

UNAPPROVED MINUTES**SARATOGA COUNTY SEWER COMMISSION No. 1
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2016
5:00 PM at the Treatment Plant**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Howe, Cannon, Doyle, Hale, Loewenstein, Marshall, Ostapczuk and Rinaldi

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Bold

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Rourke P.E., Executive Director; Anne Gorman, Confidential Secretary; Chad M. Cooke P.E., Deputy County Administrator; Robert Wilcox, Assistant County Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: Commissioner Howe called the meeting to order and stated that the meeting was for the approval of publication for the proposed rates for 2017 and scheduling the Public Hearing for 9:00 A.M., November 3, 2016 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers.

Chairman Howe said the Sewer District has proposed an incremental rate increase of \$10.00 per user for the last few years and with the possibility of the County considering a state property tax override, he suggested an incremental rate increase of \$15.00 per user for the proposed 2017 rates. The rate increase will result in \$1.1M of additional revenue, compared to no rate increase. The additional revenue will be utilized for Capital Improvement Projects in 2017. A higher rate was discussed to properly fund future infrastructure needs. Chairman Howe and others felt that the \$15.00 rate increase was a fair amount.

Chairman Howe made a motion for approval of publication of the proposed Scale of Charges for 2017 and scheduling the Public Hearing at 9:00 A.M. on November 3, 2016 at the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the Saratoga County Municipal Center in Ballston Spa. Commissioner Marshall seconded the motion. Discussion involved the 2016 budget, the proposed 2017 budget, the Sewer District's Capital Plan and the importance of increasing rates to balance the budget and maintain the Sewer District's critical infrastructure. The motion for approval of publication of the proposed 2017 Scale of Charges and scheduling of the Public Hearing for Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. at the County Complex passed: 6 Ayes, 1 Absent, 2 Nays.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Marshall and seconded by Commissioner Doyle. No discussion. The motion passed.

**NEXT COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, November 3, 2016
9:15 A.M. at the County Complex, Bldg 1 following Public Hearing at 9:00 A.M.**