

WARREN COUNTY (PEQUEST RIVER)
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

PUBLIC BUDGET & RATE HEARING FY2018
DECEMBER 19, 2017

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:

Chad Chamberlain, Chairman
Morris Scott, Jr., Vice Chairman
Robert Piazza, Treasurer
Laurel Napolitani, Secretary
Drew Kiszona
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

Chairman Chamberlain 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.

Chairman Chamberlain asked Mr. Olshefski to present the budget and rates for FY2018.

Mr. Olshefski said the State reviewed and gave its approval for the MUA to adopt the FY2018 Budget as introduced in October. The overall budget for 2018 is slightly less than the 2017 budget. As discussed at previous meetings, revenues from our industrial users are anticipated to

be slightly down next year. This leads us into determining our billing rates for 2018. He explained the process used to determine the rates. The billing rates for 2018 are based on the most recent four years of flow data. The total billing units for 2018 are 191,433, which is basically the same as in 2017. Therefore, the proposed residential user rate for 2018 is \$11.36 per billing unit, compared to \$11.35 in 2017. The proposed industrial user rate for 2018 is \$22.72 per 1,000 gallons, compared to \$22.70 in 2017. The eleven percent I&I factor remains in the calculation. The proposed Connection Fee for 2018 would remain the same as in 2017 at \$6,642.00 per EDU, even though it could have been \$9,466 using the State formula.

Overall, the Authority is in good shape going forward. We do not have an appropriation problem with the budget, it is more of capturing as much revenue as possible going forward.

Mr. Kiszonak asked for a more detailed explanation on the State formula for determining the connection fee. There was further discussion regarding the proposed Connection Fee.

Chairman Chamberlain thanked the Finance Committee, Mr. Olshefski and Mr. Francisco for their work and the fantastic job of keeping the rates flat, and asked if there were any other comments or questions from the commissioners.

He then asked if there was any comments or questions from anyone else.

There was no public comment.

As there was no further discussion, Mr. Scott moved and Mr. Rosenberg seconded that the Public Rate Hearing be adjourned at 7:39 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Patricia Kaspereen
Administrative Assistant