

**SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – 06/20/2016
SEWER AND WATER DEPARTMENT – 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman James Paolino, Vice-Chairman Scott Meyers, Walter Tumel, Jim Natale, Carl Dambrauskas, and Scott Cleary.

MEMBERS ABSENT: No one.

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Philip Olmstead and Town Attorney Brian Tynan.

I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was taken: a quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) Regular Meeting – 05/16/2016

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 May 16, 2016.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

	<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1.	06/10/16	Commission	D. Tynan	Atty Latino's Collection - May
2.	06/10/16	Commission	L. Bosco	Sewer Spreadsheet as of 05/31
3.	06/10/16	Commission	L. Bosco	Water Spreadsheet as of 05/31
4.	06/10/16	Commission	L. Bosco	Sewer Delinq Rpt as of 05/31
5.	06/10/16	Commission	L. Bosco	Water Delinq Rpt as of 05/31

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Upon **MOTION** by Scott Meyers, seconded by Jim Natale, it was unanimously voted by voice vote to add the following item to the Agenda under New Business: Update on Inter-Municipal Agreement.

1) **Update on Inter-Municipal Agreement**

Attorney Brian Tynan came forward to notify the Commission of ongoing telephone conferences with the City of Waterbury regarding Arrowhead Condo Association connecting to Waterbury's water main, unmetered sewage flow from Wolcott into Waterbury, and Wolcott's Inter-Municipal Sewer Agreement with Waterbury.

With regard to the Inter-Municipal Agreement, Administrator Philip Olmstead reported one article therein is now proposing a new method for sewer use charges, which calculated out using past flow amounts, can triple our future billing costs from Waterbury. He added that as Wolcott paid separately towards the cost of the plant upgrade, the billing method originally established is fair and justifiable as it bills the cost to treat the sewage. He suggested seeking specialized counsel (as Waterbury did) to defend and preserve Wolcott's position in this matter.

Discussion followed regarding method of billing (both present and proposed), increasing Wolcott's gallons per day allotted discharge, and Waterbury's proposal to retroactively bill the cost share for the increased discharge amount. In closing, the suggestion to seek outside legal counsel specializing in negotiating Inter-Municipal Agreements was not opposed.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

1) **Collection of Delinquent Accounts**

Reference was made to the update provided in correspondence regarding the small claims action which resulted in a judgement in our favor. Mention was made of payment plans established and maintained.

VI. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

VII. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

1) **Water Quality Monitoring and Reporting**

Administrator Philip Olmstead reported that Wolcott Water Department is in compliance with all water quality monitoring and reporting and all results have met US EPA primary and secondary drinking water standards.

• **June 2016 Water Billing**

Meter reads were performed and the water bills to customers were mailed.

- **Call Before You Dig**
The Department continues to field mark all CBYD's on daily a basis.
- **Town-Wide Road Reconstruction Project**
The Sunrise/Devonshire area is almost complete and the crew will be moving to the Grilley Road area next.
- **Additional sewer discharge to Waterbury**
A meeting was held with Denis Cuevas, General Manager of Waterbury's WPC regarding the Arvida area of town's direct discharge. It was agreed all homes are now accounted for and will now be documented appropriately within the annual billing.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Gentile, 229 Spindle Hill Road, came forward to explain he was before the Commission awhile back discussing using plastic pipe for water lateral installations. He stated he and his contractor went ahead and installed plastic pipe figuring they would get the Commission to change its ruling but it has not. He noted his hardship was that his well is not working properly and the repair would cost \$3,000-\$4,000 and he would like the Commission to allow him to install a meter until the fall when he can dig up the property, remove the plastic pipe and install copper pipe. He added he was told plastic was the better job so he went with that, that he did not go with it for the cost savings as money is no issue. He asked that the Commission vote favorably for him because it would save him \$3,000-\$4,000 and also the time get the parts and service performed.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

X. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Upon **MOTION** by Scott Meyers, seconded by Jim Natale, it was unanimously voted by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

ACCEPTED:

Laurie Bosco, Administrative Secretary

James Paolino, Chairman
SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION

