

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2022**

The Public Hearing was called to order at 6:45pm by Vice-chair Cekala.

ROLL CALL- Present were Vice-Chairman Cekala, Commissioners Despard, Finger, Hopkins, Ludwick, Mangini, Pyznar, Santanella and Unghire. Chairman Cressotti was absent. Also present were Town Manager, Ellen Zoppo-Sassu; Assistant Town Manager, Steve Bielenda; Town Attorney, James Tallberg; Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey; and Director of Finance, John Wilcox.

**TOWN OF ENFIELD
LEGAL NOTICE**

The following Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Hartford Courant on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

The Enfield Water Pollution Control Authority will hold a public hearing in the Enfield Town Hall Council Chambers, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, CT on Monday, June 6, 2022, at 6:45pm to allow residents an opportunity to express their opinions regarding the PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE FEES AND RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023. Information can be found in the office of the Town Clerk or at www.enfield-ct.gov.

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk
Dated this 19th day of May 2022.

Vice-Chair Cekala announced the ground rules for the public hearing.

Karen LaPlante, 166 North Maple Street
Ms. LaPlante stated that she chuckled when she read Resolution #6237 in the May 16th WPCA minutes. It stated that there would be a public hearing so constituents could voice their opinions. She is here to give her opinion.

As the WPCA you are in charge of a \$9 million budget, yet there are no meetings of the WPCA to discuss this. No meetings to discuss the projected revenue, no meetings to discuss how you arrive at these rates, no meetings to discuss capital improvements, and no meetings to discuss plant additions or the status of the facilities. Somehow you are able to have one meeting a year to set the date for the public hearing and another to have the public hearing and set the rate. The decisions of the WPCA should be the decisions of the Authority even though the Town Council members are the WPCA. These two entities are two separate entities and should have separate meetings. A person should not have to go through pages of Town Council minutes to find out what is going on with the Water Pollution Control Plant or why money had to be transferred to buy a new forklift. The money paid for revenues should be going into the WPCA, not the Town of Enfield. There is no data to determine if the rates are fair or even necessary. There is also no data on money received vs. money billed, no data on how much was spent on collections, no data on past due

receivables outstanding or collected, and no data on usage or current rates. How much is in the fund balance?

As no one else wished to speak, Vice-Chair Cekala declared the Public Hearing closed.

ROLL CALL- Present were Vice-Chair Cekala, Commissioners Despard, Finger, Hopkins, Ludwick, Mangini, Pyznar, Santanella and Unghire. Chairman Cressotti was absent.

RESOLUTION #4720 by Commissioner Mangini, seconded by Commissioner Despard.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 103, Section 7-255 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Enfield Sewer Authority held a public hearing on June 6, 2022, at 6:45pm in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall, 82o Enfield Street, Enfield, CT, hearing comments on the proposed 2022-2023 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".

AMENDMENT #1 by Commissioner Pyznar, seconded by Commissioner Mangini to amend the resolution from 2019-2020 to 2022-2023.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken all were in favor of the Amendment.

Councilor Ludwick asked for background on the collection of back sewer fees.

Director of Finance, John Wilcox stated that as of June 30, 2021 we had a fund balance of \$2,150,000. We have been using State Marshals to collect back-due sewer use fees. We give a grace period of 6-8 months before we refer to the State Marshals. We have collected \$1.9 million in back fees.

Commissioner Mangini asked where we regarding the State of CT paying their fair share for the prisons?

Mr. Wilcox stated that the Sate of CT paid the full amount two years ago. They are paid in full.

Commissioner Hopkins stated that he thinks that there needs to be a separate entity for WPCA, either a separate TC meeting or pairing off and creating a separate entity for future planning.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Vice-Chair declared **RESOLUTION #4720** adopted 9-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #4721 by Commissioner Mangini, seconded by Commissioner Unghire.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Vice-Chair declared **MOTION #4721** adopted and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey
Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Tina Demers
Secretary to the Council

**TOWN OF ENFIELD
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
SEWER SERVICE FEE SCHEDULE**

Pursuant to §86-203(2)
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

WATER USAGE BASED SEWER RATES

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

A seasonal adjustment is made by reducing the daily consumption of potable water for the months of June, July, and August by 7.5%.

**SEWER USAGE BASED RATES
(FOR SEWER USERS WITH SEWER METERS)**

- Significant users with sewer meters: charges will be computed by multiplying the quarterly volume of sewerage by \$5.39 per 1,000 and billed quarterly.

PRIVATE WELL BASED RATES

- Well Users will be charged quarterly based on the average consumption by user classification:
Residential and small non-residential 12,780 gallons per quarter for FY 22/23
Commercial and industrial 90,000 gallons per quarter for FY 22/23

The base quarterly charge for well users will be based on the smallest meter size.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

Interest will be charged on delinquent accounts at the rate of 1-1/2% per month, with a minimum charge of \$2.00, as provided by statute. Appeals for such charges must be filed within 30 days after the mailing of the bills. NOTE: Sewer Fees are the responsibility of the property owner.

BASE QUARTERLY CHARGE

METER SIZE	SIZE FACTOR	CHARGE
5/8"	1.0	\$39.00
3/4"	1.5	\$58.50
1"	2.5	\$97.50
1-1/2"	5.0	\$195.00
2"	8.0	\$312.00
3"	15.0	\$585.00
4"	25.0	\$975.00
6"	50.0	\$1,950.00
8"	80.0	\$3,120.00

The Base Charge is established to provide for the fixed expenses of owning and maintaining the water pollution system such as the physical plant, lift stations, pump stations, manholes, collection lines and piping. For customer billed on a monthly basis, the monthly fixed charged shall be one third of the values shown in the table above.

SEWER CONNECTION FEES

\$3,000* per EDU

*Houses and commercial/Industrial buildings built prior to January 1, 2014 and were not connected to the Town of Enfield Sanitary Sewer System as of January 1, 2014 will be charged pursuant to the WPCA policy on Sewer Connections.

OTHER FEES

Inspection Fee: \$100 per occurrence for any new construction, replacement, renovation or repair work during published business hours
(\$300 per occurrence for nights, holidays, and weekends)

Sewer Meter Reading Charge: \$50 per reading (quarterly) of non-Water Company meters

Septage Disposal Permit: \$100 per year for each registered septage hauler

Septage Disposal Fees: \$60 per 1,000 gallons based on full truck capacity of residential septage
\$80 per 1,000 gallons based on full truck capacity of industrial/commercial septage
\$10 per discharge for sewage from recreational vehicles (campers)

FOG Inspection Fee: \$50 per inspection visit (no more than monthly)

Industrial Groundwater Remediation Discharge: \$250 per quarter