

WARREN COUNTY (PEQUEST RIVER)
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

PUBLIC BUDGET & RATE HEARING FY2016
DECEMBER 16, 2015

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: The meeting was held at the Authority's Administration building located at 199 Foul Rift Road, Belvidere, New Jersey.

PURPOSE: For the purpose of prescribing a schedule of service charges for sewer treatment to the Town of Belvidere, Township of White, Township of Oxford, County of Warren and all other users of the Warren County (Pequest River) Municipal Utilities Authority.

AUTHORITY MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Morris Scott, Jr., Vice Chairman
Robert Piazza, Treasurer
Laurel Napolitani, Secretary
Sidney Deutsch
Drew Kiszonak
Donald Niece
Everdina O'Connor
Philip Rosenberg

ALSO ATTENDING:

Billy J. Wauhop	Authority Consultant
Dan Olshefski	Authority Chief Financial Officer
Kim Francisco	Authority Fiscal Officer
Brian Tipton, Esq.	Authority Legal Counsel
Stephen Donati, P.E.	Authority Engineer and Consultant
Patricia Kaspereen	Administrative Assistant
Jackie Klapp	CSR

Vice Chairman Scott led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and then read the Introductory Statement: This annual budget and rate hearing has been properly noticed in accordance with New Jersey State Statutes.

Vice Chairman Scott asked Mr. Olshefski to present the budget and rates for FY2016.

Mr. Olshefski prepared and distributed handouts, some that are a duplicate from a prior meeting.

He covered the highlights of the FY2016 Billing and FY2016 Budget, which will be adopted later in the evening. The appropriations for 2016 are level with what we had in 2015. The revenue will be adjusted by \$400,000 utilizing monies out of the rate stabilization fund, which we plan on phasing in over a six year period to help the users with the rates.

The billing rates are based on the most recent two years of flow data. The I&I factor will be eleven percent. The Augustinian Center, Colby Court and Belstra are billed on an EDU basis. There is a 10% decrease in the proposed billing rates. The proposed residential user rate for 2016 is \$11.12 per billing unit; in 2015 that rate was \$12.39. The proposed industrial user rate for 2016 is \$22.24 per 1,000 gallons; in 2015 that rate was \$24.78.

The connection fee for 2016 will remain the same as in 2015 at \$6,642.00 per EDU.

Vice Chairman Scott thanked Mr. Olshefski and asked if there were any questions from the commissioners.

There was no public comment.

As there was no further discussion, Ms. Napolitani moved and Mr. Kiszonak seconded that the Public Rate Hearing be adjourned at 7:34 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Patricia Kaspereen
Administrative Assistant