

**Town of Westernport
Council Meeting
December 16, 2021**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Phil Whetstone, Sarah Llewellyn, Judy Hamilton and Allen Shapiro

ATTENDEES: Pete Davis

Mayor Laura Freeman-Legge brought the meeting to order. A prayer was said and also the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Shapiro made a motion that the council goes into executive session after the regular meeting with a second from Commissioner Whetstone. Motion carried.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made and seconded. Motion carried. Copies are available.

The mayor announced the holiday closings: Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve; Monday, December 27 for Christmas Day; Friday, December 31 for New Year's Eve and Monday, January 3 for New Year's Day. The January council meeting will be on Monday, January 10 at 7 p.m.

The lease agreement renewal between the Mayor and Commissioners of Westernport and Human Resources Development Commission was discussed. This lease agreement is for the Westernport Senior Center. Commissioner Shapiro made a motion to accept this lease agreement with a second from Commissioner Hamilton. Motion carried.

Water Commissioner Whetstone amended his motion for the Turbidimeter. The town has received one bid. The town should get two more bids and to approve lowest bid. Commissioner Llewellyn made the second. Motion carried. Commissioner Whetstone addressed the Water Balance Account of \$36,109.06. There are 178 customers on the Late Penalty List with Late Penalties amounting to \$3,560.00.

Street Commissioner Llewellyn had nothing to report but stated that the town looks nice.

Police Commissioner Hamilton had nothing to report.

Commissioner Shapiro asked the council not to approve the Financial Report and to approve two in January. Commissioner Shapiro reviewed **RESOLUTION NO. 12.16.2021, SETTING WATER RATES FOR FEBRUARY 1ST 2022.**

METERED CUSTOMERS	\$20.00	Water
	\$25.00	Sewer
	\$16.50	Garbage
	\$30.00	Waterline Surcharge
	<u>\$ 5.00</u>	Bay Restoration
	\$96.50	Total

The \$20.00 for water is based on the minimum usage of 2,000 gallons. For each 1,000 gallons over the 2,000, we charge \$4.00 per 1,000.

OUT-OF-TOWN CUSTOMERS	\$20.00	Water
	\$37.50	Sewer
	\$17.50	Garbage
	\$35.00	Waterline Surcharge
	<u>\$ 5.00</u>	Bay Restoration
	\$115.00	Total

The \$20.00 for water is based on the minimum usage of 2,000 gallons. For each 1,000 gallons over the 2,000, we charge \$4.00 per 1,000.

BUSINESS CUSTOMERS	\$28.00	Water
	\$25.00	Sewer
	\$35.00	Waterline Surcharge
	<u>\$ 5.00</u>	Bay Restoration
	\$93.00	Total

The \$28.00 for water is based on the minimum usage of 2,000 gallons. For each 1,000 gallons over the 2,000, we charge \$4.00 per 1,000.

OUT-OF-TOWN BUSINESS CUSTOMERS	\$78.00	Water
	\$25.00	Sewer
	\$75.00	Waterline Surcharge
	<u>\$ 5.00</u>	Bay Restoration
	\$183.00	Total

The \$78.00 for water is based on the minimum usage of 2,000 gallons. For each 1,000 gallons over the 2,000, we charge \$4.00 per 1,000.

INDUSTRIAL USERS: Usage greater than 50,000 gallons per day \$1.05 for water
SHUT-OFF FEES: \$50.00 disconnect fee and \$50.00 reconnection fee

PENALTIES/LATE FEES	In-Town	\$25.00
	Out-of-Town	\$35.00

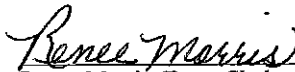
SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT STILL IN EFFECT. \$5.00

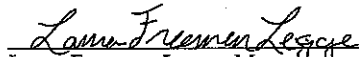
Commissioner Shapiro made the motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 12.16.2021** with a second from Commissioner Whetstone. Motion carried.

Mayor Laura Freeman-Legge read **ORDINANCE 12.16.2021**, which is "AN **ORDINANCE TO REDUCE SALARIES OF THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS OF WESTERNPORT**. This ordinance shall take effect after the next election of the Mayor and Commissioners. Motion made to accept with a second. Motion carried. This was the first reading and the first vote.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

The group went into Executive Session.


Renee Morris, Town Clerk


Laura Freeman-Legge, Mayor