

REGULAR MEETING

**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

DATE: August 14, 2017
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: District Office
24 DeForest Street
Watertown, CT 06795

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Steve Ouellette, Chairman	Present
James Lehner	Absent
Anthony Martone	Absent
Robert Yerger	Present
Mark Crane	Absent
Alfonso Bernardi, Alternate	Present
Carl Minicucci, Alternate	Absent
Gordon Knowlton, Alternate	Absent

1. Call meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present were Commissioners Ouellette, Yerger and Alternate Commissioner Bernardi. Commissioners Lehner, Martone, Crane and Alternate Commissioners Minicucci and Knowlton were absent.

Alfonso Bernardi was asked to sit in for James Lehner.

ALSO PRESENT:

Fire District Superintendent Michael Tanuis, Watertown Fire District Employees Vincent Tanuis and Ashley Monte, and members of the public.

3. Public Commentary

Mark Werenko of 62-64 French Street asked the Board to review the increase in his sewer fee due to a leak during the winter quarter which caused the usage to be extremely high. Mark stated that once the leak was found and repaired, the usage went down drastically.

MOTION: By Mr. Alfonso Bernardi and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to add Agenda Item #4A- Discussion and possible approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 62-64 French Street.

Motion passes unanimously.

Gary Devoe, representing Heminway Associates located at 429 Main Street asked the Board to review their sewer fee because a house fire took place on April 7th, 2017 and the house was vacant for half of the quarter the bill was based upon.

MOTION: By Mr. Alfonso Bernardi and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to add Agenda Item #4B - Discussion and possible approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 429 Main Street.

Motion passes unanimously.

Jennifer Nichols of 29 Steele Brook Road asked the Board to review the increase in her sewer fee because she just purchased the property on July 10, 2017 and her sewer fee is based on the previous owner's usage.

MOTION: By Mr. Alfonso Bernardi and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to add Agenda Item #4C - Discussion and possible approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 29 Steele Brook Road.

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Alfonso Bernardi to close public commentary.

Motion passes unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: By Mr. Alfonso Bernardi and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to approve the minutes from the Monday, July 10, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

4A. Discussion and possible approval of Sewer Fee Adjustment for 62-64 French Street

The Board discussed and reviewed the usage for 62-64 French Street due to a leak which caused the normal winter usage to increase. The leak has since been repaired. The Board decided to adjust the sewer fee for 62-64 French Street for the next 4 quarters beginning with the 8/1 bill using the average usage of 69,250 gallons.

MOTION: By Mr. Alfonso Bernardi and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to approve a sewer fee adjustment for 62-64 French Street for the next 4 quarters beginning with the 8/1 bill using the average winter usage of 69,250 gallons.

Motion passes unanimously.

4B. Discussion and possible approval of Sewer Fee Adjustment for 429 Main Street

The Board discussed and reviewed the current sewer fee for 429 Main Street. The Board decided to adjust the sewer fee for 429 Main Street, dividing his sewer fee in half basing it on 28,575 gallons.

MOTION: By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Alfonso Bernardi to approve a sewer fee adjustment for 429 Main Street for the 6/1 bill dividing the sewer fee in half and basing it on 28,575 gallons.

Motion passes unanimously.

4C. Discussion and possible approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 29 Steele Brook Road

The Board discussed and reviewed the usage for 29 Steele Brook Road due to her sewer fee being based on the previous owner's usage. The Board decided to adjust the sewer fee for 29 Steele Brook Road for the next 4 quarters beginning with the 8/1 bill using the minimum charge.

MOTION: By Mr. Alfonso Bernardi and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to approve a sewer fee adjustment for 29 Steele Brook Road for the next 4 quarters beginning with the 8/1 bill using the minimum charge.

Motion passes unanimously.

5. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Tanuis reported that:

- Starting relining project on lower Woodruff Avenue

6. Chairman's Report

Mr. Ouellette had nothing to report

7. Adjournment

MOTION: By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Alfonso Bernardi to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, August 14, 2017 at 7:38 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

Steve Ouellette, Chairman