

Board of Public Works (Bristol Sewer Authority)
Special Meeting
Thursday May 16, 2019
5:45 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers

Members Present: Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Chair
Commissioner Donald Padlo
Commissioner Michael Dumas
Council Member, Gregory Hahn
Council Member, David Mills
Council Member, Peter Kelly

Absent: Commissioner Morrie, Laviero

Staff: Raymond A. Rogozionski, Director of Public Works

1) Call to Order

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

2) Public Hearing regarding proposed Sewer Fees for 2017-2018

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu, Chair reading the notice of the Public Hearing into the record: The Board of Public Works, acting in its capacity as the Sewer Authority, will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 16, 2019, in City Hall, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut at 5:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers for the purpose of obtaining public comment pertaining to a proposed rate increase in the Wastewater Facilities user charge and other revisions to its rate structure, to meet the needs of the Water Pollution Control Operation effective July 1, 2019.

The full description of the proposed rate structure may be viewed in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 1st Floor, 111 North Main Street, during normal working hours, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or at the City's website at: <http://ct-bristol2.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/16632>.

It was attested that the notice was published in the Bristol Press on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

Sean Hennessey, Manager of Water Pollution Control spoke regarding the rate restructure. Bristol is less expensive than the surrounding communities.

Ann Munger Chrystal
71 Eugene Ave
Bristol, CT

Ms. Munger Chrystal stated she does not have City water, only Sewer. She is a Widow who pays \$76.14 a quarter. Her neighbors with large families pay the same that she pays.

Sean Hennessey stated that she falls under no water/sewer only, which is based on the average household because she is not metered. They have no water meter so it is a calculation done by the State of Connecticut per in her case 3 bedroom home. Unfortunately without a meter that is how we have to charge it per the State. There is a Senior Citizen Discount with the state of Connecticut.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu resident has 3 options, 1. Install a usage meter, 2. Appeal at Sewer Committee, 3. Senior Citizen discount with the State.

Matter was referred to Sewer Committee's June Meeting. Senior Citizen Tax Exemption will also be investigated and discussed at the Sewer Committee meeting.

3) Discussion and possible action to set Sewer Fees for 2018-2019

Motion made by Council Member Hahn and seconded that the Board of Public Works acting as the City of Bristol Sewer Authority approve a 5.5 % increase to the sewer usage rate and service fee structure, effective July 1, 2019, per the rate structure filed with the City Clerk Office.

Wastewater Facilities Rate Structure

I. User Fees

Category (A) Residential

based on winter water consumption billings of February 1, March 1, April 1
minimum quarterly consumption basis **400** c.f. (5,984 gallons)

standard quarterly consumption basis for unmetered services (well supply)
1,850 c.f. (13,838 gallons)

Category (B) Commercial/ Industrial (4 or more dwelling units)

based on the **greater of** a minimum **400** c.f. (5,984 gallons) **or actual quarter** metered water consumption (subject to individual adjustment for supplemental supply wells or discharge through valid NPDES Permit)

Rate for Categories A and B:

\$2.98 per 100 cubic foot of water used (748 gallons)

Category (C) Commercial/ Industrial Excess Treatment Surcharge

Allowable effluent limits in milligrams/liter	
Suspended Solids	218
BOD	167
Ammonia	18

Rate for Category C: surcharge applied to discharges in excess of the above allowable effluent limits.

Suspended Solids	\$.40 per lb.
BOD	\$.48 per lb.
Ammonia	\$.42 per lb.

Category (D) Septage Disposal

Septage generated within the City of Bristol and the Towns of Burlington, Plymouth/Terryville, Wolcott and Southington discharged by a licensed contractor shall be charged at the rate of \$0.070 per gallon.

II. Permit & License Fees

A.) Connection Charges (Capacity utilization)

- (a) Residential \$1,726.⁰⁰ per dwelling unit;
- (b) Commercial/ Industrial \$ 288.⁰⁰ per fixture unit for the first 250 fixtures
\$ 77.⁰⁰ per fixture thereafter
\$1,726.⁰⁰ minimum charge

B.) Septage Dumping License

- (a) Company based in Bristol \$ 75.⁰⁰ per vehicle per year
- (b) Company based outside Bristol \$ 250.⁰⁰ per vehicle per year
- (c) Recreational Vehicles & Trailers \$ 10.⁰⁰ per year

III. Service Fee

Service fee shall be assessed against all users of any category in accordance with the following table:

5/8	25.29
3/4	41.12
1	54.80
1 1/2	63.87
2	75.20
3	100.19

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141.02
177.35

Users who do not have a public water service will be assessed a Service Fee of **\$25.29** per quarter year.

Motion made by Council Member Hahn to direct the Public Works director to forward notification of this action to City Council and Board of Finance. The approved rates shall be placed on file in the City Clerk's Office and published in accordance with City Ordinance 22-29(a) initiating a 21 day appeal period beginning on the date of the filing. Motion passed.

5) Adjournment

Motion made by Council Member Hahn and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond A. Rogozinski, P.E.
Director of Public Works