

**EAST LYME WATER & SEWER COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING I  
Tuesday, NOVEMBER 16th, 2021  
MINUTES**

The East Lyme Water & Sewer Commission held a Public Hearing on November 16, 2021 to hear comments regarding proposed revisions to rates and charges for connection to and the use of the East Lyme Water System.

**PRESENT:** Kevin Seery, Acting Chairman, Dave Bond, Steve DiGiovanna, Dave Jacques, Joe Mingo, Dave Murphy, Carol Russell, Roger Spencer, Dave Zoller

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joe Bragaw, Public Works Director  
Ben North, Municipal Utility Engineer  
Anna Johnson, Finance Director

**ABSENT:** Mark Nickerson, Chairman

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was observed.

**Public Hearing I**

♦ **Proposed Revisions to rates and charges for connection to and the use of the East Lyme Water System**

Acting Chairman Seery called this Public Hearing on the proposed Water rates to order at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Bragaw noted the following points regarding the proposed increases:

- Across the board increase of 2.75% to water usage rates
- The water operating budget that was approved in April of 2021 was up 3.96%
- Some of the large increases in the budget –
  - \$165,000 in the capital projects line to help fund many of the necessary capital projects;
  - Addition of an Asst Chief Water Operator (we were operating 6 water treatment plants with only a Chief Operator and some occasional help);
  - \$55,000 increase in the employee benefits line of which 8% increase was for Health and 12% increase for pension funding
  - \$67,400 increase in the meter replacement line
- Increased private hydrants and sprinkler charge from \$225 to \$250 per each
- Most of the other non-usage fees were increased by around 3% to keep up with inflation
- We did introduce a manual meter reading fee of \$35 per read that would commence upon substantial completion of the meter replacement project.

Mr. Seery asked if there were any members of the public who wished to comment – There were none.

He asked if the Commissioners had any questions or comments – Hearing none –

Mr. Seery called for a motion to close this Public Hearing.

**\*\*MOTION (1)**

**Mr. DiGiovanna moved to close this Public Hearing.**

**Mr. Murphy seconded the motion.**

**Vote: 9 – 0 – 0. Motion passed.**

Mr. Seery closed this Public Hearing at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Zmitruk,  
Recording Secretary

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*Karen Zmitruk*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

**TOWN OF EAST LYME**  
**WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION**  
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED WATER RATES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the East Lyme Water and Sewer Commission on Tuesday November 16, 2021, to consider proposed revisions to the rates and charges for connection to and the use of the East Lyme Water System. This hearing will occur at the East Lyme Town Hall at 108 Pennsylvania Ave in Niantic at 6:30pm.

The proposed water rates and charges are as follows:

**SCHEDULE I - RATES FOR USAGE** based on meter readings at six-month intervals.

	Rate
Minimum charge per six-month period, for usage up to a maximum of 3,500 gallons per six-month period	\$67.21
3,501 gallons, to 40,000 gallons per six-month period	\$4.96/1,000 gallons
3,501 gallons, to 150,000 gallons per six-month period	\$5.47/1,000 gallons
3,501 gallons to 2,500,000 gallons per six-month period	\$5.97/1,000 gallons
3,501 gallons to over 2,500,000 gallons per six-month period	\$7.19/1,000 gallons

**SCHEDULE II - MISCELLANEOUS WATER CHARGES**

State Assessment Fee from CT DPH divided up equally over the billing cycles	\$2.00/customer/year
Meter Service/Maintenance Fee divided up equally over the billing cycles	\$26.00/customer/year
Application for Connection Permit	
Class 'A'- Residential	\$125
Class 'B'- Multi Family and Commercial	\$250
Class 'C'- Industrial	\$600
Demolition/Disconnect-Any Class	\$70
<b>ANNUAL PRIVATE HYDRANT CHARGE</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>ANNUAL FIRE SPRINKLER CHARGE</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>SALE OF WATER DEPT. STOCKED MATERIALS</b>	Cost, incl. shipping, plus 15% admin. fee

**METER CHARGES (FLAT RATE)**

Frozen Meter Repair (normal working hours)	\$120
Frozen Meter Repair (after normal working hours)	\$180
Install/Disconnect Meter (normal working hours)	\$120
Install/Disconnect Meter (after normal working hours)	\$180
All Meter Tests	\$100
Manual Meter Reading Fee *	\$35/read
* (fee will commence if meter is not installed as part of the meter replacement project)	

**INSPECTION SERVICES**

During Normal Working Hours	\$80/hour
After Normal Working Hours	\$115/hour

**TURN ON/SHUT OFF (FLAT RATE)**

During Normal Dept. Working Hours (includes turn on & off and Charged at the time of the turn on)	\$90
After Normal Dept. Working Hours	\$135

**CONNECTION CHARGES**

All services	\$3,500 min or actual Cost (whichever is greater)
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These proposed rates and charges would become effective on November 30, 2021, if approved. Rates for usage shall be payable at six months intervals. All other rates shall be payable at the time services are rendered unless otherwise noted.

The owners of properties against which the proposed rates and charges are to be levied and other interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

Dated at East Lyme, Connecticut on this 29th day of October 2021

EAST LYME WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION  
  
 Mark Nickerson, W&S Commission Chair

FILED

Nov. 3, 20 21 AT 1:58 AM/PM  
 Madeleine Torres  
 EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attachment PH I Was 11/16/21