

SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
1235 18th AVENUE
BELMAR, NEW JERSEY 07719
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013
Commencing at 6:45 p.m.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON SEWER USE SERVICE CHARGE
RESOLUTION NOS. 71-13, 72-13, and 73-13

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

B E F O R E:

KEVIN LYNCH, Chairman
KEN FARRELL, Vice Chairman
KEVIN THOMPSON, Secretary
THOMAS B. NICOL, Treasurer
MARY L. BURNE, Commissioner
E. GENE CORY, Commissioner
MICHAEL MATTIA, Commissioner
GARY McLEAN, Commissioner
BERNARD BUJAK, Finance & Administration Manager

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BY MR. BONELLO

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1 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: The South Monmouth
2 Regional Sewerage Authority Sewer Use Service
3 Charge Hearing, October 10, 2013, at 6:45 called to
4 order.

5 This 2014 Sewer Use Service Charge
6 Hearing of the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage
7 Authority is called to order at 6:45 on Thursday,
8 October 10, 2013.

9 Please stand for a moment of silence and
10 observe the flag. At this time I should like to
11 remember the recent passing of Martin Burne and former
12 Executive Director, Boyd Miller.

13 (Whereupon, a moment of silence was
14 observed and the Pledge of Allegiance was
15 recited.)

16 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: This meeting has been
17 called in accordance with the provisions of the Open
18 Public Meetings Act in that an announcement of the
19 same has been mailed to the Asbury Park Press and the
20 Clerks of our member municipalities on September 16,
21 2013; and The Coast Star on September 19, 2013.

22 The minutes of this meeting will be
23 available after Board approval at a subsequent
24 meeting.

25 Roll call, please.

1 MR. BUJAK: Certainly, Mr. Chairman.

2 Commissioner Burne?

3 COMMISSIONER BURNE: Present.

4 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Cory?

5 COMMISSIONER CORY: Here.

6 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Farrell?

7 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Here.

8 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Lynch?

9 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Here.

10 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner McLean?

11 COMMISSIONER McLEAN: Here.

12 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Mattia?

13 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Here.

14 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Nicol?

15 COMMISSIONER NICOL: Here.

16 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Thompson?

17 COMMISSIONER THOMPSON: Here.

18 MR. BUJAK: For the record, please

19 remember that Executive Director, Mr. Ruppel, has been
20 excused.

21 Mr. Bonello?

22 MR. BONELLO: Here.

23 MR. BUJAK: Mr. Krause?

24 MR. KRAUSE: Here.

25 MR. BUJAK: Mr. Cuva?

1 MR. CUVA: Here.

2 MR. BUJAK: Mr. Bujak is here.

3 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Okay. The adoption of
4 the 2014 proposed income, capital and appropriation
5 budgets, I guess at this time, Bernie, do we have --

6 MR. BONELLO: You can just call the roll
7 call to pass the Resolution.

8 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Okay. Call roll call to
9 pass the Resolution.

10 MR. BONELLO: Someone has to move it.

11 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: So moved.

12 COMMISSIONER BURNE: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Moved and second.

14 Roll call.

15 MR. BUJAK: Certainly.

16 Commissioner Burne?

17 COMMISSIONER BURNE: Yes.

18 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Cory?

19 COMMISSIONER CORY: Yes.

20 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Farrell?

21 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Yes.

22 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Lynch?

23 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Yes.

24 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner McLean?

25 COMMISSIONER McLEAN: Yes.

1 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Mattia?

2 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Yes.

3 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Nicol?

4 COMMISSIONER NICOL: Here. Yes.

5 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Thompson?

6 COMMISSIONER THOMPSON: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Okay. Now, the Service
8 Use Service Charge Hearing, I guess we'll start with
9 legal counsel proceeding with the hearing.

10 MR. BONELLO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

11 In the first instance, I'd like to mark
12 on the record certain documents.

13 A-1 will be the Notice of the Public
14 Hearing of this rate hearing. A-2 will be the
15 Affidavit of Publication with the Asbury Park Press.
16 A-3 will be the Affidavit of Publication of The Coast
17 Star. A-4 will be the packet of the letters to the
18 Clerks of the member municipalities advising them of
19 the hearing. A-5 will be the computations for the new
20 rate.

21 (Whereupon, Exhibits A-1 through A-5,
22 were received and marked in evidence.)

23 MR. BONELLO: Mr. Chairman, based upon
24 these documents, I find you have jurisdiction to hold
25 a rate hearing, and I would like to swear in our

1 accountant, Paul Cuva.

2 Could you swear him in, please?

3 P A U L C U V A, C P A, sworn.

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BONELLO:

5 Q. Mr. Cuva, could you give us some of your
6 background for the record, please?

7 A. Okay. I'm a Certified Public Accountant,
8 Registered Municipal Accountant in the State of New
9 Jersey. I do many sewerage authority and water
10 utility audits and financial consulting for them.

11 Q. And are you familiar with the
12 requirements under N.J.S.A. 40:14A-8 concerning a rate
13 hearing and a computation of rates?

14 A. Yes, very familiar.

15 Q. And based upon -- were you instructed to
16 compute the rates for the oncoming year?

17 A. Yes, I was.

18 Q. And could you give us the benefit of what
19 you computed and what the new rate is going to be?

20 A. Okay. The proposed charges for the 2014 fiscal
21 year, I mean, excuse me, calendar year for the
22 participants, municipal participants is \$6,618,592.39.
23 The proposed rate for the 2014 calendar year is
24 \$3,072.55 per million gallons.

25 Q. Okay. And have those rates been computed

1 according to N.J.S.A. 40:14A-8 after review of the
2 books and records --

3 A. Yes, they have.

4 Q. -- and the information provided by
5 management?

6 A. Yes, they have.

7 Q. And was it computed in conformance with
8 that statute and will it be adequate to fund all of
9 the expenses and even the budget out for next year?

10 A. Yes, it will.

11 Q. And do you feel that it's reasonable and
12 necessary?

13 A. Yes, it is.

14 Q. Do you recommend to the Board that they
15 pass a Resolution adopting this as their new rate?

16 A. Yes, I do.

17 MR. BONELLO: I don't have any further
18 questions of the auditor.

19 Do any members of the Board have any
20 questions?

21 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Any questions?

22 Okay. No questions at this time.

23 MR. BONELLO: Any members of the public?

24 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: No.

25 Do you need to make a motion to open to

1 the public?

2 MR. BONELLO: Sure.

3 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: I'll make a motion
4 we open the meeting to the public.

5 COMMISSIONER BURNE: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Moved and second.

7 Seeing none, a motion to close?

8 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: So moved.

9 COMMISSIONER CORY: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: The adoption of the 2014
11 sewer use charge, Mr. Cory, will you take Resolution
12 72-13?

13 COMMISSIONER CORY: Sure. I make the
14 motion to establish the SMRSA 2014 sewer use service
15 charge for the treatment of domestic sewage at
16 \$3,072.55 per million gallons of flow effective
17 January 1, 2014.

18 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Moved and second.

20 Roll call, please.

21 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Burne?

22 COMMISSIONER BURNE: Yes.

23 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Cory?

24 COMMISSIONER CORY: Yes.

25 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Farrell?

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COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Yes.

MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Lynch?

CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Yes.

MR. BUJAK: Commissioner McLean?

COMMISSIONER McLEAN: Yes.

MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Mattia?

COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Yes.

MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Nicol?

COMMISSIONER NICOL: Yes.

MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Thompson?

COMMISSIONER THOMPSON: Yes.

CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Adoption of the 2014
municipal sewer use charge schedule of charges,
Commissioner McLean, will you take the next
Resolution?

COMMISSIONER McLEAN: Resolution 73-13, I
make the motion to adopt the 2014 municipal sewer use
service charge schedule of charges.

COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Second that.

CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Moved and second.

Roll call, please.

MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Burne?

COMMISSIONER BURNE: Yes.

MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Cory?

COMMISSIONER CORY: Yes.

1 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Farrell?

2 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Yes.

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4 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Yes.

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6 COMMISSIONER McLEAN: Yes.

7 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Mattia?

8 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Yes.

9 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Nicol?

10 COMMISSIONER NICOL: Yes.

11 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Thompson?

12 COMMISSIONER THOMPSON: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: At this time I'd like to
14 make a motion to adjourn the sewer use hearing.

15 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Moved and second.

17 All in favor?

18 ALL VOICES: Aye.

19 (Whereupon, the proceedings were
20 concluded at 6:52 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, JOYCE A. ARNEMAN, a Certified Court Reporter of the State of New Jersey, certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate verbatim transcript of the testimony provided under oath before any court, referee, board, commission or other body created by statute of the State of New Jersey, on the date and place hereinbefore set forth.

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