

**MINUTES
EIGHTH UTILITIES DISTRICT
BUDGET WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.
DON WILLIS HALL
18 MAIN STREET
MANCHESTER, CT 06042**

The Board of Directors of the Eighth Utilities District of Manchester, Connecticut held a budget workshop on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Don Willis Hall, 18 Main Street, Manchester, Connecticut.

Mrs. O'Marra called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. Topping noted the changes in the Public Works budget for FY 2017-2018. New line items have been added to adequately reflect where monies are being spent.

1. The Fleet Maintenance line has been split into three separate lines – Fire Department, Fire Marshal, and Public Works. This is being done in order to track the amounts that each department is using.
2. Contingency has been reduced by \$3,600. This \$3,600 is being allocated to a Recycling, Equipment Maintenance, and Security Monitoring which have not been in previous budgets. Equipment Maintenance is for any equipment that is not attached to a vehicle.
3. A 2% increase has been included for salaries.
4. Pager compensation has increased to \$220.
5. The Interceptor line has increased by \$14,000. This is based on figures that the town provides. Mrs. O'Marra added that the town revised their estimate for this year; therefore, we are able to decrease our budgeted amount.
6. Equipment Replacement increased by \$55,000. This is for a portable lift for Fleet Maintenance.

Mrs. Bowen stated that Mr. Cirelli had spoken to her about the budget for Emergency Sewer Breaks. He does not think that \$20,000 is adequate. Mr. Topping replied that the average sewer break generally runs between \$6,000 and \$8,000. If the budgeted amount does not cover the breaks, funds can be transferred from the reserve account.

Mrs. Bowen added that overtime costs were lower this year because of the mild winter.

VOTED: Mr. Napoli made a motion to adjourn.
Seconded by Mr. Tyler.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Mary O'Marra, President
Deberah Bowen
Karen Gionet
Leonard Luzusky
Gerard Napoli
John Topping
Joseph Tyler

FRANCES McCARTER
CLERK
EIGHTH UTILITIES DISTRICT