

REGULAR MEETING

**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

DATE: January 13, 2025
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
Nicolas Perugini, Alternate	Absent

1. Call meeting to order

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Watertown Fire District Superintendent Michael Tanuis, Watertown Fire District Employees Vincent Tanuis, Heather Edwards, and Alyssa Bradley, Watertown Fire District Auditor David Cappelletti, and one member of the public.

3. Public Commentary

Barbara MacBurney of 162 Edward Avenue requested an adjustment to her sewer fee.

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

Motion passes unanimously.

MOTION: By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to add Agenda Item 6A – Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 162 Edward Avenue.

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, December 9, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

5. Approval of Date for Annual Meeting – Monday, May 19, 2025

MOTION: By Mr. Robert Yerger and seconded by Mr. James Lehner to approve the Date for the Annual Meeting – Monday, May 19, 2025.

Motion passes unanimously.

6. Auditor's Report

The Board reviewed and approved the Auditor's Report as presented by David Cappelletti of Clermont & Associates LLC at the Monday, January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting.

6A. Discussion and Possible Approval of a Sewer Fee Adjustment for 162 Edward Avenue

Water consumption at 162 Edward Avenue has been erratic over the past 2 years with the highest consumption during the winter quarter of 2024. No explanation has been provided for the high usage. Water consumption since the winter quarter of 2024 has gone down. The current sewer fee is based on the peak usage. The Board discussed and reviewed the consumption at 162 Edward Avenue and agreed to adjust the sewer fee from \$790.89 to \$478.58 per month for the January 2025 through June 2025 bills. In July 2025 the sewer fee will be recalculated based on the water consumption during the winter quarter of 2025.

MOTION: By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to approve the sewer fee adjustment for 162 Edward Avenue from \$790.89 to \$478.58 per month for the January 2025 through June 2025 bills. In July 2025 the sewer fee will be recalculated based on the water consumption during the winter quarter of 2025.

Motion passes unanimously.

7. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent had nothing to report.

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, January 13, 2025 at 7:29 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

Steve Ouellette, Chairman