

Minutes to Public Hearing

STTRATFORD WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Thursday, June 25, 2015

The Stratford Water Pollution Control Authority (SWPCA) conducted a special public hearing on Thursday, June 25, 2015, in Town Council Chambers in Stratford Town Hall, 2527 Main Street, Stratford CT 06615 at 6:30 pm

Presiding: The Honorable Jason Santi, in place of SWPCA Chairman, The Honorable Joseph A. Kubic

Members in Attendance: The Honorable Stephanie Phillips, The Honorable Matthew Catalano, The Honorable Jason Santi, The Honorable Brian Dempsey, The Honorable Kenneth Poisson, The Honorable Gavin Forrester, the Honorable Paul Hoydick

Members Absent: The Honorable Peter Massey, The Honorable James Connor, and the Honorable Joseph A. Kubic

Others In Attendance: The Honorable John Harkins, Mayor. Chief Administrative Officer, Steve Nocera, Town Attorney Timothy Bishop

1) **Call to Order:**

Acting Chairman Jason Santi called the Public Hearing to order at 6:33 pm for the following noticed item:

To Hear Testimony in Connection to the Following Matter

To establish and/or revise charges in connection with the use of the sewage system.

<i>Proposed Commercial Rate:</i>	<i>\$5.36 per unit</i>
<i>Proposed Residential rate</i>	<i>\$460 per household annually</i>

2) **Public Hearing to establish and/or revise charges in connection with the use of the sewage system.**

Marianne Antezzo, 367 Windsor Avenue, Stratford Connecticut

Ms. Antezzo questioned the legal expenses associated with the WPCA regionalization proposals and the capital overlay expenses in the WPCA budget. Ms. Antezzo also raised concerns about the growth in pension obligations in the WPCA budget. Ms. Antezzo spoke in opposition to the proposed rate increase.

George Mulligan, 429 Housatonic Avenue, Stratford, Connecticut

Mr. Mulligan raised concerns about WPCA and Town of Stratford budget gaps and budget transfers between the Town and WPCA for land use and personnel time. Mr. Mulligan spoke in opposition to the proposed rate increases and stated that the Town Council is liable for any and all budgetary issues.

Walter Rimkunas, 425 Second Avenue, Stratford, Connecticut

Mr. Rimkunas spoke in opposition to the proposed rate increases and suggested that the SWPCA board and the Town of Stratford should consider using contingency funds to patch the current budget gap. Mr. Rimkunas noted that the current contingency funds are between \$5 million to \$6 million dollars. Mr. Rimkunas also stated that the personnel and equipment costs are too high at the SPWCA.

The Honorable Joseph A. Kubic is now in attendance.

3) Questions and remarks by WPCA Board members

WPCA Board members wished to reserve their questions to the special meeting of the SPWCA immediately following this public hearing.

4) Adjournment

Hearing no other business and seeing no other speakers fo the public intending to give testimony, Acting Chairman Santi entertained a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 6:46 pm.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY THE HONORABLE PAUL HOYDICK< SECONDED BY THE HONORABLE GAVING FORRESTER TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION CARRIES 8 to 0. THE PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED AT 6;46 PM.