



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Water Pollution Control Authority Meeting Minutes

Chairman
Ed Lynch

PUBLIC HEARING - SEWER RATE INCREASE

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

6:30 PM

Council Chambers - Hybrid

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lynch called the Public Hearing meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

- Present** Board Member Monir Twefik
Board Member Sharon Wadecki
Board Member Terry Jones
Board Member Edmond Lynch
- Excused** Board Member Stanley Juber
Alternate Member Tony Capon
- Non-voting** Alternate Member James A. Ball
Alternate Member Jeremy Norris

II. PROCEDURE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

III. CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

IV. PRESENTATION

1. Proposed 4.5% Sewer Rate Increase.

Chairman Lynch shared the Sewer Budget FY23/24 table and highlighted some of the major cost increases:

Healthcare costs have increased 8%.

Retirement costs have increased.

Salary increases.

The WPCA Operators have reached higher job classifications, which in turn increases salaries. The WPCA encourages Operators to pursue higher job classifications. If the Ledyard WPCA doesn't stay competitive by increasing the Operator's salaries then they may seek employment at other municipalities.

Healthcare, retirement and salaries cost increases have caused an impact on the budget of approximately 4.5% from the previous year.

Lastly, another factor to consider is that sewer has a fixed number of customers which doesn't

increase the income intake each year (unlike water customers which increases every year). The hope is that the pressurized waste treatment line from Ledyard Center will increase the number of customers and in turn lower costs to our customers.

Chairman Lynch next shared the table of impact which shows the new minimum and new maximum sewer rates for the amount of water used.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Please limit the time to 3 minutes.

Chairman Lynch asked for Public comments however there was only one resident present. The resident thought the meeting was for her septic issues and therefore she had no comments on the sewer rate increase.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Public Hearing meeting at 6:41 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Edmond Lynch

SECONDER: Sharon Wadecki

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EXCUSED 2 Juber Capon

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