

SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY  
1235 18th AVENUE  
BELMAR, NEW JERSEY 07719  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016  
Commencing 6:45 p.m.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON 2016 CONNECTION FEE  
RESOLUTION #01-16, ADOPTION OF CONNECTION FEE

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

B E F O R E:

KEVIN THOMPSON, Chairman  
THOMAS B. NICOL, Vice Chairman  
MICHAEL MATTIA, Secretary  
MARY L. BURNE, Treasurer  
E. GENE CORY, Commissioner  
KEN FARRELL, Commissioner  
KEVIN LYNCH, Commissioner  
GARY McLEAN, Commissioner  
BERNARD BUJAK, Finance & Administration Manager  
MICHAEL J. RUPPEL, Exec. Director  
JOHN BONELLO, ESQ., Authority Attorney

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By: Mr. Bonello	5

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1                   CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: I'd like to call to  
2 order the 2016 connection fee hearing of the South  
3 Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority, and it is 6:45  
4 on Thursday, January 14, 2016. Can we please stand  
5 and have a moment of silence and then salute to the  
6 flag.

7                   (Whereupon a moment of silence was  
8 observed and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

9                   CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: This meeting has been  
10 called in accordance with the provisions of the Open  
11 Public Meetings Act in that an announcement of the  
12 same has been mailed to the Asbury Park Press, The  
13 Coast Star on December 17, 2015 and the Clerks of our  
14 member municipalities on December 15, 2015. The  
15 minutes of this meeting will be available after board  
16 approval at a subsequent meeting. Roll call, please?

17                   MR. RUPPEL: Certainly, Mr. Chairman.  
18 Commissioner Burne?

19                   COMMISSIONER BURNE: Present.

20                   MR. RUPPEL: Commissioner Cory?

21                   COMMISSIONER CORY: Here.

22                   MR. RUPPEL: Commissioner Farrell?

23                   COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Here.

24                   MR. RUPPEL: Commissioner Lynch?

25                   COMMISSIONER LYNCH: Here.

1 MR. RUPPEL: Commissioner Mattia?

2 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Here.

3 MR. RUPPEL: Commissioner McLean?

4 COMMISSIONER McLEAN: Here.

5 MR. RUPPEL: Commissioner Nicol?

6 COMMISSIONER NICOL: Here.

7 MR. RUPPEL: Commissioner Thompson?

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Here.

9 MR. RUPPEL: Mr. Bonello?

10 MR. BONELLO: Here.

11 MR. RUPPEL: Mr. Bujak?

12 MR. BUJAK: Here.

13 MR. RUPPEL: Mr. Cuva?

14 MR. CUVA: Here.

15 MR. RUPPEL: And myself, Mr. Ruppel, is  
16 here.

17 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: John, I'd like you to  
18 conduct the connection fee hearing.

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

20 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Thank you.

21 MR. BONELLO: In the first instance I'd  
22 like to mark for Identification as Exhibit 1 the  
23 Affidavit of Publication of the Notice of this  
24 hearing in the Asbury Park Press. Exhibit 2 is the  
25 Affidavit of Publication in The Coast Star of the

1 Notice of this hearing. Exhibit 3 are copies of  
2 letters that have gone to the Clerks of the various  
3 municipalities. Exhibit 4 is a copy of the Notice of  
4 Hearing to amend the connection fee. And Exhibit 5  
5 is the letter from our accountant, Mr. Paul Cuva,  
6 indicating his calculations and his recommendations.

7 Based on these documents, Mr. Chairman, I  
8 find that you have jurisdiction to have the  
9 connection fee hearing. And I'd like to have sworn  
10 in Mr. Paul Cuva.

11 P A U L C U V A, C P A, having been duly  
12 sworn, testified under his oath as follows:

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BONELLO:

14 Q. Mr. Cuva, could you give us the benefit  
15 of your education?

16 A. I'm a Certified Public Accountant and a  
17 Registered Municipal Accountant, licensed in the  
18 State of New Jersey. I've been performing municipal  
19 audits and calculations for connection fees for  
20 approximately 37 years now.

21 Q. And are you the accountant and auditor  
22 for the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority?

23 A. Yes, I am.

24 Q. And pursuant to your experience have you  
25 had occasion to work with N.J.S.A. 40:14A-8 which

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1 sets forth the criteria to determine the connection  
2 fee?

3 A. Yes, I have.

4 Q. And are you familiar with that criteria?

5 A. Yes, I am.

6 Q. And I show you what's been marked as P-5  
7 for Identification and ask if you can identify it for  
8 us.

9 A. Yes, this is the connection fee computations  
10 that were computed for the period from 2014 to 2015  
11 taking into account all the accumulated debt service  
12 and passed costs funded through capital improvements  
13 through operations. It also adds to it the 2015  
14 costs for debt service and capital improvements  
15 funded through operations, and gives us a total net  
16 cost of \$50,293,049.57.

17 Q. And did you arrive at the new connection  
18 fee?

19 A. Yes, when you get the total cost, you divide  
20 that by the number of equivalent dwelling units of  
21 27,622, which results in a connection fee per  
22 equivalent unit of \$1,820.

23 Q. Okay. And do you recall what the  
24 connection fee was for last year?

25 A. Yes, hold on, I have it here. \$1,740.

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1 Q. Are you satisfied that this new  
2 connection fee was computed based upon a criteria of  
3 the statute I referred to before?

4 A. Yes, I am.

5 Q. Do you feel that it's reasonable and  
6 necessary for the operations of the Authority?

7 A. Yes, it is.

8 Q. Do you recommend to the board of  
9 Commissioners that they pass a Resolution adopting  
10 the new connection fee?

11 A. Yes, I do.

12 MR. BONELLO: I have no further  
13 questions. Do any Commissioners have any questions?  
14 None?

15 Mr. Chairman, is there anyone in the  
16 public that want to be heard?

17 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: There appears to be  
18 nobody, so I'm assuming ...

19 MR. BONELLO: A motion to close the  
20 public hearing?

21 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: So moved.

22 COMMISSIONER LYNCH: Second.

23 COMMISSIONER BURNE: Second.

24 MR. BONELLO: All in favor?

25 MULTIPLE COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

1 MR. BONELLO: Okay. There is Resolution  
2 1-16, Adoption of the 2016 connection fee. Would  
3 someone want to move that?

4 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Sure, I'll move  
5 Resolution number 01-16, a motion (sic) to adopt the  
6 2016 connection fee of \$1,820 per Equivalent Domestic  
7 Service Unit, EDSU, effective January 15, 2016.

8 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Roll call, please.

9 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Second.

10 COMMISSIONER BURNE: Second.

11 MR. RUPPEL: Who made the second?

12 MR. BUJAK: Ken Farrell.

13 MS. RUPPEL: Commissioner Burne?

14 COMMISSIONER BURNE: Present.

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16 COMMISSIONER CORY: Yes.

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2 MR. RUPPEL: Commissioner Thompson?

3 CHAIRMAN THOMPSON: Yes.

4 MR. BONELLO: Unless there are comments  
5 from the members of the board, it would be  
6 appropriate to adjourn the rate connection fee  
7 hearing.

8 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Motion to adjourn.

9 COMMISSIONER BURNE: I make a motion to  
10 adjourn the connection fee hearing.

11 MR. BONELLO: Second?

12 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Second.

13 MR. BONELLO: All in favor?

14 MULTIPLE COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

15 (Whereupon the public hearing was  
16 concluded at 6:50 p.m.)

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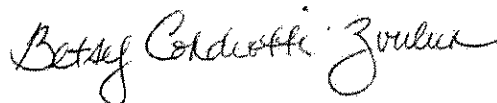
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