

**SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – 02/23/2015
SEWER AND WATER DEPARTMENT – 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman James Paolino, Vice-Chairman Scott Meyers, Walter Tumel, Jim Natale, and Sam Zotto.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregory Dandio.

I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ATTENANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was taken; a quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) Regular Meeting – 12/15/2014

Upon **MOTION** by Scott Meyers, seconded by Jim Natale, it was unanimously voted by voice vote to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting dated December 15, 2014.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

	<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1.	12/16/14	Commission	L. Bosco	TRI Utility Cost Reductions
2.	01/12/15	Commission	L. Bosco	Sewer Spreadsheet as of 12/31
3.	01/12/15	Commission	L. Bosco	Water Spreadsheet as of 12/31
4.	01/12/15	Commission	L. Bosco	Sewer Del Rpt as of 12/31
5.	01/12/15	Commission	L. Bosco	Water Del Rpt as of 12/31
6.	01/30/15	D. Slater	J. Paolino	Meeting Cancellation
7.	02/04/15	Commission	L. Bosco	Sewer Spreadsheet as of 1/31
8.	02/04/15	Commission	L. Bosco	Water Spreadsheet as of 1/31
9.	02/04/15	Commission	L. Bosco	Sewer Del Rpt as of 1/31
10.	02/04/15	Commission	L. Bosco	Water Del Rpt as of 1/31

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1) Increase Sanitary Sewer Rates

James Paolino reported that during the 2015-2016 budget meeting with the Mayor and Finance Officer it became apparent that the current fee structure is not going to sustain the current cost level; noting in most part the costs we pay to Waterbury to treat our sewage. He stated the Commission has been dipping into the safety net fund for a while and will

be projecting to continue to do so. He stated an increase of at least \$15 is needed. Discussion followed regarding phasing the increases in and also the upcoming contract negotiations with the City of Waterbury. The following action was taken:

Upon **MOTION** by Scott Meyers, seconded by Jim Natale, it was unanimously voted by voice vote to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, March 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall Council Chambers to discuss the proposed sewer usage rate increase of \$20.00 per unit.

Discussion followed regarding increasing the sewer connection fee for all new permits issued. The following action was taken:

Upon **MOTION** by Scott Meyers, seconded by Jim Natale, it was unanimously voted by voice vote to include in the March 16th Public Hearing increasing the sewer connection fee to \$2,500.00 per unit for all new permits going forward.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1) Collection of Delinquent Accounts

Discussion was held regarding authorizing Attorney Joseph Latino to file actions for collections in small claims court on our behalf.

Upon **MOTION** by Scott Meyers, seconded by Jim Natale, it was unanimously voted by voice vote to approve sending cases to small claims court for those that fail to comply with the demand letter.

VI. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

VII. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1) Water Quality Monitoring and Reporting

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

X. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Increase Sanitary Sewer Rates and Connection Fees
- Collection of Delinquent Accounts

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Upon **MOTION** by Scott Meyers, seconded by Jim Natale, it was unanimously voted by voice vote to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

ACCEPTED:

Laurie Bosco, Administrative Secretary

James Paolino, Chairman
SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION