

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023**

The Special Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Chairman Cressotti.

ROLL CALL- Present were Commissioners Cressotti, Cekala, Despard, Hopkins, Ludwick, Mangini, Nelson, Pyznar, and Unghire. Absent were Commissioners Finger and Santanella.

RESOLUTION #4729 by Commissioner Mangini, seconded by Commissioner Cekala to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022 Special meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #4729** adopted 9/0/0.

RESOLUTION #4730 by Commissioner Mangini, seconded by Commissioner Unghire to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022 Special meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #4730** adopted 9/0/0.

RESOLUTION #4731 by Commissioner Mangini, seconded by Commissioner Unghire to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2022 Special meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #4731** adopted 9/0/0.

RESOLUTION #4732 by Commissioner Mangini, seconded by Commissioner Cekala to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2022 Special meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #4732** adopted 9/0/0.

RESOLUTION #4733 by Commissioner Mangini, seconded by Commissioner Unghire to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023 Special meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #4733** adopted 9/0/0.

RESOLUTION #4734 by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Mangini.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 103, Section 7-255 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Enfield Sewer Authority held a public hearing on June 19, 2023, at 6:45 pm in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut, hearing comments on the proposed 2023-2024 Sewer Service Fee Schedule.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Enfield Sewer Authority does hereby adopt the Sewer Service Fee Schedule attached hereto as "Attachment A."

Commissioner Nelson stated that he is concerned about the complexity of our Sewer Fee Schedule. He would like to remove the quarterly flat rate as well as the tiered schedule based upon meter size and replace it with a simple charge per gallon used. He is against the proposal to increase the quarterly flat fee.

Additionally, Commissioner Nelson believes the Town should allow residents with wells the ability to purchase a meter to attached to their well to monitor exactly how much water they are using and be charged accordingly.

Commissioner Cekala clarified that the proposal here tonight is not to increase the quarterly fee. The proposed increases are only for the usage fee per 1,000 gallons. She is in favor of keeping the rates at the FY2022/2023 level for this coming fiscal year.

AMENDMENT #1 by Commissioner Cekala and seconded by Commissioner Despard to amend Attachment A to the following:

- Billed water consumption < 20,000 from \$4.19 to \$3.60 per 1,000 gallons
- Billed water consumption > 20,000 from \$6.27 to \$5.39 per 1,000 gallons

Commissioner Mangini commented that for years Council has had the opportunity to create a WPCA Commission that could study the fee structure and usage and make recommendations for changes, which has not come to fruition. Commissioner Despard agrees that they should create a separate commission to make recommendations. It does not mean that the Council would be giving away its taxing authority because they could still have final approval.

Commissioner Pyznar disagrees with establishing a separate commission. When Councilors are elected, they agree to take on the responsibility to make the time to learn about every aspect of the town.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **AMENDMENT #1** adopted 9-0-0.

Commissioner Ludwick commented that the Charter gives the Council the taxing authority for the town. Whenever government creates a separate commission, the taxpayers never make out. The Council as WPCA should meet more frequently to manage it better.

Commissioner Hopkins would support establishing a separate commission to have more eyes on the ground to make recommendations to the Council. A separate commission would be able to monitor and plan for future improvements. Commissioner Mangini agrees that the Town Council does not have the time nor the knowledge to adequately manage the WPCA. Establishing a commission that reports back to the Council would allow Council to be better informed and to make better decisions for the residents.

Upon a **ROLL CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #4734** adopted as amended 9/0/0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #4728 by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Mangini.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the chair declared **MOTION #4728** adopted and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey
Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council