

Bedford Hills, New York  
January 20, 2009

A public hearing to discuss the increase in the water rates for the Consolidated Water District, Cedar Downs Water District and the Old Post Road Water District was held by the Town Board of the Town of Bedford on January 20, 2009 at the Town Offices, 321 Bedford Road, Bedford Hills, New York. The meeting was called to order at 7:22 P.M. by Supervisor Roberts.

**Present:**

Lee V. A. Roberts	:Supervisor
Peter Chryssos	:Councilman
Francis T. Corcoran	:Councilman
Chris Burdick	:Councilman
David Gabrielson	:Councilman
Lisbeth Fumagalli	:Town Clerk
Nancy Tagliafierro	:Town Attorney
Kevin Winn	:Commissioner of Public Works
William Nickson	:Water Department Foreman
Edward J. Ritter	:Town Comptroller
Marcy Marchiano	:Asst. to Supervisor

and approximately seven (7) residents/observers.

Proof of Publication was presented and ordered filed. The public notice was published in the Bedford Pound Ridge Record Review on December 19, 2008.

Mrs. Roberts introduced Commissioner of Public Works, Kevin Winn, who explained that this increase was an effort to balance the budget in these water districts.

Consolidated Water District

Mr. Winn advised that the proposed increase for the customers in this district was 5% as follows:

2008	2009	Gallons
\$43.10	\$45.26	0-10,000
\$4.40	\$4.62	Per 1000 gallons – Next 10,000 or part
\$5.10	\$5.36	Per 1000 gallons – Next 10,000 or part
\$5.80	\$6.09	Per 1000 gallons – Above 30,000 Gallons

He pointed out that the estimated annual cost increase for the average customer would be \$23.00.

A resident asked how long would she have to pay for the black box on the outside of her house? Mr. Winn responded that this was part of the cost of doing business, and that this would always be part of the charges assessed to those living in the water district. Another resident asked if the lay out of the water bill could be changed to be more like the electric bill or if were possible to got to an automated payment system that would be withdrawn automatically from a bank account. Another resident discussed the personal cutbacks she had made in her household budget. Mr. Winn responded that he would investigate this and would do a rate model for people that have a low water usage.

On a motion by Mr. Chryssos, seconded by Mr. Burdick, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Chryssos, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Burdick  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby approve the following water rates for the Consolidated Water District, effective immediately:

2009	Gallons
\$45.26	0-10,000

\$4.62	Per 1000 gallons – Next 10,000 or part
\$5.36	Per 1000 gallons – Next 10,000 or part
\$6.09	Per 1000 gallons – Above 30,000 Gallons

Old Post Road Water District

Mr. Winn informed the audience that the proposed increase for this water district is 21% instead of the originally proposed 26.8% as the cost of electricity will not be changing and were as follows:

2008	2009	Gallons
\$21.55	\$26.08	0-10,000
\$2.20	\$2.66	Per 1000 gallons – Next 10,000 or part
\$2.55	\$3.09	Per 1000 gallons – Next 10,000 or part
\$2.90	\$3.51	Per 1000 gallons – Above 30,000 Gallons

He added that the estimated annual cost increase for the average customer would be \$89.00.

Two (2) residents of Bedford Village asked about the increase, the size of the necessity of the size of the increase in light of the electric rates not going up as anticipated and that this increase was hard to accept in this economy.

On a motion by Mr. Chryssos, seconded by Mr. Corcoran the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Chryssos, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Burdick  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby approve the following water rates for the Old Post Road Water District, effective immediately:

2009	Gallons
\$26.08	0-10,000
\$2.66	Per 1000 gallons – Next 10,000 or part
\$3.09	Per 1000 gallons – Next 10,000 or part
\$3.51	Per 1000 gallons – Above 30,000 Gallons

Cedar Downs Water District

Mr. Winn explained that this water district served customers in the Stanwood section of the Town of Bedford and that the proposed 20% increase was as follows:

2008	2009	Gallons
\$43.10	\$51.72	0-10,000
\$4.40	\$5.28	Per 1000 gallons – Next 10,000 or part
\$5.10	\$6.12	Per 1000 gallons – Next 10,000 or part
\$5.80	\$6.96	Per 1000 gallons – Above 30,000 Gallons

The estimated annual cost for the average customer is \$91.00

There were no comments from the audience.

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Corcoran, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Chryssos, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Burdick  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: None

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby approve the following water rates for the Cedar Downs Water District, effective immediately:

2009	Gallons
\$51.72	0-10,000

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\$5.28	Per 1000 gallons – Next 10,000 or part
\$6.12	Per 1000 gallons – Next 10,000 or part
\$6.96	Per 1000 gallons – Above 30,000 Gallons

On a motion by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Chryssos, the following resolution was ADOPTED

Ayes: Roberts, Chryssos, Corcoran, Gabrielson, Burdick  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

RESOLVED that the public hearing discuss the increase in the water rates for the Consolidated Water District, Cedar Downs Water District and the Old Post Road Water District be closed.

The hearing was adjourned at 7:52pm.

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Lisbeth Fumagalli, Town Clerk