

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT HELD SATURDAY,
MAY 25, 2019 AT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WOODRIDGE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING AT THE WOODRIDGE LAKE CLUBHOUSE LOCATED AT 260 EAST HYERDALE DRIVE GOSHEN,
CONNECTICUT**

CALL TO ORDER: Raymond A. Turri, President of the Board of Directors of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District called the meeting to order at 11:15 A.M.

ATTENDANCE: There were twenty Woodridge Lake Sewer District Tax Payers signed in attendance. A head count of 40 were in attendance. The list of those present is on file with the minutes of this meeting.

Board members serving at this meeting were Raymond Turri, James Mersfelder, James Hiltz, Alfred Shull, Richard Reis and Alternate's Jeff Clark and Thomas McKiernan and Tax Collector/Clerk Laurie Mosley.

Item #1 on the Agenda – The adopting of the Annual Budget for the fiscal year to run from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020: Presented for adoption was the proposed operating budget of \$1,286,178. The said budget is filed with these minutes. Raymond Turri discussed the changes in the budget. In total the operating expenses are budgeted to be slightly lower than last year because of an overall drop in personnel costs partially offset by an increase in health insurance and professional/legal/accounting costs.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Thomas McKiernan seconded by Alfred Shull to adopt the proposed operating budget of \$1,286,178 for fiscal year July 1, 2019 June 30, 2020. There was no discussion. The President called for a vote by hands, for those in favor of the motion and those against. 15 were for the motion, none were against the motion, **THE MOTION CARRIED**.

Item #2: The laying of the tax rate of \$1,236,198 to be collected in taxes for Fiscal Year 2019/2020.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Alfred Shull seconded by Richard Reis to lay the tax rate of \$1,236,178 to be collected in taxes for Fiscal Year July 1, 2019/June 30, 2020. No discussion. The President called for a vote by hands, for those in favor of the motion and those against. 18 were for the motion, none were against the motion, **THE MOTION CARRIED**.

Item #3: The fixing of the tax rate of 4.7 mils for said fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 based on the October 1, 2018 Grand List of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Richard Reis seconded by Thomas McKiernan to set a tax rate of 4.7 Mils for fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 based on the October 1, 2018 Grand List for the Woodridge Lake Sewer District. No discussion, The President called for a vote by hands, for those in favor of the motion and those against. 16 were for the motion, none were against the motion, **THE MOTION CARRIED**.

Item 4#: To approve a resolution to provide for the re-appropriation of previously approved capital funding for the completion of the planned projects and engineering for the final long term solution to the disposal of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District wastewater. That number is \$6,602,591.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Thomas McKiernan seconded by Alfred Shull to approve a resolution to provide for the re-appropriation of previously approved capital funding for the completion of the planned projects and engineering for the final long term solution to the disposal of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District wastewater. No discussion, The President called for a vote by hands, for those in favor of the motion and those against. There was 16 for the motion, none against the motion, **THE MOTION CARRIED**.

Item #5: To consider a resolution providing for the District and or Authority for interim borrowing in anticipation of taxes.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Richard Reis seconded by James Hiltz to approve a resolution providing the District and or Authority interim borrowing in anticipation of taxes. No discussion, The President called for a vote by hands, for those in favor of the motion and those against. There were 16 for the motion, none against the motion, **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Item #6: Other business. President Raymond Turri opened discussion with a reminder of the meeting that was held and voted upon to approve the Torrington Pipeline Project and the structure of the financing. He then asked the audience if they would like to discuss anything. Many residents got up to oppose the Ad Valorem approach of taxation stating it is an unfair, unreasonable burden on some and allows others to pay less than their share. Discussion continued with residents submitting some sewer studies. Burt Welte, Elena Shichman, Eben Riordan, Alan Lipkin, Barbara McPhee, Alan Lipkin, Amy Heller, Jerry Romantini and others spoke against Ad Valorem. James Mersfelder explained why they have been advised not to change this system at this time. They agreed to look over the studies submitted.

There was no other business brought before the Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Alfred Shull, seconded by James Hiltz to adjourn the meeting at 12:18PM. No discussion, The President called for a vote by hands, for those in favor of the motion and those against. There were 16 votes for the motion, there were no hands against the motion, **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

Recording Clerks,

Laurie Mosley

Clerk,

Alfred Shull