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THE LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Sewer Rate Hearing Minutes

December 2, 2025

- I. The Chairman opened the hearing at 10:00 A.M in the conference room of the Lakewood Township Municipal Utilities Authority, 390 New Hampshire Avenue, Lakewood, New Jersey.
- II. The Chairman announced that in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Law, adequate notice of this 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 by means of public notices in the Asbury Park Press on November 12, 2025 and the Lakewood Shopper on November 13, 2025.

III. Salute to the Flag

IV. Roll Call of Commissioners

On roll call the following Commissioners were present: Mrs. Miller, Mayor Coles, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Mrs. Eisen and Senator Singer.

The following professionals and key personnel were present: Mr. Adam Pfeffer, Esq., Mr. Gerwin Bauer, Auditor, Mr. Justin Flancbaum, Executive Director, Mr. Donald Sondak, Chief Financial Officer/Human Resources Director, Mr. Colin Farrell, CEng MIEI Director of Engineering, Mr. Adam Ponsi, P.E., Mr. Robert Farina, Director of Operations, and Mr. Harry Robbins, Operations Manager.

V. Sewer Rate Hearing

The Chairman asked Mr. Pfeffer to conduct the hearing. Mr. Pfeffer swore in Mr. Donald Sondak as the expert witness and established his identity as the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Human Resources of the Authority. Mr. Pfeffer asked Mr. Sondak if he prepared and reviewed the proposed Sewer Rate Schedule. Mr. Sondak responded he did. Mr. Pfeffer asked Mr. Sondak to give the Authority and the public just an overview as to how he calculated the proposed rate schedule and what went into that calculation. Mr. Sondak explained this particular increase

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is a direct response to a rate increase we are receiving from the Ocean County Utilities Authority, which is where we send our sewage for treatment. They have informed us there is a 2% rate increase to us and that is what we have adjusted the rate by as well.

Mr. Pfeffer asked his expert opinion if the proposed increase is required for the operation of the Authority. Mr. Sondak said yes, it is required.

VI. The Chairman Opened the Hearing to the Public.

No response from the public.

VII. The Chairman Closed the Hearing to the Public

- **Resolution No. 25-92 Adoption of Sewer Rates for 2026**

Motion was made by Mayor Coles and seconded by Committeeman Lichtenstein. On **roll call**, Mrs. Miller abstained, all other seated members voted, "**Yes**". **Adopted.**

VIII. ADJOURNMENT at 10:04AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robyn Gray,
Secretary, LTMUA