

SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
1235 18th AVENUE
BELMAR, NEW JERSEY 07719
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2016
Commencing 7:30 p.m.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND ITS SEWER USE SERVICE
SCHEDULE CHARGE

RESOLUTION NO. 89-16

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

B E F O R E:

THOMAS B. NICOL, Chairman
MICHAEL MATTIA, Vice Chairman
MARY L. BURNE, Secretary
E. GENE CORY, Treasurer
KEN FARRELL, Commissioner
KEVIN LYNCH, Commissioner
GARY McLEAN, Commissioner
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1 (P-1 consisting of an Affidavit of
2 Publication in the Asbury Park Press, was
3 marked.)

4 (P-2 consisting of a Notice of a
5 Public Hearing in The Coast Star, was
6 marked.)

7 (P-3 consisting of an Affidavit of
8 Publication in The Coast Star, was marked.)

9 (P-4 consisting of certified
10 mailings to municipalities, September 20,
11 2016, was marked.)

12 CHAIRMAN NICOL: The 2017 Sewer Use
13 Charge Hearing of the South Monmouth Regional
14 Sewerage Authority is called to order at 7:30 p.m.,
15 thereabouts, on Thursday, October 13, 2016. This
16 hearing has been called in accordance with the Open
17 Public Meetings Act and announcement of the same has
18 been mailed to the Asbury Park Press, The Coast Star
19 and forwarded to the surrounding municipalities on
20 September 20, 2016. The minutes of this hearing will
21 be available after board approval at a subsequent
22 meeting.

23 Roll call, please?

24 MR. BUJAK: Yes, sir. Commissioner
25 Burne?

1 COMMISSIONER BURNE: Present.

2 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Cory?

3 COMMISSIONER CORY: Here.

4 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Dempsey is
5 absent. Commissioner Farrell?

6 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Here.

7 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Lynch?

8 COMMISSIONER LYNCH: Here.

9 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner McLean?

10 COMMISSIONER McLEAN: Here.

11 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Mattia?

12 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Here.

13 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Nicol?

14 CHAIRMAN NICOL: Here.

15 MR. BUJAK: Mr. Bonello?

16 MR. BONELLO: Here.

17 MR. BUJAK: Mr. Cuva?

18 MR. CUVA: Here.

19 MR. BUJAK: Mr. Bujak. And, again, for
20 the record, Mr. Paul Cuva, representing the firm of
21 Ferraioli, Wielkocz, Cerullo and Cuva is here.

22 CHAIRMAN NICOL: Okay. Mr. Bonello,
23 would you proceed to conduct the Sewer Rate Hearing,
24 Sewer Use?

25 MR. BONELLO: Yes, I will. Thank you,

1 Mr. Chairman.

2 First, I'd like to have marked for
3 evidence P-1, which is a copy of the Affidavit of
4 Publication of the notice of this public hearing in
5 the Asbury Park Press. P-3, which is a copy of the
6 notice of publication in The Coast Star. And P-4,
7 which is the notice, copies of the letters that were
8 sent to each one of the municipalities and advising
9 of this hearing. P-2 was the Affidavit of
10 Publication in the Asbury Park Press. P-1 was there.

11 So, based on these documents, Mr.
12 Chairman, I find that you have jurisdiction to hold
13 the rate hearing.

14 I'd like to call Paul Cuva.

15 P A U L C U V A, C P A, R M A, being first
16 duly sworn according to law, testifies under
17 his oath as follows:

18 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BONELLO:

19 Q. Mr. Cuva, could you give us the benefit
20 of your licensing and experience in these matters of
21 rate hearings?

22 A. Yes. I'm a licensed Certified Public
23 Accountant, Registered Municipal Accountant in the
24 State of New Jersey. I have represented many
25 authorities, MUAs and other water and sewer

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1 utilities throughout the State performing auditing,
2 financial consulting and advisory services.

3 Q. Okay. Based upon that experience, you're
4 familiar with the rate hearings and the computations
5 of service rates pursuant to the statute?

6 A. Yes, I am.

7 Q. Okay. Were you given the computations
8 and the determination to increase the current charge
9 of \$6,931,484.50 to \$7,246,223.21? Are you familiar
10 with that proposal?

11 A. Yes, I am.

12 Q. Have you reviewed that proposal?

13 A. Yes, I did.

14 Q. You're familiar with the statute naming
15 N.J.S.A. 40:14A-8(b) which sets forth the criteria in
16 computing that?

17 A. Yes, I am.

18 Q. And is this, based upon your review,
19 computed pursuant to that statute?

20 A. Yes, it is.

21 Q. And is it reasonable and necessary for
22 the operation of the Sewerage Authority pursuant to
23 its budget?

24 A. Yes, it is.

25 Q. And do you recommend to the board that

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1 they pass a Resolution adopting the new service fees?

2 A. Yes, I do.

3 MR. BONELLO: Okay. I have no further
4 questions. Any members of the board have any
5 questions?

6 CHAIRMAN NICOL: No Commissioner
7 comments. I'm going to open to the public for
8 testimony comments. I need a motion to open to the
9 public portion.

10 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: So moved.

11 COMMISSIONER BURNE: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN NICOL: All in favor?

13 UNANIMOUS BOARD: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN NICOL: All opposed? Hearing no
15 opposition, motion carries.

16 I need a motion to close the public
17 testimony.

18 COMMISSIONER BURNE: Make a motion to
19 close.

20 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN NICOL: All in favor?

22 UNANIMOUS BOARD: Aye.

23 CHAIRMAN NICOL: All opposed? Being no
24 opposition, motion carries.

25 Resolution 89-16, Commissioner?

1 COMMISSIONER McLEAN: I'll do it. I make
2 a motion to establish the SMRSA 2017 Sewer Use
3 Service Charge for the Treatment of Domestic Sewerage
4 at 3,821.93 per million gallons of flow effective
5 January 1, 2017.

6 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN NICOL: Roll call?

8 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Burne?

9 COMMISSIONER BURNE: Yes.

10 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Cory?

11 COMMISSIONER CORY: Yes.

12 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Dempsey? Sorry.
13 Commissioner Lynch?

14 COMMISSIONER LYNCH: Yes.

15 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Farrell?

16 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Yes.

17 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner McLean?

18 COMMISSIONER McLEAN: Yes.

19 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Mattia?

20 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Yes.

21 MR. BUJAK: Commissioner Nicol?

22 CHAIRMAN NICOL: Yes.

23 I need a motion to adjourn the Sewer Use
24 Service Charge Hearing.

25 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Make a motion.

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COMMISSIONER LYNCH:.. Second. . . .

CHAIRMAN NICOL: All in favor?

UNANIMOUS BOARD: Aye.

CHAIRMAN NICOL: All opposed? Hearing
none, motion carries to adjourn the Sewer Use Service
Charge Hearing.

(Whereupon the proceedings were
concluded at 7:35 p.m.)