

SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

– SEWER USE RATE HEARING – JANUARY 3, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M. MINUTES

- Call to Order: The 2012 Sewer Use Rate Hearing of the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.
- Moment of Silence and Salute: Led by Chairman Cory
- Announcement: This meeting was called in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act in that an announcement of the same was mailed to the Asbury Park Press, the Star Ledger, and the Coast Star; and to the Clerks of our member municipalities on December 5, 2011. The minutes of this meeting will be available after Board approval at a subsequent meeting.
- Roll Call:**
Present: Commissioners Burne, Cory, Farrell, Lynch, and Nicol.

Mr. Bonello, Mr. Bujak, and Mr. Ruppel.

Ms. Betsy Condiotti Zvulun, Certified Court Reporter
- Late: Commissioner Mattia and Mr. Cuva arrived at 7:03 pm
- Excused: Commissioners Blasi and Schmeling.

ADOPT 2012 BUDGET

Chairman Cory confirmed with the Executive Director, Michael Ruppel and the Finance Committee Chairman, Thomas Nicol that the 2012 Budget proposed was consistent with the budget that was approved by the Board of Commissioners in October 2011; and reviewed in its final format by the Finance Committee during December of 2011. Both Mr. Ruppel and Commissioner Nicol concurred that the 2012 budget was the same and recommended its adoption. Chairman Cory asked for a motion to adopt the proposed 2012 Budget.

1. **RESOLUTION #01-12** Commissioner Nicol made the motion to adopt the proposed 2012 Budget. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
In the Affirmative: Commissioners Burne, Cory, Farrell, Lynch, Mattia, and Nicol.

2. **RESOLUTION #02-12** Commissioner Farrell made the motion to amend the 2012 adopted Budget. Commissioner Burne seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
In the Affirmative: Commissioners Burne, Cory, Farrell, Lynch, Mattia, and Nicol.

SEWER USE RATE HEARING

Chairman Cory asked Mr. Bonello, the Authority's Legal Counsel to conduct the Sewer Use Rate Hearing. Mr. Bonello received and marked into evidence the following exhibits:

- P-1 An Affidavit of Publication for the Notice of the Sewer Use Rate Hearing published in the Asbury Park Press newspaper.
- P-2 An Affidavit of Publication for the Notice of the Sewer Use Rate Hearing published in the Coast Star newspaper.
- P-3 An Affidavit of Publication for the Notice of the Sewer Use Rate Hearing published in the Star Ledger newspaper.
- P-4 Copies of the Rate Hearing Notification letters sent to the Clerks of SMRSA's eight municipalities.

Based upon the above exhibits, Mr. Bonello confirmed jurisdiction to conduct the Sewer Use Rate Hearing.

Mr. Paul Cuva, C.P.A. was sworn.

Mr. Bonello conducted a direct examination with Mr. Cuva, asking him to give the Board his relationship to the Authority and the licenses held. Mr. Cuva responded that he is the Authority's Auditor, a licensed Certified Public Accountant and Registered Municipal Accountant in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Bonello asked if Mr. Cuva had represented sewerage authorities in the past as an Auditor and if so how many. Mr. Cuva replied that he has represented many authorities within the past 33 years as an auditor. Mr. Bonello asked if he was familiar with the statutes governing the Sewerage Authority and more particularly the statute governing the rates. Mr. Cuva responded in the affirmative. Mr. Bonello asked Mr. Cuva his conclusion on the Authority's user charges. Mr. Cuva responded with the new proposed Sewer Use Rate of \$2,842.25 per million gallons of treated flow. He stated that the new rate was reasonable and necessary based on the needs of the Authority and recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the rate.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY/COMMENTS:

Chairman Cory asked for a motion to open the Sewer Use Rate Hearing to the Public. The motion was moved by Commissioner Mattia and seconded by Commissioner Lynch to open the public portion of the Hearing. On voice vote, all voted aye. As there was no public present, a motion was made by Commissioner Burne and seconded by Commissioner Farrell to close the public portion of the Hearing. On voice vote, all voted aye.

ADOPTION OF THE 2012 SEWER USE RATE

3. **RESOLUTION #03-12** Commissioner Mattia made the motion to establish the SMRSA 2012 Sewer Use Rate for the treatment of domestic sewage at \$2,842.25 per million gallons of treated flow effective January 1, 2012.

Commissioner Burne seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

In the Affirmative:

Commissioners Burne, Cory, Farrell, Lynch, Mattia, and Nicol.

ADOPTION OF THE 2012 MUNICIPAL SEWER RATE SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

4. **RESOLUTION #04-12** Commissioner Burne made the motion to adopt the 2012 Municipal Sewer Rate Schedule of Charges.

Commissioner Mattia seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

In the Affirmative:

Commissioners Burne, Cory, Farrell, Lynch, Mattia, and Nicol.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Mattia made the motion to adjourn the Sewer Use Rate Hearing. Commissioner Burne seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. The time was 7:05 p.m.