

Chairman May opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. and asked three times if anyone from the public would like to come forward to speak with the Commission regarding this matter. No one from the public came forward to address the Commission.

### **Town of Montville Notice of Public Hearing**

**The Water Pollution Control Authority for the Town of Montville will hold a Public Hearing at the Town Hall in the Council Chambers on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. for the following:**

- 1. To consider an increase in the sewer user rates for metered and un-metered users. The proposed sewer user rate fee increase is on file in the Town Clerk's office and in the office of the Water Pollution Control Authority.**

**Timothy May, Chairman of the Montville Water Pollution Control Authority**

**Dated at Montville, Connecticut April 22, 2009**

### **Town of Montville Sewer User Charge Rate Public Hearing May 4, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.**

The following information is presented in support of the proposed rate adjustment:

- Recently completed rate study recommended a few adjustments in the manner in which the billings are calculated and forms the basis for the changes.
  - Redistribution of Operation & Maintenance (O&M) costs to the billable parameters of Flow, BOD and SS
  - Adjustments in the rates to account for escalation (27.7%)
    - Primary components are Legal Services, Connection Fee deficit, conveyance fund, uncollected revenue, general escalation
  - Adjustment in methodology to form common ground for measuring flow based on sewage discharge
  - Adjustment in methodology to form common ground for charging users in excess of domestic strength sewage based upon total actual pounds discharged in lieu of excess strength.

<b>Sewer Use Rate Structure</b>			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Existing</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Unit of Measure</b>
Users in excess of Domestic Strength Sewage			
Flow	\$2.91	\$2.063	1,000 gals
BOD	\$1.28	\$0.367	Pound
SS	\$3.82	\$1.005	Pound

Commercial Accounts	\$2.91	\$5.474	1,000 gals
Flat Rate Users	\$75.00	\$88.00	Unit/Qtr

Impact to User Classes	
User Class	Percent Change
R-W	80.3%
MTUA	57.2%
Commercial	70.8%
Flat Rate	17.3%

Richard Kruczek, URS Corporation, discussed the proposed rate increases, billing procedures, the basis for charging, line items in the budget, and the assigned percentage with each line item in the budget. He stated he has been working with WPCA staff in order to determine the new rates based upon commercial and residential status. He indicated the new rate schedule is based on sewage flow and everyone is charged for their actual discharge. It was determined through the rate study that fees collected were being used for operation and maintenance. He hopes the money will be paid back over the next four years and the WPCA will determine a truer budget over time.

Commissioner Geary inquired regarding the flat rate costs and it was determined customers will pay a minimum of eighty eight dollars a year.

Commissioner Siragusa inquired if there will be the need for a rate study in the future, and Mr. Kruczek stated there will not.

Administrator Lynch discussed the possibility the rates may drop over the years once the WPCA establishes a truer budget and pays back the money it has been using for operating costs. Mayor Jaskiewicz stated this would only happen if there were no other unforeseen costs and if costs of operations do not go up.

Chairman May closed the Public Hearing at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Audrey Ulmer, Recording Secretary for the Town of Montville