

**MINUTES OF THE RATE HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

January 17, 2019

Chairwoman Coco-Capri called the rate hearing and regular meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority to order at 6:09 p.m. in the Elbo Lane Water Treatment Plant Facility Meeting Room.

Those in attendance were:

Cheryl Coco-Capri	Chairwoman
John Francescone	Vice Chairman
Elwood Knight	Secretary
Christopher Smith	Member
Dennis Riley	Member (sworn in at 6:10 p.m.)

Also in attendance were:

Russell Trice	Consulting Engineer
Evan Crook	Solicitor
Pamela Carolan	Executive Director
David Wiest	Finance Director
Robert Adler	Operations Engineer
Neil Grossman	GB Associates
Michael Cragin	Bowman & Associates
Brian Scott	Human Resource & Safety Director
Theresa Trumbetti	Stenographer

Chairwoman Capri announced that the notice requirements of the “Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act” have been satisfied. Annual notice has been transmitted to two newspapers; it has been prominently posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board and filed with the Mount Laurel Township Clerk.

**Swearing in of new Board Member**

Mr. Crook swore in Dennis Riley as an MUA Board Member.

Mr. Smith arrived at 6:11 p.m.

**Rate Hearing**

**See Rate Hearing Transcript.**

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment

**Minutes**

Following a motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Francescone, the Board unanimously approved the minutes for the December 20, 2018 Regular Meeting, with affirmative votes from Mr. Knight, Mr. Smith, Mr. Francescone and Ms. Capri. Mr. Riley abstained from voting.

Total votes: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Francescone and seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2019-01-01 Resolution Approving Release of Minutes of Certain Closed Session Authority Board Meetings from Months of July 2017 Through June 2018, with affirmative votes from Mr. Knight, Mr. Smith, Mr. Francescone and Ms. Capri. Mr. Riley abstained from voting.

Total votes: 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention, 0 absent

**Developments/New Connections**

No Resolutions for Developments/New Connections

**Operations****Water System Summary**

Ms. Carolan reported that there was 1 leak since the last meeting that occurred on January 15<sup>th</sup> in Ramblewood. One service also broke during the repair.

Ms. Carolan noted that we did not use all of our allocation for 2018 and we left 18 MG in the ground – we had to meet our contractual obligations with Willingboro and NJ American.

Ms. Carolan said on December 1<sup>st</sup>, we started recharging the ASR to start putting our allocation in the ground for next summer.

**Wastewater System Summary**

Ms. Carolan reported that 4 pumping stations are operating out of normal parameters. There are more problems at Ramblewood with the controller for the pumping station (there are 4 pumps there). A by-pass pump was set up, then there were problems with that pump which necessitated a crew 24/7 to manually run the bypass alternating with station pumps. A new controller was installed on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Carolan noted that at the plant, both primary settling tanks are out of service because of routine maintenance, and due to the scheduled sludge thickener tank project. This shouldn't degrade the effluent quality.

Ms. Carolan reported that the defective solar panels remained out of service for 2 weeks; however, both banks were in full operation as of January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Carolan said she will have a meeting and a subsequent report regarding the solar since the installation. There is approximately 10 years of debt service payments left.

Underdrains – Ms. Carolan summarized the facilities located in town related to both the underdrain and sump pump header systems. Ms. Carolan added that plans were recently located for the Brettonwood/Bedford Walk development which are being added to the GIS. Approximately 25% of the underdrains shown on the map have been verified.

**Presentation of Engineer's Status Report**

Mr. Trice presented the report.

**Elbo Lane Force Main Replacement**

This project includes the replacement of a section of the 20" primary force main from the west side of Church Street, under the Elbo Lane/Church Street intersection and along Elbo Lane to a point beyond Well No. 7.

The preliminary force main layout has been completed. NJ Turnpike was contacted, and we have confirmed that the proposed force main alignment is not within their right-of-way. We have also contacted a soft dig boring company to obtain a proposal to perform a vacuum extraction boring to determine the depth of the two large diameter gas lines that cross Elbo Lane. The depth of the gas lines must be determined before the final design drawings can be completed. This project will be financed via borrowing from the NJ Infrastructure Bank (NJIB).

**Library, Millstream and Briggs Road Pump Station Force Main Replacement**

This project includes replacement of pump station force main connections to the primary force main on Union Mill Road at 3 locations. This project also includes replacement of a section of the Library force main, beginning at the pump station and extending beyond the Rt. 295/NJ Turnpike crossing.

This project will be funded through the NJ Infrastructure Bank (NJIB). The plans and specs for the combined project have been revised to incorporate NJIB requirements and Authority comments. We are also preparing the Planning Document, which is the initial submission that must be made for a NJIB project. The Library, Millstream

and Briggs project will be combined in one loan application with the Elbo Lane Force Main Replacement project and the Union Mill Farms Force Main Redirection project expected to be filed in January 2019 (Bundle 1B).

#### Atrium and Hooten Pump Stations Upgrades

No change in status. This project includes electrical and control system replacement and upgrades at both the Atrium and the Hooten Road stations. The Atrium station work will also include pump replacement and replacement of the emergency generator with which also connects to the adjacent Horizon Way Booster Station. Work on the plans and specifications is on-going.

This project was included in the first loan application for NJIB financing; however, construction is not scheduled to start until FY2020.

#### Devonshire Pump Station Upgrade

This project will include a major rehabilitation of the Devonshire Pump Station. The original pump station was constructed in 1977 as part of the Larchmont Village IV development. Although the station has been rehabilitated and upgraded a few times since it was constructed, major work is now required to the electrical and mechanical systems to keep the station operating acceptably.

The Devonshire Pump Station receives flow from some of the Larchmont sections and from the Timbercrest Pump Station and the Rancocas Woods Pump Station. It is anticipated that a proposed housing project in Rancocas Woods as well as existing commercial and residential properties currently on septic systems located on or near Creek Road may connect to the Devonshire Pump Station drainage area. Although the estimated wastewater flow that could be discharged to the Devonshire Pump Station is not yet known, it is thought that the station will have sufficient capacity to handle these new connections; however, the design and sizing of the collection system along Creek Road should be sized to accommodate as many future connections as possible. Providing sewer to the properties along Creek Road may necessitate determining how to provide sewer to the remainder of the unsewered properties in Rancocas Woods; therefore, we do not recommend finalizing the Devonshire Pump Station Upgrade project until we have a better understanding for how public sewer will be provided to all of the unsewered properties in Rancocas Woods. We still have a bit more work to finalize the route and discharge point for the proposed dual low-pressure force mains.

Since the existing electrical building will be replaced with a larger building, Mount Laurel Township Planning Board Site Plan approval will be required. The site plan application has been prepared and submitted to the Planning Board and the application is scheduled to be on the January Planning Board meeting agenda.

#### Hartford Road WPCF Warehouse to Garage Conversion

The purpose of this project is to convert the existing warehouse at the Hartford Road WPCF to a vehicle storage garage for several of the Authority's large vehicles which require tempered storage. Currently the vehicles are stored at the Commerce Tank and 85 Elbo facilities. One existing garage door will be replaced and 2 new garage doors will be installed. Paving for access to the new garage doors and storage will also be provided.

This project was included in the first loan application for NJIB financing and construction is scheduled for FY2019. We are currently addressing comments received from the NJDEP on the plans and specifications that were submitted in November 2018.

#### Hartford Road WPCF Tank Repairs

This project includes rehabilitation of the 2 primary clarifiers, secondary clarifier No. 2 and the sludge thickener tank at the sewage treatment plant. New clarifier drives, sludge and scum collection equipment, bar screens, electrical equipment, valves and other associated equipment or devices will be rehabilitated or replaced.

This project was included in the first loan application for NJIB financing and construction is scheduled for FY2019. We are currently addressing comments received from the NJDEP on the plans and specifications that were submitted in November 2018.

#### Hartford Road WPCF Orbal Aerator Repairs

No change in status. This project is for the repair of broken discs and hoods on some of the aerators located on the orbal tank. When the aerators are repaired, the Orbal cell channels will also be cleaned.

The plans and specs are substantially complete. This project was included in the first loan application for NJIB financing, construction is scheduled for FY2020.

#### Generator Replacement – 85 Elbo Lane

This project includes the replacement of the generator located at 85 Elbo Lane. The generator at 85 Elbo Lane is the original generator installed when the first Elbo Lane WTP was constructed in the early 1970's.

The contract in the amount of \$126,000.00 was awarded to ABS Electric, Inc. at the October 18, 2018 meeting. The contractor anticipates starting work this month in anticipation of the generator delivery, which is tentatively scheduled for early February.

#### Hartford Road WPCF Roof Replacement

This project includes the replacement of roofs on seven (7) buildings at the WPCF. These roofs are the original roofs installed when the buildings were constructed in 1996. This project will be funded using NJIB financing; bidding will occur as soon as approvals are obtained.

An inspection of the building roofs was performed with a roofing materials manufacturer and preparation of the plans and specifications for the project are underway. We anticipate providing the plans and specifications to the Authority for review late next week. Once approved by the Authority they will be submitted to NJDEP for approval.

#### Nottingham Way Water Main Replacement

No change in status. This project includes the replacement of approximately 500 LF of 6" water main. Survey work has been completed. The project schedule will be dependent on the frequency of future water main breaks.

#### Saint David Drive Water Main Replacement – Phase 2

No change in status. This project includes the replacement of approximately 1,400 LF of 6" water main. Survey work has been completed. The project schedule will be dependent on the frequency of future water main breaks.

#### York Road Water Main Replacement

This project includes the replacement of approximately 1,200 LF of 6" water main. A contract in the amount of \$265,945.00 was awarded to Pioneer Pipe Contractors, Inc. at the August 2018 meeting. All work except for final paving is to be completed by January 10, 2019.

The contractor has completed all water main installation work. Final paving and restoration work will be completed in March or April when weather permits.

#### FY2018 Pump Station Painting

No change in status. This project included the maintenance painting of 4 sewage pumping stations: Hunters, Timbercrest, Brentwood and East Park. A contract in the amount of \$76,000.00 was awarded to Allied Painting, Inc. at the August 2018 meeting.

All work has been completed except for minor punch list items. A final punch list inspection needs to be performed.

Hartford Road WPCF Plant Laboratory

This project includes the conversion of an existing storage building that formerly contained a package water treatment plant for the on-site well into a laboratory for plant operating personnel's use. This project is scheduled for construction in FY2019; however, the exact timing is dependent on NJDEP approval since it is part of bundle 1 of the NJIB loan.

A Minor Site Plan Alteration approval has been received from the Township Planning Board. We are currently addressing comments received from the NJDEP on plans and specifications that were submitted to NJDEP in November 2018.

Emergency Shower and Eyewash Facility Installation

This project includes the installation/replacement of emergency shower and eyewash equipment at 8 facilities. Some of the facilities do not currently have shower/eyewashes and some of the facilities do have shower/eyewashes; however, they do not use tepid water as is required by current regulations.

The plans and specifications for the shower/eyewash facilities to be installed at Well No 7, the Larchmont PS and at the Hartford Road WPCF (4 locations) are complete except for electrical design work. At the Hartford plant, the existing on-site gas lines are not large enough to accommodate the additional gas loads from the shower/eyewash water heaters. To avoid installing larger gas lines throughout the site, we are going to request that PSE&G provide two (2) new gas services off of their high pressure line in Pike Road. This will allow higher pressure services to be brought closer to the location where the new demands will be located and thus avoid replacing mains throughout the plant. Once we receive a response from PSE&G as to whether they will provide the additional gas service, we will finalize the design and advertise for bids.

Elbo Lane WTP Clarifier Davit Replacement

This project includes the replacement of 2 existing davits located at the clarifiers which are used to pull the clarifier sludge removal pumps. The 2 existing davits will be replaced with 4 davits, with one davit dedicated to each of the submersible pumps. A platform will also be installed to allow the operators better access to the davits and wet wells where the pumps are located.

This project has been advertised for bids, which are scheduled to be received on February 14.

Hartford Road WPCF Filter Press Control Panel Replacement

No change in status. This project includes the replacement of the filter press controls and filter press belt motors. This project is scheduled for construction in FY2019; however, the exact timing is dependent on NJDEP approvals as part of bundle 1 of the NJIB loan.

Plans and specs are substantially complete and will be forwarded to the Authority for review

Hartford Road WPCT Door Replacements

This project includes the replacement of approximately 26 doors located at various buildings at the Hartford Road WPCF. The doors are the original metal doors installed on the building when the plant was constructed in 1996. Due to the environment, the doors have corroded and will be replaced with fiberglass doors which are corrosion resistant.

This project has been advertised for bids, which are scheduled to be received on February 14.

Union Mill Farms Pump Station Force Main Replacement

This project will include installation of a new force main that will redirect the pump station discharge out of the main force main in Union Mill road and into the gravity sewer collection system that discharges to the Holiday

Village East Pump station. This project will be included in the Library Pump Station force main replacement NJWB loan application.

Plans for the new force main were provided to the Authority for review and we are currently revising the plans to address comments that were received. Once approved by the Authority, they will be submitted to NJDEP for approval.

#### Piping, Heat Tracing and Insulation Replacement at the Hartford Road WPCF

This project is for the replacement of various heat tracing and insulation that was originally installed on exposed piping at the Hartford Road WPCF when the plant was expanded in 1996. Plans and specifications are currently being prepared. Once completed and approved by the Authority, they will be forwarded to NJDEP approval as this project will be funded via a loan from the NJIB.

#### Additional Projects

In addition to the projects previously mentioned, additional projects were submitted to the NJ Infrastructure Bank for financing under the first loan application. The schedule for advertisement, receipt of bids and awarding the projects to be financed is very dependent on the time it takes NJDEP to review the planning documents, plans, specs and other loan documents. The date when NJDEP will approve each project to be advertised for bids is unknown at this time.

- PLC Pump Station Monitoring System, construction scheduled for FY2020.
- Installation of lightning protection system, construction scheduled for FY2021.
- Replacement of plant lighting (tanks and parking lot), construction scheduled for FY2021.

#### 2018 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation

Ms. Carolan added that design of this project was performed by ERI. This project includes lining of approximately 1200 lf of 10" and 2400 lf of 16" diameter sanitary mains and rehabilitation of 15 manholes in the Birchfield development. Contract 2018-12 in the amount of \$216,792.00 was awarded to National Water Main Cleaning Co. at the September 2018 meeting.

The contractor has completed the preliminary cleaning and video of all mains, and lining of the 10" diameter mains. Lining of the 16" diameter mains will begin shortly.

#### Contracts

Following a motion made by Mr. Francescone and seconded by Mr. Riley, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2019-01-02 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract with Met Life Financial Company to Provide Dental Insurance Coverage Effective February 1, 2019, with affirmative votes from Mr. Knight, Mr. Smith, Ms. Capri, Mr. Riley and Mr. Francescone.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Knight, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2019-01-03 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract with Met Life Financial Company to Provide Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Long-Term Disability Insurance Coverage Effective February 1, 2019, with affirmative votes from Mr. Knight, Mr. Smith, Ms. Capri, Mr. Riley and Mr. Francescone.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

#### Accounting and Financial

Discussion of Rate Hearing Including Public Comments.

Ms. Carolan noted that for customers connected to our system(s) from outside township boundaries, an additional 25% will be all user fee rates and connection fees will be double the in-town fee.

Chairwoman Capri commented that due to capacity issues, the Authority is not in the position to accept new out-of-town customers.

There was no public comment.

Following a motion made by Mr. Riley and seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2019-01-04 Resolution Approving Revised Rate Schedule for Water Service, Water and Sewer Connection Fees and Ancillary Fees, with affirmative votes from Mr. Knight, Mr. Smith, Ms. Capri, Mr. Riley and Mr. Francescone.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Francescone, and seconded by Mr. Smith, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report for November 2018 and Payment Plan Status Report for December 2018, with affirmative votes from Mr. Knight, Mr. Smith, Ms. Capri, Mr. Riley and Mr. Francescone.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Following a motion made by Mr. Smith, and seconded by Mr. Knight, the Board unanimously approved Requisition #591 in the Amount of \$522,703.17 approving Accounts Payable Vouchers, with affirmative votes from Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone, Ms. Capri, Mr. Riley and Mr. Smith.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

No payments from the Acquisition and Construction Account this month.

Following a motion made by Mr. Smith, and seconded by Mr. Riley, the Board unanimously approved Requisitions #4476 through #4490 in the amount of \$172,315.36 from the Renewal and Replacement List, with affirmative votes from Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone, Ms. Capri, Mr. Riley and Mr. Smith.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

### **Closed Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Francescone, seconded by Mr. Smith, voted on and unanimously approved to pass Resolution 2019-01-05 to close the meeting to discuss Regulatory Matters, Litigation and Potential Litigation, which are exempt from open meetings under the Sunshine Law, at 7:20 p.m.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Regulatory Matters, Litigation and Potential Litigation – SEE CLOSED PORTION OF MEETING

The meeting was re-opened at 7:38 p.m., following a motion made by Mr. Smith, and seconded by Mr. Riley and with unanimous agreement from Mr. Knight, Ms. Capri, Mr. Francescone, Mr. Riley and Mr. Smith.

Following a motion made by Mr. Francesone and seconded by Mr. Riley, the Board unanimously approved the Non-Union salary wage adjustments as recommended by Ms. Carolan, with affirmative votes from Mr. Knight, Mr. Francescone, Ms. Capri, Mr. Riley and Mr. Smith.

Total votes: 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

### **Comments:**

Ms. Carolan noted that there is an increase in our sludge disposal rate with the County effective January 1, amounting to \$7,800/year.

Mr. Wiest reported that there are delays with the bond sale – the new target date is for the beginning of February.

Mr. Adler reported on the re-development of the former Taylor Rental site where the developer sent the MUA a bill for \$20K to reimburse them for their work attempting to locate one of our water mains. At their request, the MUA proceeded to excavate and search for the main. It was found to be in the same location that we had originally marked, and where the contractor had been previously excavating. So, we sent the developer a bill for \$5K representing the cost incurred by the MUA to uncover the main for them. We have received payment from the contractor. However, we will not be reimbursing the Contractor the \$20K requested.

The Board Members welcomed new Board Member Dennis Riley.

Following a motion made by Mr. Francescone, seconded by Mr. Riley, and with unanimous agreement from the members, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



In the Matter of:  
MT LAUREL MUA PUBLIC RATE HEARING

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*January 17, 2019*

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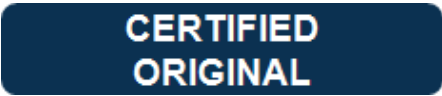
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MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP  
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
PUBLIC RATE HEARING

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Transcript of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter taken at the Water Treatment Plant Facility Meeting Room, 41 Elbo Lane, Mount Laurel, New Jersey, on Thursday, January 17, 2019, commencing at approximately 6:10 p.m., before JANICE D. BURNES, a Registered Professional Reporter, Certified Court Reporter, and Notary Public, pursuant to notice.

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IN ATTENDANCE

Chairwoman: Cheryl Coco-Capri  
Vice Chairman: John Francescone  
Secretary: Elwood Knight  
Member: Christopher Smith  
Member: Dennis Riley  
Executive Director: Pamela J. Carolan  
Safety/Human Resources: Brian Scott  
Auditor: Michael Cragin  
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Stenographer: Theresa Trumbetti

(Exhibits attached)

1 MS. COCO-CAPRI: The meeting is now called  
2 to order.

3 May I have roll call, please?

4 (Roll call taken.)

5 MS. COCO-CAPRI: Please stand for the  
6 pledge of allegiance.

7 (Pledge of allegiance.)

8 MS. COCO-CAPRI: Let the minutes reflect  
9 that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings  
10 Act has been satisfied.

11 Notice has been transmitted to two  
12 newspapers. It has been prominently posted on the  
13 municipal bulletin board and filed with the Mount Laurel  
14 Township clerk.

15 We will now have the swearing in of our  
16 new board member Dennis Riley.

17 (Mr. Riley sworn in.)

18 MS. COCO-CAPRI: We will now commence the  
19 presentation of our proposed rate schedule.

20 Pursuant to the requirements of the  
21 Municipal and County Utilities Authority Law, N.J.S.A.  
22 40:14B-1 et seq., the Mount Laurel Township Municipal  
23 Utilities Authority, MUA, is conducting this public  
24 hearing for the purpose of receiving public comment on  
25 proposed adjustments to the customer charge component of

1 our water user fees, connection fees for water and sewer,  
 2 and our ancillary fee schedule.

3 I would like to mention at the outset that  
 4 there are no proposed changes to the volume charge  
 5 component of our water user fees, nor any of our sewer  
 6 user fees.

7 The Authority's long-term approach to  
 8 rates has allowed us to grow and improve our systems and  
 9 facilities while remaining fiscally sound. The benefits  
 10 to this are the ability to provide products of consistent  
 11 quality and responsive services to our customers, void of  
 12 poorly maintained infrastructure that typically requires  
 13 emergency -- and often more expensive -- repairs and  
 14 replacement. This translates into better service for our  
 15 customers as poorly maintained systems are prone to much  
 16 more frequent disruptions of service.

17 The two major sources of Authority revenue  
 18 are user fees and connection fees. Each of these has an  
 19 impact on the Authority's rates.

20 Through operational and administrative  
 21 efficiencies, negotiation of beneficial contracts,  
 22 maintaining facilities and infrastructure in good order,  
 23 eliminating and restructuring outstanding debt  
 24 obligations and other factors, the MUA has kept its rates  
 25 at reasonable levels over the years, and, in fact, has

1 gone six years without implementing any rate increases at  
2 all.

3           Calendar years 2016, 2017 and 2018 saw  
4 successive drops in the total gallons of water delivered  
5 to our ratepayers. Even as the number of billing  
6 accounts grew each year, the amount of water being used  
7 by our ratepayers declined.

8           This was a major contributor to the MUA's  
9 water utility operating at a loss over the 2016 through  
10 2018 fiscal years.

11           With this in mind, the MUA feels it is  
12 appropriate to take steps towards insulating itself from  
13 the unpredictability of the revenues derived from water  
14 usage.

15           Therefore, we propose a very modest  
16 increase in the customer charge component of the water  
17 fees, which is the set monthly charge based on the size  
18 of the water meter servicing the property. This will  
19 result in more stable and predictable water revenues  
20 moving forward.

21           To illustrate the impact this increase  
22 would have on a typical residential customer with both  
23 water and sewer services and using approximately 5,000  
24 gallons per month, a monthly bill will go from \$62.40 to  
25 \$63.22, an increase of 82 cents per month in the first

1 year. In the second year, the charge will be an  
 2 additional 91 cents per month, and in the third year the  
 3 charge will be an additional \$1.01 per month.

4 The MUA will also be adjusting its  
 5 connection fees. The current connection fees have not  
 6 been adjusted since 2008, 11 years ago.

7 The MUA intends to set these fees at the  
 8 amounts established using the calculation method  
 9 prescribed by New Jersey State Law, N.J.S.A. 40:14B-21  
 10 for water and B-22 for sewer, et seq.

11 Basically, this calculation determines the  
 12 amount a new connector should pay for the right to  
 13 connect to the MUA's water and/or sewer systems.

14 It establishes the amount representing a  
 15 new connector's fair share payment toward the accumulated  
 16 equity in the MUA's infrastructure.

17 The MUA will comply with any requirements  
 18 prescribed by law concerning reductions and/or credits to  
 19 be applied in the calculation and assessment of  
 20 connection fees.

21 The MUA will extend a 50 percent  
 22 connection fee reduction to homes, residential  
 23 communities and businesses existing prior to February  
 24 2019 which are currently serviced by private wells and/or  
 25 septic systems.

1                   Finally, the MUA will be adjusting its  
 2 ancillary fee schedule. Again, the current fees have  
 3 been in effect since 2008.

4                   These ancillary fees are for miscellaneous  
 5 items such as special handling of accounts, hourly labor  
 6 charges, charges for permits and applications,  
 7 inspections, testing fees for water meters, vehicle  
 8 charges, materials and supplies, record drawings and a  
 9 host of other minor items.

10                   Over the past 30 years, the Authority's  
 11 progressive approach to rates, its aggressive capital  
 12 improvement program and its efforts to keep costs in  
 13 check have created water and sewer utilities that are  
 14 well-established, well-maintained and fiscally sound.

15                   In order to continue providing the high-  
 16 quality services the MUA strives to deliver and Mount  
 17 Laurel residents and businesses expect, rate increases  
 18 are necessary from time to time.

19                   It is proposed that the new rates  
 20 discussed in this public statement become effective in  
 21 February 2019.

22                   Schedules reflecting the new user,  
 23 connection and ancillary fees are submitted as exhibits  
 24 and appended to this public hearing statement. Packets  
 25 containing printouts of all fees have been made



1 available.

2                   With this, I will have a motion to open up  
3 public comment.

4                   MR. FRANCESCONE: So moved.

5                   MR. RILEY: Second.

6                   MS. COCO-CAPRI: Motion by  
7 Mr. Francescone, seconded by Mr. Riley.

8                   All in favor?

9                   (All state "aye.")

10                  MS. COCO-CAPRI: Motion approved.

11                  For the record, there is no one in the  
12 public who wishes to speak on this rate hearing.

13                  I will ask for a motion to close the  
14 public portion for the rate hearing.

15                  MR. KNIGHT: So moved, Madam Chairwoman.

16                  MR. SMITH: Second.

17                  MS. COCO-CAPRI: Motion by Mr. Knight,  
18 seconded by Mr. Smith.

19                  All in favor?

20                  (All state "aye.")

21                  MS. COCO-CAPRI: Motion approved.

22                  We will now resume to our regular meeting  
23 for the MUA. Can I have a motion to close the rate  
24 hearing?

25                  MR. SMITH: So moved.

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MS. COCO-CAPRI: Motion by Mr. Smith.  
MR. KNIGHT: Second.  
MS. COCO-CAPRI: Seconded by Mr. Knight.  
All in favor?  
(All state "aye.")  
MS. COCO-CAPRI: Motion approved.  
We will resume the regular meeting.  
(Concluded at 6:19 p.m.)

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