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**THE LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

**Water and Sewer Connection Fee Hearing**

**February 13, 2019**

- I. Senator Singer opened the hearing at 2:17 P.M. in the conference room of the Lakewood Township Municipal Utilities Authority, 390 New Hampshire Avenue, Lakewood, New Jersey immediately following the Annual Reorganization Meeting.
- 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 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 January 10, 2019 and The Tri Town News on January 16, 2019.

Mr. Lichtenstein stepped out of the conference room.

**III. Salute to the Flag**

**IV. Roll Call of Commissioners**

On roll call the following Commissioners were present: Mr. S. Flancbaum, Mr. Theibault, Mr. Waxman, Mrs. Fish and Senator Singer. Mr. S. Flancbaum is seated as an alternate. 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., Mrs. Nechama Lapa, Secretary, 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 review the proposed Water and Sewer Connection Fees for 2019. Mr. Bauer responded he did. Mr. Pfeffer asked Mr. Bauer to describe the process for the preparation of the water and sewer connection fee schedule. Mr. Bauer said he prepared and supplied all the historical information to the engineering firm and in turn gave the information back to him. 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 year

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the rates have decreased. Mr. Bauer said yes, that is correct. Mr. Pfeffer asked if there 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 work 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 they used the historical fees and costs applicable to the water system and the equivalent units and divided it to come up with the connection fee per State Statute. Mr. Pfeffer asked if Mr. Smith if he is of opinion that the schedule prepared is in to State regulations and general accepted accounting practices. Mr. Smith said yes. Mr. Pfeffer asked if this year the rates have decreased. Mr. Smith said yes, that is correct. Mr. Pfeffer asked if there any questions. There were none.

At 2:20 P.M. Mr. Lichtenstein returned to the conference room.

#### **The Chairman Opened the Hearing to the Public**

No response from the public.

#### **The Chairman Closed the Hearing to the Public.**

Mrs. Lapa read **Resolution #19-16 Adoption of Water Connection Fee for 2019**. A **motion was** made by Mr. Flancbaum and seconded by Mr. Waxman to adopt the Resolution. On a **roll call**, all commissioners **voted, "Yes"**. **Adopted**.

Mrs. Lapa read **Resolution #19-17 Adoption of Sewer Connection Fee for 2019**. A **motion was** made by Mr. Theibault 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 Mr. Theibault, seconded by Mr. S. Flancbaum to close the hearing. On a **voice vote**, all members present voted, "**Aye**". The hearing was adjourned at 2:21 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nechama Lapa,  
Secretary, LTMUA