

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**DATE:** March 9, 2020  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** District Office  
24 DeForest Street  
Watertown, CT 06795

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Steve Ouellette, Chairman	Present
James Lehner	Present
Pedro Soares	Absent
Anthony Martone	Absent
Robert Yerger	Present
Mark Crane	Absent
Alfonso Bernardi, Alternate	Absent
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, Lehner, and Yerger. Commissioners Martone, Soares, Crane, and Alternate Commissioners Bernardi, Minicucci and Knowlton were absent.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Watertown Fire District Employees Vincent Tanuis and Laura Porcelli. Superintendent Michael Tanuis was absent.

### **3. Public Commentary**

None

**MOTION:** By Mr. Lehner and seconded by Mr. Yerger to close public commentary.

Motion passes unanimously.

### **4. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** By Mr. Yerger and seconded by Mr. Lehner to approve the minutes from the Monday, February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Lehner and seconded by Mr. Yerger to add line item **4a** to the agenda to discuss a billing dispute by Willie Dennis of 104 Adams Road.

Motion passes unanimously.

**4a.** Assistant Superintendent, Vincent Tanuis explained that Mr. Dennis called the office in December questioning his water/sewer bill. He said it was higher than his previous address which was supplied by Water & Sewer Authority. He was told to call back in a few months after he established a history of water consumption, at which point his account would be eligible for re-evaluation. Since December 2019, Mr. Dennis has consistently consumed on average 2,447 gal/month of water, which is considerably less than the prior owner. Mr. Tanuis recommended that his sewer bill be adjusted going forward, and be based off of 1,700 gal until the account is recalculated in July. This is the minimum charge for sewer consumption. Mr. Dennis uses on average (over three months) 2,447 gal/month and has been paying for 4,957 gal/month.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Lehner and seconded by Mr. Yerger to adjust Mr. Dennis' water/sewer charge from \$62.23 to \$34.48 per month until the account is recalculated in July 2020.

Motion passes unanimously.

5. Discussion and Possible Approval of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

After a brief discussion it was decided that this agenda item be tabled until the next meeting to discuss with Superintendent Mike Tanuis.

6. **Superintendent's Report**

In the absence of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent Vincent Tanuis reported on recent projects including moving the hydrant on Vaill Road, service line repairs for the Siemon Company, and the hydrant replacement on Route 6.

7. **Chairman's Report**

Mr. Ouellette had nothing to report.

8. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** By Mr. Lehner and seconded by Mr. Yerger to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

  
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Steve Ouellette, Chairman