



NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING

August 30, 2011

The special August Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 in the 2nd Floor Board Room of Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) located at 16 South Golden Street, Norwich.

Item 1. The Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chairman Sullivan.

Present: Chairman James Sullivan, Vice Chairman Diana Boisclair, Secretary Alan Remondi and Commissioners Frank Demicco and Larry Goldman. Also in attendance were: General Manager John Bilda; NPU Staff Members Steve Sinko, Kerri Kemp, Mike Hughes and Jeanne Kurasz.

Item 2. Fifteen-Minute Public Comment Period. No one from the public was present.

Item 3. Minutes of the Regular June Meeting held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011. Secretary Remondi, seconded by Commissioner Goldman moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular June Meeting held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011, as written. Unanimously approved.

Chairman Sullivan suspended the Order of the Meeting to allow General Manager Bilda the opportunity to update the Board on Tropical Storm Irene activities, issues and restoration efforts. General Manager Bilda provided information to the Board on the following:

- Outage areas and restoration plans
- Road closures
- Tree trimming activities
- NPU staffing – Crews and support staff
- Mutual aid
- City inter-departmental coordination and activities
- Gasoline shortages and planning
- Use of technology in managing and improving storm restoration strategies

Following General Manager Bilda's update, Mike Hughes made a presentation to the Board showing some of the damage from the storm, restoration efforts, and new communication tools in use during this event.

Vice Chairman Boisclair expressed her gratitude to the entire NPU crew, both personally and on behalf of Backus Hospital. Commissioner Remondi cautioned the staff not to lose sight of the fact that there is still work to be done. He also suggested that outage data be reviewed and used to develop a plan for infrastructure improvement. Commissioner Goldman commented on the use of technology to help with efforts. Chairman Sullivan stated that each and every employee should be commended for the work being done. He also stated that the communication over the last three days was impressive.

Item 4. Action Items. Resolution – Backus Hospital Generators.

The Board entered into a discussion about the proposed Backus Hospital Generator Resolution. After discussion, Secretary Remondi, seconded by Commissioner Goldman moved to amend the Resolution as

follows. Voted in favor: Chairman Sullivan, Secretary Remondi, Commissioner Demicco and Commissioner Goldman. Abstained from vote: Vice Chairman Boisclair. Motion approved.

Chairman Sullivan asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Secretary Remondi, seconded by Commissioner Goldman moved to approved the Resolution as amended. Voted in favor: Chairman Sullivan, Secretary Remondi, Commissioner Demicco and Commissioner Goldman. Abstained from vote: Vice Chairman Boisclair. Resolution approved.

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING A PROJECT TO BUILD EMERGENCY GENERATION SYSTEM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WILLIAM W. BACKUS HOSPITAL

WHEREAS, Norwich Public Utilities is a community focused, not-for-profit utility company committed to providing the citizens and the business community of Norwich with reliable and affordable energy; and

WHEREAS, Norwich Public Utilities is focused on partnering with other community organizations, businesses, and leaders who share the same commitment to provide reliable and necessary services to the citizens of Norwich to afford a high standard of living; and

WHEREAS, the William W. Backus Hospital is a community focused, not-for-profit health care organization which provides necessary life-saving medical and emergency care to the citizens of Norwich; and

WHEREAS, Norwich Public Utilities has the wherewithal and expertise to design, build, maintain and operate an emergency generation system capable of providing stand-by electric power; and

WHEREAS, Norwich Public Utilities is in the unique position to partner with the William W. Backus Hospital on providing a mutually beneficial electric emergency generation system that will not only provide necessary emergency generation to the hospital facility in the event of a distribution system failure, but will also provide distribution generation to the citizens of Norwich resulting in reliable and lower cost energy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The City of Norwich Board of Public Utilities Commissioners authorizes the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the William W. Backus Hospital, at a cost not to exceed \$7 Million, to construct and operate an emergency generation system capable of providing necessary electric generation in the event of a catastrophic power failure to the hospital, but will also benefit the citizens of Norwich by providing distributive generation for Norwich Public Utilities.

Item 5. Financial Report. Steve Sinko updated the Board on NPU's May financial statements. Informative.

Item 6. Strategic Presentations.

- Regional Water Planning. Tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Goldman, seconded by Secretary Remondi moved to recess the Board Meeting at 6:45 p.m. and enter into the Sewer Authority meeting. Unanimously approved.

The meeting resumed at 6:50 p.m.

Item 7. Executive Session. Secretary Remondi, seconded by Vice Chairman Boisclair moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. to Discuss Confidential Trade Secret & Commercially Valuable Confidential or Proprietary Information Not Subject to Inspection or Public Disclosure Pursuant to Section 1-210[5] and 7-232a of the CT General Statutes. Unanimously approved. General Manager Bilda was asked by the Board to stay for the purpose of providing proprietary information.

The Board arose from Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

There were no votes taken during Executive Session.

Item 8. Other Business. None.

Item 9. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011.

Secretary Remondi, seconded by Chairman Sullivan moved to adjourn the Meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Attest:

Alan Remondi
Secretary