

LAKWOOD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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Water Connection Fee Hearing

June 5, 2012

- I. Senator Singer opened the meeting in the conference room of the Lakewood Township Municipal Utilities Authority, 390 New Hampshire Avenue, Lakewood, New Jersey.
- II. It was announced that in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Law, adequate notice of this water connection fee hearing was given and that a notice of this scheduled meeting was filed with the Township Clerk and posted in the Municipal Building in a place accessible to the public and was published in the Asbury Park Press on April 12, 2012 and The Tri-Town News on April 5, 2008. Senator Singer asked Mr. Smith to conduct the hearing.

III. Salute to the Flag

IV. Roll Call of Commissioners

On the roll call the following Commissioners were present: Mr. Theibault, Mr. S. Flancbaum, Mr. Sernotti, Mr. Coles, Mr. Waxman and Senator Singer. Mr. S. Flancbaum was seated as an alternate. The following professionals were present: Mr. Norman Smith, Esq. and Mr. Gerwin Bauer, Jr. Auditor. Mr. Justin Flancbaum, Executive Director, Mr. Paul Morrill, Engineer, Ms. Nancy Lapa, Secretary and Mr. Mark Hubal of Hatch Mott MacDonald.

V. Water Connection Fee Hearing

Mr. Smith swore in as a witness Mr. Mark Hubal, established his identity as a Licensed Engineer in the State of New Jersey and queried him as to his knowledge of the statutes and regulations regarding the computations of the water connection fees. Mr. Bauer accumulated data such as debt service and the like and turned it over to Mr. Hubal for calculations. Mr. Hubal prepared the schedule to be in compliance with the formulas set forth in the statutes.

Mr. Smith swore in Gerwin Bauer as the expert witness and established his identity as a Certified Public Accountant and auditor of the Authority. Mr. Smith asked several questions regarding his preparation of the water connection fee schedule. Mr. Bauer accumulated historical information of the past few years and turned it over to Mr. Mark Hubal for calculations. It is in accordance with state regulations and generally accepted accounting practice. The proposed increase is required for the operation of the Authority to meet its debt service and operating costs. Mr. Smith questioned if the discount for qualified nonprofit organizations that is included in this rate schedule, impairs the Authority's ability to meet its obligations. Mr. Bauer said in his opinion it does not.

As per advertisement, the recommended Water Connection Fees are -
Single Family, Multiple Family Retirement Dwelling Units - \$333 increase
Boarding House, Lodging, Hotel, Motel, Nursing Home and Life Care Establishment - \$166.50 increase
Commercial, Industrial and all other - \$333 increase
Qualified Non-Profit Organization - \$625 decrease

VI. The Chairman Opened the Hearing to the Public.

There was no response from the public.

VII. The Chairman Closed the Hearing to the Public.

Resolution #12-61 Adoption of Water Connection Fee for 2012 was read. A **motion was** made by Mr. Coles and seconded by Mr. Sernotti to adopt the Resolution. On a **roll call**, all commissioners, **voted, "Yes". Adopted.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lapa,
Secretary, LTMUA