

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT  
AND THE WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER AUTHORITY  
SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018 9:30 A.M. AT THE WOODRIDGE LAKE CLUBHOUSE, EAST  
HYERDALE DRIVE, GOSHEN, CT 06756**

CALL TO ORDER: James Mersfelder, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.

ATTENDANCE: There were twenty-six Woodridge Lake Sewer District Tax Payers in attendance. The list of those present is on file with the minutes of this meeting.

Board members serving at this meeting were, James Mersfelder, James Hiltz, Alfred Shull, and Richard Reis. Also attending were Tax Collector/Secretary Laurie Mosley.

Excused absence was Board Member Raymond Turri.

**Item#1 on the Agenda** –To elect Officers and Directors to serve on the Board of Directors of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District, all to serve a one year term.

The following members were nominated, all to serve a one (1) year term:

Raymond A. Turri, President  
James L. Mersfelder, Vice President/Treasurer  
Alfred L. Shull, Clerk  
James D. Hiltz, Director  
Richard Reis, Director

There being no other nominations, the vote was called and **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Stuart Grodin seconded by Godwin Noell to elect the slate of officers and Directors as presented. There was no discussion on the motion. The Chair called for a vote by show of hands, for those in favor of the motion and those against. There was no show of hands against the motion, **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**Item #2 on the Agenda** – To elect one (1) Directors and (2) Alternates of the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority to serve a three (3) year term. Term to expire April, 2021.

(1) Director nominated to serve a three (3) year term for the Woodridge Lake Sewer Authority with term to expire April 2021.

James Hiltz, Term to expire April 2021

(2) Alternates nominated to serve a three (3) year term for the Woodridge Lake Sewer Authority with term to expire April 2019

Jeff Clark, Term to expire 2021

Vacant, Term to expire April 2021

Nominations were called for from the floor, there being no other nominations, the Chair called for a Motion. **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Paul Biddleman seconded by Stuart Grodin to elect slate of members as presented to serve a three year term on the Woodridge Lake Sewer District Sewer Authority Board. A call for a vote by show of hands for and against was called. There being no votes against, **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**Item #3 on the agenda** – The setting of a date for the meeting of the voters of the WLSD for the purpose of adopting the annual budget meeting, laying the tax and fixing the tax rate for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

The date of Saturday May, 28, 2018 was presented for consideration and **A MOTION WAS MADE BY** Walter Donahue seconded by Godwin Noell to set the date of Saturday, May 26, 2018, 9:30 A.M. For the holding of the Annual Budget Meeting of the voters of Woodridge Lake Sewer District. There was no discussion on the motion, **SO VOTED**.

**Item# 4 on the Agenda** to update taxpayers on the Torrington Project. A timeline of the past year was presented for discussion. James Mersfelder reported and discussed the highlights of the past year. On July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 we hired a lobbyist Sullivan and LeShane, to help us move this project along. They lobbied the Governor and soon after we received our order from DPH. The order is a conditional order that is subject to certain points to deal with, such as safety issues, bidding documents, long term care etc.. We continued on and submitted the resolutions to all specific orders to DPH. We then had to apply for the last permit approval through the Torrington Water Pollution Control Authority, which is the City Council, all elected officials. With delays from elections and the WPCA schedule, we had our first public hearing on January 31, 2018. There was a lot of opposition from Torrington Water Company and residents. Four more hearings were conducted with a vote on March 19, 2018 approving the project at a vote of 3-2. The next step for the District is to negotiate an IMA, (Inter Municipal Agreement) with the city of Torrington. This is an agreement or contract between the City of Torrington and the Woodridge Lake Sewer District to process our effluent. We have not started that discussion yet. Jim did discuss the importance of moving along with the project. He went over the financial issues that could arise if we don't keep in line with the timeline.

A question and answer session was held for anyone who had questions about the project. Jim answered all questions.

Alfred Shull wanted to note how much work James Mersfelder has done for the District. Al noted he has been on the board for two years, and in this time, he has seen the amount of volunteer work Jim Mersfelder has done for the District. We could not have been able to afford him if we did have to pay him. The hours, the knowledge, the logic, the outstanding commitment to a job well done have been there. He thanked him and asked everyone to applaud his hard work.

There was no other business to come before the meeting. **A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS CALLED** by Alfred Shull seconded by Richard Reis and the meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

WOODRIDGE LAKE SEWER DISTRICT

Alfred L. Shull, Clerk

Laurie Mosley, Recording Clerk

