

**MINUTES OF THE WATER AND WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY  
Special Meeting, February 19, 2009**

The Special Meeting of the Water and Water Pollution Control Authority began at 6:00 P.M. on the 19th day of February 2009, in the Richard Martin Center, Senior Citizen Center Library, 120 Broad Street (Rear), New London, CT.

- PRESENT:** Barry J. Weiner, Chairman  
Bryon Thompson, Vice-Chairman  
Robert Grills  
Richard Kotecki  
Evelyn Louziotis
- ALSO PRESENT:** Frank Morelli, Public Utilities Administrator  
Donald Goodrich, Director of Finance  
Marianna Gaynor McGuirk, Recording Secretary
- ABSENT:** Mario Strafaci  
Mayor Wade Hyslop, Council Liaison

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**1.0 ROLL CALL AND CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Weiner called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. The Recording Secretary called the roll. A quorum was present. Chairman Weiner welcomed Finance Director, Donald Goodrich.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

**3.0 TO REVIEW, SET AND APPROVE THE WATER AND SEWER BUDGETS FOR FY 2010 (Period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010)**

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the upcoming budget for FY 2010. Don Goodrich explained that the rates need to be **substantially** increased in order to balance this budget. Chairman Weiner explained that since we had already held a Public Hearing relative to the increase of rates, and Council recently approved those increases that we must adjust our proposed budget accordingly.

**Water Pollution Control Fund – Sewer Budget**

Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Bryon Thompson, it was moved to accept the budget with modifications as follows: \$79,000.00 reduction in Electricity and elimination of Depreciation Line for this year. The motion carried unanimously.

Under discussion, Bob Grills expressed his concern with the amount of money the Housing Authority owes the City. Chairman Weiner noted that we have been pursuing this with the Law Director and will continue to do so. He added, at this time, we are here to set the budget for the upcoming year. It was also noted that at some point the W&WPCA should meet with Council regarding budget concerns.

Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to accept the Sewer Budget (Revenues & Expenditures) with changes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Water Department Fund – Water Budget**

Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to accept the budget with modifications as follows:

Decrease Consultants	-\$ 10,000.00
Decrease Legal	-\$ 5,000.00
Decrease Electricity	-\$ 50,000.00
Decrease Property Taxes	-\$ 25,000.00

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The motion carried unanimously.

At this point, Chairman Weiner noted that we would come back to Depreciation.

Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Bob Grills it was moved to increase Miscellaneous Revenue for Fines by \$50,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion of Richard Kotecki, seconded by Bob Grills, it was moved to add a line item for Anticipated Overdue Funds from the Housing Authority (amount to be determined by Don Goodrich). The motion carried unanimously.

At this point, *Don Goodrich requested that Mr. Morelli provide him with the Housing Authority Sewer and Water Arrearage amounts and added that he will include those figures on the Water and Sewer Budget Spreadsheets.*

Upon motion of Bob Grills, seconded by Richard Kotecki, it was moved to reduce funding for Depreciation by the amount necessary to balance the budget. The motion carried unanimously.

**Water Pollution Control Fund -- Sewer Budget**

At the suggestion of Don Goodrich and upon motion of Brian Thompson, seconded by Richard Kotecki, it was moved to add a line item for Anticipated Overdue Funds from the Housing Authority to Sewer Budget, and increase Depreciation by the amount necessary to balance budget. The motion carried unanimously.

**Water Department Fund – Water Budget**

Chairman Weiner noted that in order to complete the Water Budget we need a motion to approve the final budget as changed based on the final figures that will be submitted to Don Goodrich from Frank Morelli on the balances of the Housing Authority. Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Richard Kotecki, it was moved to approve the final budget as adjusted. The motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that Don Goodrich will present the FINAL budget with all changes at the February 26, 2009, Regular Meeting of the W&WPCA for Authority approval.

Chairman Weiner thanked Don Goodrich for attending the meeting and said it was an enormous help to have him with us. Don Goodrich noted that he would attend meetings, especially those that include discussion regarding rate increases and budget issues.

**4.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Evelyn Louziotis, seconded by Richard Kotecki, it was moved to adjourn the February 19, 2009, Special Meeting at 6:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

**ATTEST TO BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMITTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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