WARREN COUNTY (PEQUEST RIVER) MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

PUBLIC BUDGET & RATE HEARING FY2015 DECEMBER 17, 2014

<u>TIME</u>: 7:30 P.M.

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

<u>PURPOSE</u>: 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 Robert Piazza, Treasurer Laurel Napolitani, Secretary Sidney Deutsch Drew Kiszonak Everdina O'Connor Philip Rosenberg

ALSO ATTENDING:

Billy J. Wauhop	Authority Consultant
Charles L. Houck	Authority Chief Financial Officer
Dan Olshefski	Authority Financial Analyst
Mark Peck, 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 announced that the FY2015 Budget has been approved by the DCA. He thanked the Finance Committee and Mr. Houck for the tremendous job of putting together the budget and asked him to present the budget and rates for 2015.

Mr. Houck stated the 2015 budget has not changed significantly from 2014, in terms of the

appropriations. That will probably go up slightly when the new plant goes on line. Due to the anticipated increase in debt service in 2016, revenue needs to increase about $2\frac{1}{2}$ % in 2015 and 2016. The residential user rate for 2015 will be \$12.39 per billing unit, and the industrial user rate will be \$24.78 per 1,000 gallons.

Chairman Chamberlain expressed his appreciation for Mr. Houck's efforts.

Chairman Chamberlain opened the meeting up for comments or questions from the commissioners.

Mr. Kiszonak asked Mr. Houck if it costs over \$2.9 million dollars to run both plants for one year. Mr. Houck said that is what is anticipated.

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