

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT  
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**DATE:** October 15, 2024  
**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
Pedro Soares	Absent
Nicolas Perugini, Alternate	Present
Carl Minicucci, Alternate	Absent
Mark Crane, 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, and Alternate Commissioner Perugini. Commissioners Martone and Soares and Alternate Commissioners Minicucci and Crane were absent.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

### 3. Public Commentary

Richard Khazzaka, of 115 Claxton Avenue, requested a sewer fee adjustment from the Board. He had a toilet leaking during the December 2023 – June 2024 timeframe and has provided receipts showing the leak has been repaired.

Emanuella, of 64 Burton Street, requested a billing adjustment from the Board. She called the WFD office regarding high water consumption; she stated that nothing was leaking, and she thought the meter was not working properly. A WFD operator went to the property, found a toilet leaking, and advised the homeowner that if the meter removed from the property passed the Meter Flow Test they would be charged for the new meter. Emanuella requested the meter be replaced. She declined to witness the Meter Flow Test. Emanuella says that the toilet was not leaking and does not believe the meter removed from her property passed the Meter Flow Test. She would like the charge for the new meter to be removed from the account.

Margaret Ney, of 60 Jenta Lane, requested a sewer fee adjustment from the Board. There were 2 more people residing at the property during the January – March 2024 timeframe and they have since moved out. The Board explained that with the sewer fee, you are paying for what was used the previous year. The sewer fee should go down when we recalculate the sewer fees in July 2025 provided the water consumption remains at the lower level during the winter quarter of 2025.

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

Motion passes unanimously.

**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 115 Claxton Avenue.

Motion passes unanimously.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Nicolas Perugini and seconded by Mr. James Lehner to add Agenda Item #4B – Discussion and Possible Approval of a Billing Adjustment for 64 Burton Street.

Motion passes unanimously.

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

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to approve the minutes from the Monday, September 9, 2024 Regular Meeting as presented.

Motion passes unanimously.

#### **4A. Discussion and possible approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 115 Claxton Avenue**

The Board discussed and reviewed Mr. Khazzaka's usage and agreed to adjust the sewer fee from \$173.01 a month to \$149.63 a month beginning with the 9/24/24 bill.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Nicholas Perugini to approve a sewer fee adjustment for 115 Claxton Avenue as presented beginning with the 9/24/24 bill.

Motion passes unanimously.

#### **4B. Discussion and possible approval of a Billing Adjustment for 64 Burton Street**

The Board discussed and reviewed the information provided by Emanuella as well as the water consumption for 64 Burton Street and decided that the bill will remain as is and there would be no adjustment.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. James Lehner to leave the bill for 64 Burton Street as is with no billing adjustment.

Motion passes unanimously.

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

Superintendent Michael Tanuis reported flushing of hydrants is underway.

**6. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had nothing to report.

**7. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** By Mr. Nicolas Perugini and seconded by Mr. James Lehner to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 7:50 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

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Steve Ouellette, Chairman