

SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

1235 18th AVENUE  
BELMAR, NEW JERSEY 07719  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015  
Commencing 6:45 p.m.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 SEWER USE SERVICE CHARGE

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

B E F O R E :

KEVIN THOMPSON, Chairman

THOMAS B. NICOL, Vice Chairman

MICHAEL MATTIA, Secretary

MARY T. BURNE, Treasurer

E. GENE CORY, Commissioner

KEN FARRELL, Commissioner

KEVIN LYNCH, Commissioner

GARY McLEAN, Commissioner

BERNARD BUJAK, Finance & Administration Manager

A P P E A R A N C E S :

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DIRECT

PAUL CUVA, CPA

By: Mr. Bonello

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in the Coast Star

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dated September 17, 2015

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P-4 Calculations used to arrive at new rate  
(Attachment A)

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P-5 Notice of A Public Hearing

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1 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I'd like to call to  
 2 order the 2016 sewer use service charge hearing of  
 3 the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority. And  
 4 it's 6:45.  
 5 Can we please stand for a moment of  
 6 silence first and then salute to the flag?  
 7 (Whereupon a moment of silence was  
 8 observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.)  
 9 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you. This  
 10 meeting has been called in accordance with the  
 11 provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act in that an  
 12 announcement of the same has been mailed to the  
 13 Asbury Park Press and the Coast Star on September 15,  
 14 2015 and to the Clerks of our member municipalities  
 15 on September 17, 2015. The minutes of this meeting  
 16 will be available after board approval at a  
 17 subsequent meeting.  
 18 Roll call, please?  
 19 MR. BUJAK: Certainly. Commissioner  
 20 Burne?  
 21 COMMISSIONER BURNE: Present.  
 22 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Cory?  
 23 COMMISSIONER CORY: Here.  
 24 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Farrell?  
 25 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Here.

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MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Lynch?

COMMISSIONER LYNCH: Here.

MR. BUJAK: Commissioner McLean?

COMMISSIONER McLEAN: Here.

MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Mattia?

COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Here.

MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Nicol?

COMMISSIONER NICOL: Here.

MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Thompson?

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Here.

MR. BUJAK: Mr. Bonello?

MR. BONELLO: Here.

MR. BUJAK: Myself, Mr. Bujak. And for

the record, Mr. Ruppel has been previously excused,

and we also have with us this evening Mr. Paul Cuva,

the representative from the Certified Public

Accounting firm. Mr. Cuva?

MR. CUVA: Here.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Paul? Can I call you

Paul?

MR. BUJAK: No.

MR. CUVA: Yes, sir. That's fine.

Absolutely.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: No. Thanks, Mike.

You're on.

1 MR. BUJAK: No.

2 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: No? Okay, the

3 Finance Committee Chairman has the --

4 MR. BONELLO: No, we're going to have a

5 hearing.

6 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay, we're going to

7 have a hearing.

8 MR. BONELLO: Mr. Chairman, I have

9 reviewed the exhibits and I'd like them marked into

10 Evidence as P-1, the Affidavit of Publication of the

11 notice of this hearing and the rate change; and P-2

12 will be an Affidavit of Publication of the Coast Star

13 of the same notice; and P-3 will be the letters of --

14 that were sent to the various Municipal Clerks

15 pursuant to statute; and P-5 -- P-4 will be the

16 actual notice, and based upon the -- excuse me, P-4

17 will be the computation of the new rate; and P-5 will

18 be the actual notice.

19 So based on these documents, Mr.

20 Chairman, I find you have jurisdiction to have the

21 rate hearing pursuant to statute. And I'd like to

22 call Mr. Paul Cuva to be sworn in.

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

24 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BONELLO:

25 Q. Mr. Cuva, could you give us the benefit

1 of your education and licensing?

2 A. I'm a Certified Public Accountant, a Registered  
3 Municipal Accountant and a Licensed Public School  
4 Accountant in the State of New Jersey. I've

5 practiced as a Certified Public Accountant in public  
6 practice auditing various authorities,  
7 municipalities and school boards for the past  
8 37 years.

9 Q. Okay. And during that time have you had

10 occasion to examine the books and records of a

11 sewerage authority to determine whether or not a

12 sewer rate should be changed or how much it should be  
13 changed?

14 A. Yes, I have.

15 Q. Have you done that many times?

16 A. Yes, quite a few.

17 Q. Okay, now, are you familiar with the

18 statute governing this, namely N.J.S.A. 14A-8B?

19 A. Yes, I am.

20 Q. And based on that statute and your review

21 of the records of the Authority, have you computed a

22 service rate for the oncoming year? I'll show you

23 what's been marked as P-4.

24 A. Yes, I have. The service rate is \$6,931,484.50

25 to be raised from charges to the various

1 participants of the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage

2 Authority.

3 Q. And what is the change from the prior

4 year?

5 A. The actual rate per million gallons is

6 \$3,304.80 per million, and that compares to the

7 actual rate of \$3,319.40 per million.

8 Q. Now, was that rate computed and

9 calculated pursuant to the requirements of the

10 statute I referred to before?

11 A. Yes, it has.

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

13 necessary for the operation of the Sewerage

14 Authority?

15 A. Yes, I do.

16 Q. Do you recommend to the board that they

17 pass a Resolution increasing the rates as per your

18 recommendation in your letter?

19 A. Yes, I do.

20 MR. BONELLO: Okay, I have no further

21 questions of Mr. Cuva. Any members of the board?

22 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Anybody on the board

23 have any comments?

24 COMMISSIONER LYNCH: No.

25 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. Open to the

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public?

COMMISSIONER LYNCH: Make a motion to

open to the public.

COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Second.

COMMISSIONER NICOL: Make a motion to

close the public.

COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Second.

COMMISSIONER BURNE: Second.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I guess we can do the

Resolution.

MR. BONELLO: There's a Resolution

increasing the rate as per Mr. Cuva's testimony and

pursuant to our notice.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Gene, you want to do

Resolution Number 70-15, please?

COMMISSIONER CORY: Sure. I make a

motion to adopt the 2016 proposed income, capital and

appropriation budgets.

COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Second.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Roll call, please?

MR. BUJAK: If I could -- there's been no

discussion on the budget first.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. The chairman

of Finance --

MR. BUJAK: I believe the chairman of the



1 Finance Committee should recommend the budget to the

2 committee first, please.

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Okay. You want to

4 recommend it?

5 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: I'm chairman?

6 Yes. I'm sorry, yes. I would like -- pursuant to

7 the Finance Committee meeting we had last week, I

8 would recommend the 2016 budget.

9 MR. BUJAK: Thank you. Thank you, that

10 makes it official.

11 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: May we have a roll

12 call?

13 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Burne?

14 COMMISSIONER BURNE: Yes.

15 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Cory?

16 COMMISSIONER CORY: Yes.

17 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Farrell?

18 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Yes.

19 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Lynch?

20 COMMISSIONER LYNCH: Yes.

21 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner McLean?

22 COMMISSIONER McLEAN: Yes.

23 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Mattia?

24 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Yes.

25 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Nicol?

1 COMMISSIONER NICOL: I think you have the

2 Chairmans mixed up. Aren't I Chairman of Finance?

3 I don't care. For 2015?

4 MR. BUJAK: I need to confirm.

5 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: I was at the

6 meeting too, so.

7 MR. BUJAK: You might be --

8 COMMISSIONER NICOL: Just a point of

9 reference.

10 MR. BUJAK: You might be Chair. I

11 apologize.

12 COMMISSIONER NICOL: I say the same thing

13 Ken did.

14 MR. BUJAK: My apologies.

15 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I have the list in

16 front of me, so. See what happens when Ruppel isn't

17 here? I think you're doing a good job.

18 MR. BUJAK: Thank you, sir. And

19 Commissioner Thompson?

20 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Yes, please. Are you

21 good?

22 COMMISSIONER NICOL: I'm fine, yes.

23 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Good. We want you to

24 be happy here.

25 MR. BONELLO: So I guess we should close

1 the rate hearing.

2 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Motion?

3 COMMISSIONER McLEAN: I'll make that

4 motion.

5 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Second.

6 COMMISSIONER BURNE: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Do we need a roll

8 call on that?

9 MR. BONELLO: All in favor?

10 MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

11 MR. BONELLO: Closed.

12 (whereupon a discussion was held off the

13 record.)

14 MR. BONELLO: There's a -- reopen the

15 hearing?

16 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: So moved.

17 MR. BONELLO: Second?

18 COMMISSIONER LYNCH: Second.

19 MR. BONELLO: All in favor?

20 MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

21 MR. BONELLO: There's a Resolution to

22 approve the sewer service charge as testified.

23 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Second. So moved.

24 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Second.

25 MR. BONELLO: Roll call?

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COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Yes.

MR. BUJAK: Commissioner McLean?

COMMISSIONER MCLEAN: Yes.

MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Nicol?

COMMISSIONER NICOL: Yes.

MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Thompson?

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Yes.

MR. BUJAK: And the sewer use service

charge.

MR. BONELLO: That's what we just did.

MR. BUJAK: No, we just did the sewer use

service rate.

MR. BONELLO: Okay.

CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: John, we're all

having fun. Are you good?

MR. BONELLO: Yeah, we're good. I mean,

1 I've never seen this before, two different sections.

2 There's a second Resolution as to the sewer use

3 service charge.

4 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Schedule.

5 MR. BONELLO: Schedule.

6 MR. BUJAK: Schedule, right.

7 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Right. I move that

8 motion.

9 COMMISSIONER BURNE: I'll second it.

10 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Roll call, please?

11 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Burne?

12 COMMISSIONER BURNE: Yes.

13 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Cory?

14 COMMISSIONER CORY: Yes.

15 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Farrell?

16 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Yes.

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20 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Yes.

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22 COMMISSIONER McLEAN: Yes.

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CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Yes. Now can we

close?

MR. BONELLO: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Make a motion we

adjourn.

COMMISSIONER BURNE: Second.

MULTIPLE VOICES: Aye.

(Whereupon the public hearing was

concluded at 6:54 p.m.)

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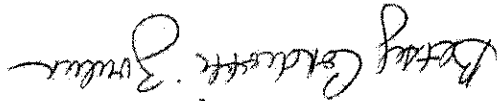
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