

**SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING – 01/25/2016
SEWER AND WATER OFFICE – 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.

I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was taken; a quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) Regular Meeting – 12/21/2015

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 21, 2015.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

	<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1.	01/06/16	Commission	D. Tynan	Atty Latino – Dec Fees
2.	01/20/16	Commission	L. Bosco	Sewer Spreadsheet as of 12/31
3.	01/20/16	Commission	L. Bosco	Water Spreadsheet as of 12/31
4.	01/20/16	Commission	L. Bosco	Sewer Delinq Rpt as of 12/31
5.	01/20/16	Commission	L. Bosco	Water Delinq Rpt as of 12/31
6.	01/25/16	Commission	P. Olmstead	Sewer Rate Info Packet
7.	01/25/16	Commission	L. Bosco	Water Shut Off Update Listing

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. OLD BUSINESS

1) Collection of Delinquent Accounts

With regard to delinquent water accounts, the Update Listing submitted was reviewed. It was noted that six of the ten accounts have paid in full,

leaving four services to be shut off tomorrow; and of the \$34,145.38 beginning balance, payments totaling \$18,667.23 were received.

Discussion was held regarding moving forward with the next group of accounts for service shut-off. Chairman Paolino stated preparation of the next group will commence once all of the current group have worked through the system, noting that the process and procedure the Department staff is following is quite significant.

2) **2016-2017 Proposed Sewer and Water Budgets**

Commissioners were given the proposed budgets at the last meeting to review. There were no questions or concerns.

3) **Sewer Rate Increases**

The information packet containing Wolcott's rates, Waterbury's rates charged to Wolcott, and Wolcott's Five Year Audit was reviewed. Administrator Philip Olmstead recommended a \$30.00 per unit increase to cover all operational expenses in addition to the average cost (billed in arrears) being charged by Waterbury to treat Wolcott's sewage. A short discussion was held and the matter was tabled to the next Agenda.

VI. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

VII. **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

1) **Water Quality Monitoring and Reporting**

Administrator Philip Olmstead reported the 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.

- **Call Before You Dig**

The staff continues to mark out all CBYD requests as received.

- **Sanitary Sewer Easement Clearing**

The project of clearing the 15.9 miles of cross country easements has been on-going; however was suspended as of the latest snow storm.

- **Roosevelt Drive – Request for public water (RWA's system)**

David Johnson of Regional Water Authority (RWA) was contacted. A request was made for the estimated base-line cost RWA would charge Wolcott to extend the main.

Chairman James Paolino noted this area of town does not fall under the responsibility of Wolcott Water Department; nonetheless the Department is trying to aid the residents (via contacting RWA) move in the direction of acquiring public water and, if successful, those residents would be customers of RWA located in New Haven. He explained that once enough information is obtained, the Mayor's Office will mail out a survey to the property owners who would be impacted by an assessment for the cost of this project. He noted more than the majority would have to respond in favor of pursuing the main extension before the town would move to the next step.

Questions and comments started up from audience members at this time relating to hurting property values, per foot cost to install, requirement to connect, and route of installation.

- **1457 Meriden Road – Sewer Blockage**

A blockage occurred at this location. Staff responded and the line was jetted to restore flow. It was found that this lateral discharges directly into Waterbury's system without being metered. This prompted an investigation into finding other areas in town that possibly do the same. A conference call with officials was conducted and a meeting was scheduled for tomorrow in Waterbury to review town maps.

- **Arrowhead Condominium Complex – Request for public water (Waterbury's system)**

Correspondence was received from Waterbury indicating the Town of Wolcott must make appropriate accommodations to record the daily flow of water coming into Wolcott for this private project, which daily flow would count towards Wolcott Water Department's daily water allotment under the Diversion Permit (even though it would not be part of Wolcott Water Department's water system). It was noted that this cost alone will be an exorbitant undertaking not only for the initial purchase and set-up, but also for the daily operation, maintenance and needed repairs. In essence, everything in place for the crossing into Wolcott at the Wolcott Road town line would need to be duplicated for the crossing into Wolcott at the Spindle Hill Road town line.

Chairman James Paolino noted that if this project counts against our Diversion Permit, there may not be enough water to supply it, or it may affect the Wolcott Water Department's ability to add additional

customers to its own system. He added that it would be paramount this project not come off our Diversion Permit.

Chairman James Paolino also noted that if Town of Wolcott was to make the accommodations mentioned to record daily flow, all related costs cannot be paid with Wolcott Water Department's funds; payment would have to somehow be arranged from sources elsewhere.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nancy Trott, P.O. Box 6241, Wolcott came forward earlier to comment on Roosevelt Drive's request for public water. She added at this time further questioning regarding when further information will be provided, how it will be provided, who will provide it, how survey results will be used, and who gets to vote when renters are involved.

Donna Daniels, 13 Roosevelt Drive, Wolcott came forward to question what the percentage was of residents with public water verses well water.

Luis Matthey, 17 Roosevelt Drive, Wolcott came forward to comment on the water assessment that is placed against the property regardless of whether the property connects (or does not connect) to the water main.

Thomas F. D'Amico, 7 Greenridge Terrace, Wolcott came forward to address the Commission regarding termination of his water service due to non-payment.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

X. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- **Collection of Delinquent Accounts**
- **Sewer Rates Increase**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Upon **MOTION** by Scott Meyers, seconded by Jim Natale, it was unanimously voted by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

ACCEPTED:

Laurie Bosco, Administrative Secretary

James Paolino, Chairman
SEWER AND WATER COMMISSION

