

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**DATE:** February 14, 2023  
**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** District Office  
24 DeForest Street  
Watertown, CT 06795

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**1. Call meeting to order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

### **3. Public Commentary**

Eric Steiner of 244 Cutler Street recently bought the property. He had a toilet leak during the first 3 months he owned the property. This will cause his sewer fee to be above his normal consumption. He requested an adjustment of his sewer fee.

Stephen Fasano of 28 Academy Hill Road had tenants living in the house. In December, he moved into the house and now lives there with his parents. He is requesting an adjustment of his sewer fee so the fee is based on his water consumption and not the previous tenants.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to add Agenda Item #4A – Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 244 Cutler Street.

Motion passes unanimously.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to add Agenda Item #4B – Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 28 Academy Hill Road.

Motion passes unanimously.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to add Agenda Item #4C – Discussion of an alternate means of calculating the Sewer Fees.

Motion passes unanimously.

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

Motion passes unanimously.

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

**MOTION:** By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Ms. Barbara Zulkeski to approve the minutes from the Monday, January 9, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

#### **4A. Discussion and Possible Approval of Sewer Fee Adjustment for 244 Cutler Street**

The Board discussed and reviewed Eric's usage and agreed to adjust the sewer fee from \$66.47 a month to \$97.03 a month beginning with the 2/24/23 bill.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to approve a sewer fee adjustment for 244 Cutler Street from \$66.47 a month to \$97.03 a month beginning with the 2/24/23 bill.

Motion passes unanimously.

#### **4B. Discussion and Possible Approval of Sewer Fee Adjustment for 28 Academy Hill Road**

The Board reviewed and discussed Stephen's usage and agreed to adjust the sewer fee from \$123.68 a month to \$36.66 a month beginning with the 1/24/23 bill. After 3 months, the sewer fee will be adjusted again based on Stephen's actual water usage. The adjustment is contingent upon water consumption not exceeding 3,400 gallons.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to approve a sewer fee adjustment for 28 Academy Hill Road from \$123.68 a month to \$36.66 a month beginning with the 1/24/23 bill. After 3 months, the sewer fee will be adjusted again based on Stephen Fasano's actual water consumption. The adjustment is contingent upon water consumption not exceeding 3,400 gallons.

Motion passes unanimously.

#### **4C. Discussion of Watertown Fire District's Sewer Fee Calculation**

Stephen Fasano requested a review of the calculation of Watertown Fire District's sewer fees. After a discussion, it was proposed that we revisit the topic at the next meeting.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to table further discussion until the next meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

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

Mr. Tanuis reported that we may not get the new truck this year.

#### **7. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had nothing to report.

#### **8. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 8:25 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

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Steve Ouellette, Chairman