

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Town of Trumbull

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MINUTES

Water Pollution Control Authority Public Hearing Wednesday, July 17, 2013

Members Present:

Karen Egri, Chairman
Laura Pulie, Vice Chairman
Ennio DeVita
Timothy Hampford
Edna Colucci

Also Present:

Joseph Solemene, Assistant WPCA Administrator
Frank M. Smeriglio, PE, Town Engineer
Dennis Kokenos, Esq., Town Attorney

The Trumbull Water Pollution Control Authority held a public hearing on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 5866 Main Street, Trumbull, Connecticut.

The Chairman opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. and read the public hearing notice as follows:

PUBLIC HEARING JULY 17, 2013 SEWER USER RATE INCREASE

Pursuant to section 7-255 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Trumbull Water Pollution Control Authority hereby gives notice of a Public Hearing, Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, 5866 Main Street, Trumbull, Connecticut. An approximate 35% increase in the Sewage Treatment fee will be proposed.

Residential Sewage Treatment per CCF, currently \$4.43	Proposed \$ 5.95
Industrial Sewage Treatment per CCF, currently \$4.82	Proposed \$ 6.51
Flat Rate (well water) Treatment per quarter, currently \$130.26	Proposed \$170.00

The increase is necessary to offset the City of Bridgeport's proposed 35% increase in Sewage Treatment costs. The Trumbull WPCA is co-dependent with Bridgeport's West Side Treatment Plant for wastewater disposal and must pass on the increase it inherited.

The new rates will be reflected on the next quarterly billing cycle mailed in August, 2013, covering the billing period through September, 2013.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2013

Karen Egri, Chairman, Trumbull Water Pollution Control Authority

Chairman Egri asked Frank Smeriglio to brief the commission and give additional details.

Frank Smeriglio: As you are aware, our sewage discharges to Bridgeport and we are here today because we were informed by the City of Bridgeport that their sewer usage rates have increased as part of their budget process. It appears that their main increase in sewer usage charges is due to the change in costs associated with their new operating management service agreement.

Our sewage usage rate is proposed to be increased to keep in line with the rate increase by Bridgeport pursuant to our contract between Bridgeport and Trumbull executed back in 1997. So therefore, the rates are:
Residential sewer treatment rates per ccf - currently \$4.43 - proposed to be \$5.95 - an increase of \$1.52
Industrial sewage treatment rates per ccf - currently \$4.82 - proposed to be \$6.51 - an increase of \$1.69
Flat rate for residents on well water is currently \$130.26 per quarter and the new rate will be \$170.00 per quarter.

Note, in addition to the sewer usage charges above, currently there is a quarterly charge per property of \$27.00 and that amount will remain the same. That \$27.00 per quarter per property and our contractual discount from Bridgeport is what we use to fund our WPCA operation.

Chairman Egri asked if there were any questions or discussion. There were no questions or comments. The Chairman indicated the commission will be voting on this at the next regular scheduled meeting, she asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTION made Pulie seconded Hampford to close the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. No Discussion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Submitted by,

Joyce Augustinsky
Clerk of the Commission