

THE TOWN OF CHESHIRE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEARING HELD AT 7:0 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL, 85 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410.

Present

John Perrotti, Chairman; Steve Carroll, Vice Chairman; Aboud Abdelghani, Jason Beach, Tom Scannell, and Zack Wellburn. Absent: James Urbano
Staff: Walter Gancarz, Town Engineer

PUBLIC HEARING SUBJECT MATTER
PROPOSED SEWER RATES FOR 2020

The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Chairman Perrotti called the public hearing to order at 7:01 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll. Following roll call, a quorum was determined to be present.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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2. EXPLANATION OF HEARING PROCEDURE AND AGENDA

Chairman Perrotti explained the procedure for a public hearing before the WPCA.

3. READING OF LEGAL NOTICE

The Clerk read the legal notice into the record of the meeting.

4. PRESENTATION ON HEARING SUBJECT

Mr. Gancarz explained that the WPCA and staff has discussed and reviewed the sewer use rate projections for 2020. All the required information available, except for CCI, and their flows from last year are used for the projections.

For 2020 the break even sewer usage rate is \$420.69

- \$415 is the 2019 rate – 4,917 single family homes; \$2,040,555.00 revenue.
- Senior Cap based on income; average rate of \$350 per home; \$49,000 revenue
- Commercial - \$4.13 per 100 C.F. (RWA water data); \$776,281.66; if a commercial user generates less than a single family home, the flat rate of \$415 is charged.
- CCI – the charge is off the flow meter – December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019; 9 months of data is taken, and September/October/November 2018 numbers are plugged in for full year data; \$985,363.89 revenue.
- Total estimated revenue - \$3,850,260.65
- Projected Revenue Town Council budget - \$3,884,975.00
- Shortfall of about \$34,000

The proposed annual rate information at \$420 and \$425 was reviewed by Mr. Gancarz.

\$420 annual rate – generates revenue of \$3,896,413; shortfall of \$12,000.

\$425 annual rate – generates revenue of \$3,942,565.

Total WPCD budget - \$4,429,832.

Most of the WPCD revenue is generated from sewer use fees, and there is revenue generated from connection fees. This year, with some of the projects coming on-line (medical building, Kurtz housing) there will be about \$35,000 in revenue from connection fees.

5. QUESTIONS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

None.

6. PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS STATEMENTS ALTERNATELY EXPRESSED.

None.

7. REBUTTAL AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR.

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There were no further comments or questions. Chairman Perrotti closed the public hearing.

MOTION by Mr. Carroll; seconded by Mr. Beach

MOVED to adjourn the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk