

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**DATE:** November 14, 2022  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** District Office  
24 DeForest Street  
Watertown, CT 06795

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Steve Ouellette, Chairman	Absent
James Lehner	Present
Robert Yerger	Present
Anthony Martone	Absent
Pedro Soares	Present
Josh Makarewicz, Alternate	Absent
Carl Minicucci, Alternate	Absent
Mark Crane, Alternate	Absent

**1. Call meeting to order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:56 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Fire District Superintendent Michael Tanuis and Watertown Fire District Employees Vincent Tanuis and Heather Edwards. Also in attendance were Allison Pikiell of 26 Wilson Drive and Sandra Cary of 55 Woolson Street.

### **3. Public Commentary**

Allison Pikiell of 26 Wilson Drive requested that the Board review how she is being billed for water. The property is a 3-family home, and she is being charged for 3 units. Allison has compiled data and compared her actual water consumption to that of her neighbors. She found that some of her neighbors with similar water consumption to hers paid less due to being billed for a single unit. Allison stated that she has never had more than 6 people in the 3 units. She believes she is being overcharged and would like to see her monthly charge for water reduced. An option was offered to Allison to add separate water lines for each unit so the meter could be removed to stop the water bill for a unit if it is vacant. The Board decided that further discussion regarding this request is necessary and that it will be revisited at the December 12, 2022 Board meeting.

Sandra Cary of 55 Woolson Street requested an adjustment of her sewer fee because she had a leak during the winter quarter.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to add Agenda Item #4A – Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 55 Woolson Street.

Motion passes unanimously.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to close public commentary.

Motion passes unanimously.

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

**MOTION:** By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, October 11, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion passes unanimously.

#### **4A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Sewer Fee Adjustment for 55 Woolson Street**

The Board discussed and reviewed Sandra's usage and agreed to adjust the sewer fee from \$41.29 a month to \$17.45 a month beginning with the 10/24/22 bill.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve a sewer fee adjustment for 55 Woolson Street from \$41.29 a month to \$17.45 a month beginning with the 10/24/22 bill.

Motion passes unanimously.

## **5. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Tanuis had nothing to report.

## **6. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had nothing to report.

## **7. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, November 14, 2022 at 7:15 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

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Steve Ouellette, Chairman