

**AD HOC REPORT
5 Lakeside Road**

Honorable Mark D. Boughton, Mayor
Common Council Members

September 15, 2009

Chairman Fred Visconti called the meeting to order at 2:30 P.M. in the Caucus Room at City Hall. Committee members Councilwoman Mary Teicholz and Councilman Gregg Seabury were present. Councilman Duane Perkins ex-officio; Laszlo Pinter, Deputy Corporation Counsel; David Day, P.E., Superintendent of Public Utilities; Mayor Mark Boughton; Scott Ferguson, Tax Collector; Concetta Negri and members of the public were also in attendance.

Councilman Visconti gave the charge of the committee. Mayor Boughton has requested the Committee to investigate and resolve an ongoing dispute regarding public utility charges to Mrs. Concetta Negri of 5 Lakeside Road

Superintendent David Day explained that the complaint stems from a high water meter reading at 5 Lakeside Road. A new water meter was installed and certified to be correct on November 17, 2006. The quarterly reading taken on January 24, 2007 indicated high water usage which is sometimes indicative of a leak. Water flows have returned to normal and have remained at normal levels for the last 9 quarters and it is felt that there is no problem with this meter. Meters do not fail and then correct themselves.

Councilman Seabury inquired about the possibility of a leak. Superintendent Day indicated that a leak was not found during the time in dispute.

Mayor Boughton offered comment that there is no mechanism to make an adjustment, the petitioner disputes only the named quarter and subsequent quarterly bills remain unpaid due to the fact that any payment would be first applied to the quarter in question.

Atty. Pinter advised that the Superintendent can review the situation and that the Common Council would be able to adjust the interest in a manner that settles the matter-at-large.

Mrs. Negri and her representative commented that if there was a leak, the bill would not have returned to normal the following quarter and that the meter started at 0100. Superintendent Day indicated that he would conduct further research.

Scott Ferguson, Tax Collector stated that by statute, interest will continue to accrue and any payments made are always applied to the oldest bill. Any adjustment can only come off of the principle portion and not the interest portion of the bill.

Councilman Seabury moved to request a report from the Superintendent of Public Utilities to determine specifically if all readings from the water meter at 5 Lakeside Road are accurate, to have the meter tested and to have the Superintendent of Public Utilities, the Tax Collector and Corporation Counsel

meet to resolve any questions regarding interest and the bill as a whole and to include the finding in the next Monthly Public Utilities Report,

seconded by Councilwoman Teicholz,
Councilwoman asked for clarification regarding the cost of the testing. If the meter is found to be in good working order, the petitioner will be responsible for the cost in the amount of \$55.00. **Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Councilman Seabury moved to moved to adjourn at 2:56 P.M., seconded by Councilwoman Teicholz.

Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Visconti, Chairman

Mary Teicholz

Gregg Seabury
