

## **REGULAR MEETING**

## **WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**DATE:** May 12, 2025  
**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
Nicolas Perugini, Alternate	Present

#### **1. Call meeting to order**

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

#### **2. Roll Call**

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

#### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Watertown Fire District Superintendent Michael Tanuis, Watertown Fire District Employees Vincent Tanuis, Heather Edwards, and Alyssa Bradley, and Watertown Fire District Treasurer Barbara Zulkeski.

### **3. Public Commentary**

No public commentary

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

Motion passes unanimously.

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

**MOTION:** By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Nicolas Perugini to approve the minutes from the Monday, April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting.

Motion passes unanimously.

### **5. Water and Sewer Rate increase effective July 1, 2025**

At the Public Hearing prior to the Regular Meeting, a discussion took place regarding the proposed 10% rate increase for Water and 25% rate increase for Sewer in order for the Fire District to continue to maintain the Water and Sewer systems, as well as to prepare for the anticipated increase in the Sewer rate charged to Watertown by Waterbury.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve a 10% rate increase for Water effective July 1, 2025.

Motion passes unanimously.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve a 25% rate increase for Sewer effective July 1, 2025.

Motion passes unanimously.

**6. Discussion and Possible Approval of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026**

The Board reviewed and approved the Budget for Water and Sewer for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2025.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Nicolas Perugini to approve the Water Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2025.

Motion passes unanimously.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Pedro Soares and seconded by Mr. Nicolas Perugini to approve the Sewer Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 to be presented at the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2025.

Motion passes unanimously.

**7. Discussion and Possible Approval of Purchase of Vehicle from GMC**

The Board reviewed a memo from Mr. Tanuis recommending the purchase of a vehicle from GMC of Watertown at a cost of \$52,868.65.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Robert Yerger to approve the purchase of a vehicle from GMC of Watertown at a cost of \$52,868.65.

Motion passes unanimously.

## **8. Discussion and Possible Approval of Concrete Slab for the Storage Building**

The Board reviewed a memo from Mr. Tanuis recommending Norconn Flatwork LLC as the contractor for the concrete slab at the storage building at 127 Bethlehem Road at a cost of \$9,400.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Nicolas Perugini to approve Norconn Flatwork LLC as the contractor for the concrete slab for the storage building at 127 Bethlehem Road at a cost of \$9,400.

Motion passes unanimously.

## **9. Discussion and Possible Approval of Contractors for Well 2A**

The Board reviewed a memo from Mr. Tanuis recommending S.B. Church as the company to replace Well No. 2 at a cost of \$180,110. Work will be done as per Watertown Fire District Specifications.

Mr. Tanuis recommends Tighe & Bond to provide engineering services for the replacement of Well No. 2 at a cost of \$51,200.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve S.B. Church as the company to replace Well No. 2 at a cost of \$180,110.

Motion passes unanimously.

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to approve Tighe & Bond to provide engineering services for the replacement of Well No. 2 at a cost of \$51,200.

Motion passes unanimously.

## **10. Superintendent's Report**

- I/I project should be done this week.
- Flushing hydrants will be done this week.
- Hamilton Avenue relining project is starting in June.

## **11. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had nothing to report.

## **12. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** By Mr. James Lehner and seconded by Mr. Pedro Soares to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Monday, May 12, 2025 at 7:35 p.m.

Motion passes unanimously.

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Steve Ouellette, Chairman