

February 11, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Port Washington Water District was held at the District offices located at 38 Sandy Hollow Road, Port Washington, New York, on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 7:30pm.

PRESENT:

COMMISSIONERS:

David Brackett, Chairman
Peter Meyer, Secretary
Mindy Germain, Treasurer

Italo J. Vacchio, Superintendent
Bill DeWitt, Esq., Attorney
William Merklin, P.E. Engineer

The meeting was called to order by David R. Brackett, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, with the Pledge to the flag.

Minutes of the meeting held on February 4, 2014, were read and approved.

At 7:30pm Commissioner Brackett opened the Public Hearing to consider an increase to the District's water rates.

Commissioner Brackett read the following statement:

A study was authorized by the District for Divirka and Bartilucci to review the present system of water rates and property taxes and, if necessary, recommend modifications to the existing system.

The Board of Commissioners, after careful study of the report from Divirka and Bartilucci, is proposing an increase in rates for the following reason:

To cover the increase of Operation and Maintenance costs which include salaries, wages fringe benefits, purchasing power, general overhead, repairs, chemicals, and other materials, equipment and facilities which are not financed through debt service.

It is proposed that the following revised rate structure is proposed:

<u>RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS</u>			
Consumption <i>(Cubic Feet of Water per day)</i>		Old Rate <i>(Per CF per day)</i>	New Rate <i>(Per CF per day)</i>
1. Minimum: up to 13.3 CF	5/8 Meter	\$0.15556	\$0.1703
	1 inch Meter	\$0.20	\$0.2190
2. Next 23.9 CF		\$0.012	\$0.013
3. Next 33.3 CF		\$0.015	\$0.017
4. Next 33.3 CF		\$0.029	\$0.032
5. All Additional CF		\$0.0335	\$0.037

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Effective date for revised rates?

The revised rates will take effect with the start of the second quarter billing.

How is your rate determined?

Your rate is based on total consumption during the metered period, divided by the actual number of days in that period.

How can I reduce my water costs?

Check your water bill regularly, it shows the water volume you have used in each level. Most customers can save a few dollars each quarter by simply being aware and practicing a few basic conservation principals.

The fact is.....

Lawn and garden sprinkling (irrigation) accounts for more than 70% of the total water consumption. Thus, conservation in this one area of consumption can have a profound effect on the total usage, especially in the hot summer months.

Commissioner Meyer offered the following resolution which was seconded by Commissioner Brackett and carried by all members of the Board:

WHEREAS, the Port Washington Water District after review has determined to make changes to the present water rate structure, and;

WHEREAS, the Port Washington Water District did place an advertisement in the January 8, 2014 edition of the Port Washington News and on the District's website, and in addition at the District office, bulletin board. advertising a public hearing to be held at the Port Washington Water District, 38 Sandy Hollow Road, Port Washington, New York on February 11, 2014 at 7:30pm, for the purpose of considering a proposed increase in water rates, and;

WHEREAS, the public hearing was held pursuant to said advertisement on February 11, 2014, at which time any and all interested parties could be heard regarding the proposed water rate increase, and;

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Port Washington Water District have determined that the increase in water rates are necessary and justified.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Port Washington Water District, by unanimous vote, hereby resolves as follows:

Section 1: That after conducting the advertised public hearing, the proposed water rate increase, as proposed, are hereby approved and adopted.

Section 2: The new water rate increases as adopted by this resolution shall take effect with the beginning of the second quarter billing.

There being no further comments, Commissioner Brackett adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:47pm.

The following claims was received for payment and approved by the Board:

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| 1. Divirka and Bartilucci, Engineering, Water Rate Study | \$1,218.49 |
| 2. Bee, Ready, Fishbein, Hatter & Donovan, LLP Legal Services January 2014 | \$2,537.50 |

The Board further reviewed the District's account balances as follows as of February 11, 2014:

General Checking	\$369,300.61
Money Market	\$429,151.94
Tap Fee Account	\$29,697.75
Repair Reserve Fund	\$16,340.00

The Board directed that the following letter be sent to the Roslyn Water District in response their request for an emergency supply of water this spring and summer pumping season.

As I am sure you are aware, an interconnection between our districts was put in place to deal with emergency situations such as broken mains, fires, and the like. Opening of the interconnection was planned to be done for a short period of time (days), not to become a long term source of water.

As our District reviews this request, the following will need to occur:

- A meter installed at the interconnect paid for by Roslyn
- Roslyn impose limitation on use of irrigation systems
- Port Washington must reserve the right to terminate water to Roslyn with no notice
- Discussion as to the cost of the water

Superintendent Vacchio reported on the following:

1. A hydrant was hit and damaged on Port Washington Blvd. on February 9, 2014; the District will make the repairs.
2. The remote radiators for the Neulist generators are leaking and the four (4) after- coolers and jacket water circuit expansion tanks on the radiators need to be replaced H.O. Penn Cat will do the needed repairs ASAP.

William Merklin reported that Divirka and Bartilucci continues to work on the water main replacement specifications for Irma Avenue and the Annual Water Quality Report.

Checks for payment of claims, due from the Port Washington Water District totaling \$30,646.98 were approved for payment by the Board.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting held on February 11, 2014.

Peter Meyer, Secretary