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**THE LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

**Water Connection Fee Hearing**

**February 6, 2018**

I. Senator Singer opened the meeting at 2:27 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. Salute to the Flag**

**III. Roll Call of Commissioners**

On roll call the following Commissioners were present: Mr. Lichtenstein, Mr. S. Flanbaum, Mr. Theibault, Mayor Coles, Mr. Waxman, Mrs. Fish and Senator Singer. The following professionals and key personnel were present: Mr. Adam Pfeffer, Esq., Mr. Gerwin Bauer, Auditor, Mr. Justin Flanbaum, 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. Mark Hubal of Mott MacDonald.

IV. 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 5, 2018 and The Tri Town News on January 10, 2018.

**V. Water 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 to describe the process for the preparation of the water connection fee schedule. Mr. Bauer assisted Mr. Mark Hubal. Mr. Bauer accumulated historical data with regard to the construction costs, debt service costs and developer additions for this period of time and turned the data over to Mr. Mark Hubal for calculations. The water connection fees were calculated in accordance with state regulations.

Mr. Pfeffer swore in as an expert witness Mr. Mark Hubal, established his identity as a Licensed Engineer in the State of New Jersey Mr. Hubal is a consulting engineer for the Authority. Mr.

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Pfeffer queried Mr. Hubal of his knowledge of the statutes and regulations regarding the computations of the water connection fees. Mr. Hubal prepared the schedule to be in compliance with the formulas set forth in the state law regulations. It is the calculations of the total amount invested in the water system since the formation of the Authority. Also the total number of equivalent users in the system to calculate the fair share for each equivalent user and set the connection fee according to those calculations. Mr. Pfeffer asked if Mr. Hubal is of opinion that the schedule prepared is in compliance with the formula set forth in the statute. Mr. Hubal said yes.

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

Mr. Shlomo Klein asked to speak. Mr. Klein started sharing comments that were not applicable to the Water Connection Fee Hearing as such Senator Singer asked him to comment at the regular meeting.

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

Mr. Lichtenstein said he had situations where he was asked what the connection fee would be for single family homes. One example was when someone wanted to make a legal basement apartment. They find the connection fee very large and also unexpected. Mr. Lichtenstein said he has spoken to Mr. J. Flancbaum regarding this and he explained that it set according to certain formula. Senator Singer said it is State law and is standard calculations used statewide. They went from being a residential user to a commercial user because they are a landlord.

Mrs. Lapa read **Resolution #18-15 Adoption of Water Connection Fee for 2018**. 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 Mayor Coles, seconded by Mrs. Fish to close the hearing. On a **voice vote**, all members present voted, "**Aye**". The hearing was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nechama Lapa,  
Secretary, LTMUA