

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**DATE:** April 13, 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	Present
Anthony Martone	Absent
Robert Yerger	Present (via telephone conference)
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, Soares, and Yerger. Commissioners Martone, Crane, and Alternate Commissioners Bernardi, Minicucci and Knowlton were absent.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Watertown Fire District Employees Michael Tanuis, Vincent Tanuis and Laura Porcelli.

### **3. Public Commentary**

Mr. Roland Perreault of Logan Properties LLC at 27 Depot Street attended the meeting to request a reduction in his sewer bill. He explained that his property had a water service leak in the hot water heater during the January 2019 timeframe, which contributed to approximately 134,000 gallons of usage in one month. This occurred during the time period which was used to calculate his monthly sewer bill for the year.

Over the past 12 billing periods, the office building at 27 Depot Street has consistently consumed on average 12,350 gal/month of water and has been billed out for 63,100 gallons of sewer. Mr. Perreault noted that he had spoken to Assistant Superintendent Vincent Tanuis prior to the meeting, and stated that he was very helpful. He then asked the Board if his sewer bill could be adjusted. He also noted that a payment of \$701.16 was processed via Autopay on 4/9/20 for the invoice period 2/18-3/16 after he had spoken to Mr. Tanuis about the issue, and felt that this was unfair as he had to wait to attend the Board Meeting on 4/13/20 to discuss his request with the Board.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Lehner and seconded by Mr. Soares to add item **4a** to the agenda to discuss the request made by Mr. Perrault regarding 27 Depot Street/Logan Properties LLC.

Motion passes unanimously.

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

Motion passes unanimously.

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

**MOTION:** By Mr. Soares and seconded by Mr. Lehner to approve the minutes from the Monday, March 9, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

#### **4a. Discussion on 27 Depot Street/Logan Properties LLC.**

After a brief discussion it was decided that Mr. Perreault's sewer bill would be adjusted going forward to be based off of 12,350 gallons/month until it is recalculated in July 2020 for the 2019/2020 winter average, which is 13,087 gallons/month.

In addition, Mr. Vincent Tanuis recommended that the sewer portion of the most recent invoice be adjusted to the reduced amount of \$105.22, and the overpayment be left as a credit on Mr. Perreault's account for future invoices.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Lehner and seconded by Mr. Soares to adjust the sewer portion of the 2/18 – 3/16 invoice as well as future invoices for 27 Depot Street/Logan Properties LLC to \$105.22 per month until it is recalculated in July 2020 for the 2019/2020 winter average, which is 13,087 gallons/month.

Motion passes unanimously.

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

Superintendent Mr. Michael Tanuis noted that the proposed budget is very similar to last fiscal year's budget, but does include an increase in the Water line item for relining as more relining is necessary. After a review of the budget draft it was approved by the Board.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Soares and seconded by Mr. Lehner to approve the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Motion passes unanimously.

**6. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Mr. Michael Tanuis reported that the routine hydrant flushing is in progress and is going well. He noted that it will be completed in approximately two weeks.

He also stated that the roof replacement at the Well Field site has been completed.

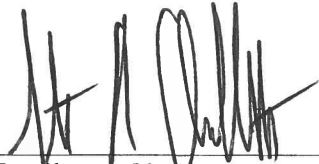
**7. Chairman's Report**

Mr. Ouellette had nothing to report.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** By Mr. Lehner and seconded by Mr. Soares to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7:22 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.



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Steve Ouellette, Chairman