

Water and Sewer Authority  
Watertown, CT  
**Regular Meeting Agenda**

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Watertown Town Hall  
61 Echo Lake Rd.  
Watertown, CT 06795  
Planning and Zoning Conference Room

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Minutes
4. Superintendent's Report – February 2026
  - a. Software Update
  - b. Appropriation for W&S Operations - March
  - c. Waterbury Billing
  - d. The Watertown Fire District has continued to remit payment to the Watertown Water and Sewer Authority for billed charges. These payments are being made **under protest**, consistent with prior communication. The relevant **Watertown Fire District meeting minutes** documenting this action are attached for the Authority's information and record
  - e. Additional Updates
5. Public Participation – (Read Statement)
6. Correspondence/ Information
7. Old Business
  - a. **BAN/Bond Conversion 2026 – Risk Register (Standing Item)**  
Discussion and possible action regarding the 2026 BAN-to-bond conversion, including review and maintenance of the associated risk register as a standing agenda item to support ongoing monitoring, mitigation, and decision-making.
  - b. **Monthly Review of Operational Budgets (Standing Item) – Fund 015 (Sewer) and Fund 017 (Water)**

Review of monthly operating budget performance for the Sewer (Fund 015) and Water (Fund 017) enterprise funds to monitor compliance with the operational budget freeze implemented in January 2026, identify variances, and confirm adherence to spending controls.

c. **Update on FY 2026/2027 Budgets and Debt Service**

Status update on the FY 2026/2027 Sewer Operations (Fund 015), Water Operations (Fund 017), associated capital budgets, and Debt Service (Fund 019), including any material adjustments, emerging issues, and alignment with adopted financial controls.

d. **Ratepayer Communication and Messaging**

Discussion and update on messaging strategies to keep ratepayers informed regarding potential future rate adjustments, including timing, scope, and coordination of internal and external communications.

e. **Rate-Setting Discussion for 2026 (Standing Item)**

Ongoing discussion regarding the establishment of 2026 rates. This item will remain on the agenda as standing old business while the Authority continues to develop, review, and refine the information necessary to evaluate and, if appropriate, implement a rate increase.

8. New Business

a. **Engagement of Legal Counsel and Financial Advisory Services – City of Waterbury Dispute.**

Discussion and possible action on executing an agreement with Harris Beach Murtha Attorneys to provide legal representation in connection with the dispute involving the City of Waterbury/Watertown Fire District, and with Fiondella, Milone & LaSaracina LLP (FML) to provide accounting and financial advisory services related to billing analysis, financial review, and support associated with this matter.

9. Adjournment