

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**DATE:** February 8, 2021  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** District Office  
24 DeForest Street  
Watertown, CT 06795

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Steve Ouellette, Chairman	Present
James Lehner	Present
Anthony Martone	Absent
Robert Yerger	Present (via teleconference)
Pedro Soares	Absent
Mark Crane, Alternate	Absent
Alfonso Bernardi, Alternate	Absent
Carl Minicucci, Alternate	Absent

**1. Call meeting to order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

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

Mr. Lehner was acting Chairman.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Watertown Fire District Superintendent Michael Tanuis, and Watertown Fire District Employees Vincent Tanuis, Ashley Monte and Heather Edwards.

### 3. Public Commentary

Assistant Superintendent, Vincent Tanuis spoke on behalf of Carol from 47 Catherine Street explaining that we had contacted her due to high water usage of 26,522 gallons on January's bill. She had a pipe burst during the December/January timeframe that has since been repaired. During 2020, Carol used approximately 1,100 gallons of water each month. Her usage has been below the minimum since February 2019. Her excess on the January bill, when spread over the 12 months of 2020 where she paid for the minimum but used less, would yield an average consumption of 3,239 gallons per month which is still under the minimum allotment per month.

Assistant Superintendent, Vincent Tanuis spoke on behalf of Olsi from 93-97 Westbury Park Road explaining that his Sewer bill had increased significantly after recalculating. The property had a toilet leak during the January/February 2020 timeframe, approximately 83,082 gallons over one month. The leak was fixed in March. This caused his sewer average to increase beyond the normal consumption.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Steven Ouellette and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to add Agenda Item #5A- Discussion and possible approval of a Water Fee Adjustment for 47 Catherine Street.

Motion passes unanimously.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Steven Ouellette and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to add Agenda Item #5B- Discussion and possible approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 93-97 Westbury Park Road.

Motion passes unanimously.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Steven Ouellette to close public commentary.

Motion passes unanimously.

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

**MOTION:** By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Steven Ouellette to approve the minutes from the Monday, January 11, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

#### **5. Auditor's Report**

The Board reviewed and approved the Auditor's Report as presented by Dave Cappelletti of Clermont & Associates LLC at the Monday, February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Steven Ouellette and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to approve the Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as presented.

Motion passes unanimously.

#### **5A. Discussion and possible approval of Sewer Fee Adjustment for 47 Catherine Street**

The Board discussed and reviewed the usage for 47 Catherine Street due to her pipe bursting. The Board decided to adjust the water fee equivalent of the excess usage charged on the January bill.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Steven Ouellette and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to approve a water fee adjustment for 47 Catherine Street equivalent of the excess usage charged on the January bill.

Motion passes unanimously.

**5B. Discussion and possible approval of Sewer Fee Adjustment for 93-97 Westbury Park Road**

The Board discussed and reviewed the usage for 93-97 Westbury Park Road due to his sewer fee being based on a higher reading due to a leaking toilet. The Board decided to adjust the sewer fee beginning with the 2/24 bill using the monthly minimum.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Steven Ouellette and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to approve a sewer fee adjustment for 93-97 Westbury Park Road beginning with the 2/24 bill using the average monthly minimum.

Motion passes unanimously.

**6. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Tanuis had nothing to report.

**7. Chairman's Report**

Mr. Lehner had nothing to report on Mr. Ouellette's behalf.

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Steven Ouellette to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:19 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

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Steve Ouellette, Chairman