

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**DATE:** May 8, 2023  
**TIME:** Immediately following the Public Hearing at 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
Pedro Soares	Present
Anthony Martone	Absent
Mark Crane, Alternate	Absent
Carl Minicucci, Alternate	Absent

**1. Call meeting to order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Watertown Fire District Superintendent Michael Tanuis, Watertown Fire District Employees Vincent Tanuis and Heather Edwards, Watertown Fire District Treasurer Barbara Zulkeski, and one member of the public.

### **3. Public Commentary**

There was no public commentary.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner 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. James Lehner to approve the minutes from the Monday, April 10, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

### **5. Water and Sewer Rate increase effective July 1, 2023**

At the Public Hearing prior to this meeting, a discussion took place regarding the Watertown Fire District proposing a 10% water and a 10% sewer rate increase in order for the District to continue to maintain the high standards of the water & sewer systems, as well as to prepare for the settlement of the Waterbury Watertown lawsuit.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve the 10% water rate increase and the 10% sewer rate increase effective July 1, 2023.

Motion passes unanimously.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to accept the Schedule of Water Rates and the Schedule of Sewer Rates effective with the first billing of Fiscal Year 2024.

Motion passes unanimously.

**6. Discussion and Possible Approval of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024**

The Board reviewed and approved the Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 15, 2023.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to approve the budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 to be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 15, 2023.

Motion passes unanimously.

**7. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Tanuis reported that the new truck has been received. There is a 7 month wait for the utility body.

**8. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had nothing to report.

**9. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:23 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

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Steve Ouellette, Chairman