

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
ACTING AS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021**

The Enfield Town Council, acting in its official capacity as the Water Pollution Control Authority, held a meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021. Chairman Ludwick called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Commissioners Bosco, Cekala, Hemmeler, Ludwick, Mangini, Muller, Riley, Sferrazza, Szewczak and Unghire. Commissioner Cressotti was absent. Also present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Assistant Town Manager, Kasia Purciello; Town Attorney, James Tallberg; Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey; Director of Finance, John Wilcox; Director of Public Works, Donald Nunes

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

MOTION #4713 by Commissioner Muller, seconded by Commissioner Unghire to approve the minutes of September 21, 2020.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #4713** adopted 10-0-0. Councilor Sferrazza absent at the vote.

MOTION #4714 by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Mangini to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #4714** adopted 10-0-0. Councilor Sferrazza absent at the vote.

RESOLUTION #4715 by Commissioner Mangini, seconded by Commissioner Muller.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Chapter 103, Section 7-255 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Enfield Water Pollution Control Authority held a virtual public hearing on June 6, 2021 at 6:50 p.m. and accepted comments on the proposed 2021-2022 Sewer Service Fee Schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Enfield Sewer Authority does hereby adopt the Sewer Service Fee Schedule attached hereto as "Attachment A".

Commissioner Cekala stated no one wants a rate increase, but a year or two ago everyone voted to do half of the increase last year and half of the increase this year because they have been behind and not charging enough and running on a deficit. She questioned whether by not doing an increase this year will they be setting up people for sticker shock when they do this next year.

Mr. Bromson stated when the prediction was made last year, that was the scenario and their recommendation.

Mr. Wilcox stated they had projected greater increases in expenditures based on the Woodard and Curran studies than what they actually had, so they made up some of their fund balance deficit sooner than anticipated. He noted they did have a large increase last year, and he believes they can hold the rates steady. He stated they will evaluate next year based on collections.

Commissioner Cekala stated being in a better position is what they want, but she hopes they are not just putting a band aid on it to hit people with an excessive hike next year. Mr. Bromson stated that is not their intent, and if they thought that was the case, they would have recommended to implement the other increase this year. He noted Mr. Wilcox indicated that they are fiscally sound for the first time in the last 15 years. He stated their numbers are very strong in the budget overall in the reserve fund, and this is a very appropriate, calculated and measured response.

Chairman Ludwick stated his understanding two things helped this. He noted the Town Council and Town staff went out and got the \$2.5 million dollars that the State owed the Town. He noted they have also been successful at collecting unpaid sewer fees, which was one of the reasons they had fallen behind.

Mr. Wilcox stated their total accounts receivable balance at the end of 2019 was about \$1,840,000. He noted that has decreased to about \$1.7 million dollars, which is the total outstanding balance. He stated the over 90-day portion of the balance at the end of June 2019 was about \$823,000, and it went down to \$700,000 in 2020. He noted they did suspend their referral to collections in 2021 and restarted that in April, but it increased to \$791,000 at the end of May.

Chairman Ludwick stated people who are paying their taxes are not being penalized, but the Town was very even-handed in that people must pay their fair share like everyone else.

Chairman Ludwick stated Enfield has the highest capacity water pollution control plant in this region. He noted that is very important as concerns economic and residential development.

Commissioner Szewczak referred to bonding and noted the interest rates are a lot lower now than what Woodard and Curran had predicted. She noted it would be very helpful to have an analysis of that the next time they look at sewer rates.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #4715** adopted 10-0-0.

RESOLUTION #4716 by Commissioner Mangini, seconded by Councilor Unghire.

WHEREAS, the Shaker Heights Homeowners Association, Inc. owns and operates a private sanitary sewer system, which is connected to the Town's publicly owned sewer system; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) has required an Agreement in conformance with the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 7-246f to ensure the effective management of the System, which includes the operation, maintenance, repair, and improvement of the System by the Association as required under Subsection 7-246f©; and

WHEREAS, the Enfield Town staff and the Shaker Heights Homeowners Association, Inc. have mutually negotiated such an agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Enfield Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to execute the agreement upon the Council's behalf.

Mr. Bromson stated this has been reviewed by the Town Attorney and is provided for under State law, and it is favorable to the Town based upon the review of the Town Attorney.

Mr. Nunes stated this basically says Shaker Heights has their own sewer system, and they maintain it. He noted the Town of Enfield has its own system, and the Town maintains it. He noted this insures that DEEP knows that Shaker Heights is maintaining their system, and the Town of Enfield is maintaining their own system.

Commissioner Bosco stated his understanding that Enfield does not own the Shaker Heights system, therefore, Shaker Heights is responsible for it if something goes wrong, and Mr. Nunes responded that is correct.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #4716** adopted 10-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #4717 by Commissioner Muller, seconded by Commissioner Riley to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #4717** adopted, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Bailey
Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Jeannette Lamontagne
Secretary to the Council

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

Pursuant to §86-203(2)
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

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 21/22
 - Commercial and industrial 90,000 gallons per quarter for FY 21/22

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