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## ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD

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ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT

November 15, 2012

Special Meeting

Present: Frank Tyszka, Chairman  
Steve Blume  
David Knapp  
James Prestiano

Absent: Gene Sharkey

Others Present: Mayor James Della Volpe  
Kevin Blake, Corporation Counsel  
Eileen Krugel, Grant Writer  
Gary Hale

The Special Meeting of the Energy Improvement District Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Tyszka.

All present rose and Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

The secretary called the roll. There was a quorum present.

### Public Session

Chairman Tyszka asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the Board. There being no one, he closed the public session.

### Approval of Minutes

Mr. Blume made a motion to approve as written and place on file the minutes of the June 2012 meeting. Mr. Knapp seconded. All in favor, so carried.

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## Approval of Bills

None

## Correspondence

There was no correspondence received.

## New Business

### Energy Audit

Mr. Hale gave a presentation of the energy audit that is proposed for the City of Ansonia at no cost to the City. He stressed that the company will make a proposal to the Board regarding cost savings for the city in municipal buildings and facilities both inside and outside.

*Mr. Blume made a motion to authorize an audit of all energy accounts at no cost to the City of Ansonia with A Power an energy auditing company. If any billing mistakes are found on the part of a utility and there are savings to the City, the City would share 50% of the savings. There is to be no outlay of money by the City. Mr. Knapp seconded the motion.*

Chairman Tyszka asked if there was any discussion on the motion.

Mr. Prestiano asked if they will be looking at the Traffic lights and Street lights.

Mr. Hale said that they will look at every area for savings.

Mr. Prestiano asked if the utility company is billing the City on what is out in the field.

Mr. Hale said yes, most towns do this type of audit. There is no risk to the City. The City of Ansonia hasn't done an energy audit. There is no outlay of money on the City's part. If there are no errors they will pay the City of Ansonia \$1000.

Mr. Blume said our contract with TransCanada is expired. He asked if the City should re-negotiate our cost with them.

Mr. Hale said we can.

Mr. Blake said the contract expired 9/13/12.

Mr. Hale said that gas and electricity prices have collapsed. We can change companies but then we would be locked in for a year or two with the contract prices. If the City can ride it out for a time and then re-negotiate the cost might drop to a six.

Mr. Blake said Ansonia Housing Authority went for a year with a 25% reduction.

Mr. Hale said when Mayor Della Volpe re-negotiates next year; AHA will not be able to respond because they are locked in.

Mr. Prestiano said that the City can re-negotiate in late spring. He said the City is good where they are now.

Chairman Tyszka asked when the audit will be done.

Mr. Hale said Mr. Blake will look at the contract and make sure there is no money outlay to the City of Ansonia. They are ready to begin.

Chairman Tyszka asked if they will have information available to the Board by end of year.

Mr. Hale said that he can get an update from them by year end.

Mr. Prestiano said EID should see a report by the end of the year as to the progress they are making.

Chairman Tyszka asked that EID members receive a copy of their proposal and report so that they can read it and review it.

Mr. Hale said that the EID has done a lot of work on energy. The work may not be on a page stating A, B, C but a lot of work and effort has gone into energy. He said he will work with Mr. Blake and Ms. Krugel to continue these efforts.

***Chairman Tyszka called for a voice vote. All were in favor. The motion carried.***

***Mr. Blume made a motion to authorize the UIC Power Company to make a proposal to the Board to install LED lighting in municipal buildings and facilities both indoor and outdoor – fully financed with no capital outlay by the City of Ansonia. The proposal will include an analysis of projected long term cost savings in both energy and maintenance as well as an analysis of the expected reduction in the City's carbon footprint. There will be no outlay of money by the City of Ansonia. Mr. Prestiano seconded the motion.***

Chairman Tyszka asked if there was any discussion on the motion.

Chairman Tyszka asked if the analysis will state the number of watts and the number of bulbs.

Mr. Hale said the trick is in the financing. They will look at all interior lights and those eligible exterior lights in their analysis. He explained the formula for arriving at the cost analysis. He said that power consumption could be cut 60% to 70%. You cut power consumption dramatically and figure consumption by switching the lights and this cuts down on maintenance. There s a savings on replacement and environmentally it is a huge reduction. They have to

quantify if the City of Ansonia can save money. If the City can save money on power and maintenance then it is OK to do. If the City cannot save money then the City doesn't do it.

Mr. Knapp said the problem is finding this type of light.

Chairman Tyszka said there is green money and grant money available.

Mr. Hale said there are all kinds of incentives for going green.

Mr. Prestiano said he would like to caution the Board – the municipalities don't have large hours of operation like businesses have. There are certain hours of operation in Cities and schools. He said he questions if it would work by what he sees in the municipal buildings and schools and traffic lights.

Chairman Tyszka said there are incentives in the State to replace the traffic lights.

There was discussion on the incentives to reduce electricity consumption by municipalities. The electric companies do not have incentives to reduce electricity because they own the electric companies, they supply the electric power and there is maintenance for electricity and the lights.

Mr. Hale said that he would have the audit report sent to the EID Board members for their review and comment.

***Chairman Tyszka called for a voice vote. All were in favor. The motion carried.***

### **2013 Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Prestiano made a motion to approve the 2013 Meeting schedule with the following corrections:

Change: January 2, 2013 meeting date to January 9, 2013

Cancel: July 3, 2013 meeting

Mr. Blume seconded. All in favor, so carried.

### **Adjourn**

Mr. Blume made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Mr. Knapp seconded. All in favor, so carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
JoLynn Flaherty  
Secretary