers Report – Eric Holter

Eric took care of the plow damage on Highland Ave near right by the sidewalk. The remodeled blue truck has been working well with the plow/sander. The compost company has picked up the extra bins. It was discussed that choveling the paddle area is the responsibility of the RPTA. Mrs. Langalis asked Eric to have someone look at the leak in the Grace Room.

Attendees:

Norwalk Police Officer Dave Vetare

Norwalk Police Officer Sal Calise

Tina Duryea

Paul Seymour

Lauren Morrell

Katy Healy

Jim Frayer

Lisa Shanahan

Daniel Honan