



Board of Commissioners
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THE LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Water and Sewer Connection Fee Hearing

January 5, 2021

- I. Senator Singer opened the hearing at 10:00 A.M. via teleconference.
- II. It was announced that in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Law, adequate notice of this Water and Sewer Connection Fee Hearing was given and that a notice of this scheduled hearing 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 December 4, 2020 and The Tri Town News on December 9, 2020.

III. Salute to the Flag

Senator Singer asked to have Mr. McBride in your thoughts. He is recovering from being quite ill. Thank God he is out of the hospital and on the road to recovery.

IV. Roll Call of Commissioners

On roll call the following Commissioners were present: Mrs. Fish, Mrs. Miller, Mayor Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Mr. S. Flancbaum and Senator Singer. Alternate Commissioner Mr. S. Flancbaum was seated as a Commissioner. The following professionals and key personnel were present: Mr. Adam Pfeffer, Esq., Mr. Gerwin Bauer, Auditor, Mr. Justin Flancbaum, Executive Director, Mr. Daniel Rappoccio, CFO, Mr. Colin Farrell, CEng MIEI, Director of Engineering, Mr. Adam Ponsi, P. E., Mr. Robert Farina, Instrumentation Department Supervisor and Mr. Kyle Smith of Mott MacDonald.

V. Water and Sewer Connection Fee Hearing

Mr. Pfeffer swore in Mr. Gerwin Bauer as the expert witness and established his identity as a Certified Public Accountant in the State of New Jersey and auditor of the Authority. Mr. Pfeffer asked Mr. Bauer if he had the opportunity to prepare the data for the proposed Water and Sewer Connection Fees for 2021. Mr. Bauer responded he did. Mr. Bauer said he prepared and provided various data, capital construction costs, improvements, debt service and various other items to the engineering firm for the calculations. Mr. Pfeffer asked Mr. Bauer if the data used for the calculations was provided to him by the Authority. Mr. Bauer said yes, he got the data from the Authority and the Audit. Mr. Pfeffer asked if the rate is in accordance with State regulations and generally accepted accounting practices. Mr. Bauer said yes, it is. Mr. Pfeffer asked if this

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year the rates have increased or decreased. Mr. Bauer said both rates have a small increase. Mr. Pfeffer asked if there are any questions. There were none.

Mr. Pfeffer swore in as an expert witness Mr. Kyle Smith, established his identity as a Licensed Engineer in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Smith works for Mott MacDonald as a consulting engineer for the Authority. Mr. Pfeffer asked Mr. Smith if he had the opportunity to prepare this year's water and sewer connection fees. Mr. Smith said yes. Mr. Pfeffer asked Mr. Smith how he prepared and what information he used to base it on. Mr. Smith said he received information from the Authority's personnel and consultants. Mr. Smith said he received the historical figures on the total invested into the system and calculated the connection fee per State Statute. Mr. Pfeffer asked if Mr. Smith if he is of opinion that the schedule was prepared according to State regulations and general accepted accounting practices. Mr. Smith said yes. Mr. Pfeffer asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Senator Singer asked if any of the Commissioners have any questions regarding the fee increase. There were none.

The Chairman Opened the Hearing to the Public

No response from the public.

The Chairman Closed the Hearing to the Public.

Mr. J. Flancbaum read **Resolution #21-01 Adoption of Water Connection Fee for 2021**. A **motion** was made by Mayor Coles and seconded by Mrs. Fish to adopt the Resolution. On a **roll call**, all commissioners **voted, "Yes"**. **Adopted**.

Mrs. J. Flancbaum read **Resolution #21-02 Adoption of Sewer Connection Fee for 2021**. A **motion** was made by Mayor Coles and seconded by Mrs. Fish to adopt the Resolution. On a **roll call**, all commissioners **voted, "Yes"**. **Adopted**.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** was made by Mrs. Fish, seconded by Mr. S. Flancbaum to close the hearing. On a **voice vote**, all members present voted, "**Aye**". The hearing was adjourned at 10:07 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nechama Lapa,
Secretary, LTMUA