

**Minutes for Norwich Baseball Stadium Authority  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, October 12, 2016, (6 P.M.)  
City Hall, Norwich, CT**

1. Call to order. Chairperson Michael Jewell **MJ** (6:00pm)  
  
NBSA Members Present: Tom Cummings **TC**, Gary Carignan **GC**, Gary Schnip **GS**, Peter Slocum **PS**, Sean Ryan **SR**, Bob Demars **BD**, Matthew Fortin **MF**, Robert Reed **RR**,  
  
Members Absent: none  
  
Also Present: David Schermerhorn **DS**– CT Tigers Reps.
2. Review of September 14, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion to accept made by **TC**, 2<sup>nd</sup> by **MF** approved 7-0
3. Public Comment – none
4. Chairman Reports: none
5. Correspondence
  - a. Sent: none
  - b. Received – correspondence from City Manager regarding Dunkin Donuts legislation Bill 452. Letter was sent to Rep. Kevin Ryan and Rep. Doug Dubitsky on September 30, 2016. (see attached).
6. Budget Committee: Sandra Kuchta sent the Stadium Authority financials to all members of the NBSA and they were reviewed. Motion to accept by **RR**. 2<sup>nd</sup> by **TC**. Passed (7-0) unanimously approved
7. Operations Committee (**GS/Organization Representatives**):
  - a. **GS** received 2 plans for backstop netting and is expecting one additional plan. Once the final plan is provided, the stadium authority should be able to make a decision on the configuration and installation plan of the netting
  - b. City Manager wants **GS**, **TC** and **MJ** to prioritize the capital improvement items on the letter dated November 16, 2015. Action to prioritize is assumed and will be done by the next NBSA
  - c. EMCOR mechanical maintenance proposed contract has been reviewed by City of Purchasing. Purchasing Manager raised questions regarding certain line items in the contract specifically line item #5. EMCOR is waiting for a return call from City Purchasing
  - d. Past due invoice from Prime Electric due to service call due to utility brownout. Brownout cause is unknown. City is responsible for the bill due to provisions in the lease with CT Tigers. **GS** will notify respective individual to pay bill.
8. Organization's Monthly Report **DS**
  - a. Stadium activity is minimal
  - b. Irrigation and other systems requiring winterization will begin in the next 2 weeks.
  - c. Fall events include car shows and soccer games.
9. Old Business:
  - a. Outstanding balance on CT Tigers lease needs to be addressed. **DS** will address and provide answer by next meeting.
  - b. Next meeting will be November 9, 2016 at City Hall.
10. New Business:
  - a. none
11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by **TC**. 2<sup>nd</sup> by **PS**. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm

Submitted by: Gary Carignan

Stadium Financials

September 2016

REVENUES for the month of September 2016 were \$35,890.70 in comparison to prior year September 2015 \$35,035.20. This is a \$855.50 increase consisting of a decrease from Utility Reimbursement of \$136.74, an increase in Rental Income of \$1,000.00, and a decrease in Interest Income of \$7.76.

YTD Revenues for September 2016 were \$180,732.97 in comparison to prior YTD September 2015 \$178,457.38. This a \$2,275.59 increase consisting of a decrease from Utility Reimbursement of \$1,931.73, an increase in Interest Income of \$207.32 and an increase in Rental Income of \$4,000.00

**NOTE:** Financial Information in relation to the Hartford Yard Goats using Dodd Stadium in May and June has not been included in these financial reports. Once this information is obtained restated Baseball Stadium Authority Financials will be sent.

EXPENSES for the month of September 2016 were \$31,387.18 in comparison to prior year September 2015 \$31,195.66. This is an increase of \$191.52 consisting of a decrease to Lighting of \$136.74, an increase to Stadium Repairs of \$2,099.22, a decrease to Insurance of \$51.13, and a decrease to Depreciation of \$1,719.83.

YTD Expenses for September 2016 were \$280,522.42 in comparison to prior YTD September 2015 \$292,471.26. This is a decrease of \$11,948.84 consisting of a decrease to Lighting of \$1,931.73, a decrease to Audit Fees of \$83.09, an increase in Stadium Repairs of \$1,185.72, a decrease in Insurance of \$100.88, an increase to Stadium Contact of \$215.57, and a decrease to Depreciation of \$11,234.43.

NET Income for September 2016 was \$4,503.52 compared to NET Income for September 2015 of \$3,839.54. This is after depreciation of \$14,678.35 in 2016 and \$16,398.18 in 2015.

CASH BALANCE for September 2016 was \$104,364.02 in comparison to prior month August 2016 \$91,740.04. This is an increase of \$12,623.98. This is due to a decrease in accounts receivable of \$2,321.50, Aug Interest Income of \$31.28 booked in September, the decrease in accounts payable of \$8,910.68 and the monthly net gain of \$19,181.88 excluding non-cash depreciation expense.



ESTABLISHED 1659

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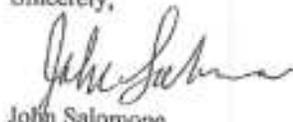
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General Assembly

February Session, 2016

**Raised Bill No. 452**

LCO No. 2631



Referred to Committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Introduced by:  
(FIN)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMISSIONS TAX ON EVENTS AT DUNKIN' DONUTS PARK IN HARTFORD.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) The State Treasurer shall  
2 calculate the amount of tax imposed pursuant to section 12-541 of the  
3 general statutes, as amended by this act, on the admission charge to  
4 any athletic event presented by a class AA minor league baseball team  
5 at Dunkin' Donuts Park in Hartford on and after the date such  
6 admission charge is payable under section 12-541 of the general  
7 statutes, as amended by this act. The State Treasurer shall make such  
8 calculation on at least a quarterly basis and shall transfer the amount  
9 of such calculation from the General Fund to the Hartford minor  
10 league baseball stadium account established pursuant to section 2 of  
11 this act.

12 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) There is established an  
13 account to be known as the "Hartford minor league baseball stadium  
14 account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the

15 General Fund. The account may contain any moneys required by law  
16 to be deposited in the account. The moneys in the account shall be  
17 allocated by the State Treasurer to the city of Hartford for the purpose  
18 of reducing indebtedness incurred to build a stadium in Hartford for  
19 events presented by a class AA minor league baseball team. The State  
20 Treasurer shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the  
21 city of Hartford for the distribution and use of such moneys.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2016	New section
Sec. 2	October 1, 2016	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide that admissions tax revenue from class AA minor league baseball events in Hartford be allocated to reduce indebtedness incurred to build a stadium in Hartford for such events.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*