

SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
1235 18th AVENUE
BELMAR, NEW JERSEY 07719
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019
Commencing 5:13 p.m.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON 2019 CONNECTION FEE

RESOLUTION #01-19, ADOPTION OF CONNECTION FEE

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

B E F O R E:

MARY L. BURNE, Chairperson
E. GENE CORY, Vice Chairman
THOMAS B. NICOL, Commissioner
MICHAEL MATTIA, Commissioner
KEN FARRELL, Commissioner
EDWARD DONOVAN, Commissioner
BERNARD J. BUJAK, CFO & Director of Human Resources
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PAUL CUVA, CPA	
By: Mr. Bonello	5

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1 CHAIRPERSON BURNE: We are going to have
2 the connection fee hearing. The 2019 connection fee
3 hearing of the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage
4 Authority is called to order at 5:15 p.m. on
5 Thursday, January 10.

6 Please rise for a moment of silence and
7 salute to the flag.

8 (Whereupon a moment of silence was
9 observed and the Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

10 CHAIRPERSON BURNE: The hearing is called
11 in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public
12 Meetings Act in that an announcement of the same has
13 been mailed to the Asbury Park Press, The Coast Star
14 and to the Clerks of our member municipalities on
15 December 20, 2018.

16 The minutes of this hearing will be
17 available after board approval at a subsequent
18 meeting.

19 Roll call, please?

20 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Burne?

21 CHAIRPERSON BURNE: Present.

22 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Cory?

23 COMMISSIONER CORY: Here.

24 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Donovan?

25 COMMISSIONER DONOVAN: Here.

1 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Farrell?

2 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Here.

3 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Mattia?

4 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Here.

5 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner May? Absent.

6 And Commissioner Nicol?

7 COMMISSIONER NICOL: Here.

8 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Bonello?

9 MR. BONELLO: Not yet.

10 MR. KRAUSE: I'm sorry, Mr. Bonello.

11 MR. BONELLO: Here.

12 MR. KRAUSE: Mr. Cuva?

13 MR. CUVA: Here.

14 MR. KRAUSE: Mr. Bujak?

15 MR. BUJAK: Here.

16 MR. KRAUSE: Mr. Krause. And Mr.

17 Timbrook is not in the room at this time.

18 CHAIRPERSON BURNE: Okay. Thank you.

19 MR. KRAUSE: Also for the record,

20 Commissioner Lynch has been excused.

21 CHAIRPERSON BURNE: Okay. Thank you.

22 Will our attorney, Mr. Bonello, conduct the

23 connection fee hearing?

24 MR. BONELLO: Thank you, Madam Chairman.

25 In the first instance I'd like to have marked into

1 evidence the following documents: Exhibit 1 is a
2 copy of the Notice that was sent to all persons
3 requiring same of this hearing. Number 2 is a copy
4 of the Affidavit of Publication of this Notice in the
5 Asbury Park Press. Exhibit 3 is an Affidavit of
6 Publication of this Notice in The Coast Star.
7 Exhibit number 4 are copies of the letters together
8 with the certified receipt and green cards for
9 service of the Notice on the Clerks of each member
10 municipality. Exhibit 5 is a copy of the letter from
11 our Auditor, Mr. Cuva, setting forth his
12 calculations.

13 Madam Chairman, based upon these
14 exhibits, I find you have jurisdiction to hold the
15 connection fee hearing, and I would like to have
16 sworn in Mr. Paul Cuva.

17 P A U L C U V A, C P A, was duly sworn and
18 testified under his oath as follows:

19 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BONELLO:

20 Q. Mr. Cuva, could you give us the benefit
21 of your profession, please?

22 A. Yeah, I am a licensed Certified Public
23 Accountant, Registered Municipal Accountant and
24 Public School Accountant in the State of New Jersey.

25 Q. And during -- how long have you been such

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1 a registered accountant?

2 A. For over 40 years.

3 Q. And during that time have you had
4 experience in computing or reviewing computations of
5 the connection fee?

6 A. Yes, I have.

7 Q. Are you familiar with the requirements
8 under the statute, which is N.J.S.A. 40:14A-8?

9 A. Yes, I am.

10 Q. And did you, in fact, review said
11 requirements when reviewing the connection fee?

12 A. Yes, I did.

13 Q. Did you find that the connection fee was
14 calculated in compliance with the requirements of
15 that statute?

16 A. Yes, I did.

17 Q. And could you tell us basically what the
18 new connection fee is going to be?

19 A. The new connection fee, based on the
20 computations, historical past debt service and
21 capital improvements funded through budget
22 appropriations, is \$57,013,639.95. That's divided
23 by the number of equivalent units projected --
24 actually -- actual EDUs -- or not EDUs, connections
25 as of December 31, 2018, 27,846, which results in a

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1 connection fee for year 2019 of \$2,047.

2 Q. Okay. And do you recall that the
3 connection fee for last year was \$1971?

4 A. Yes, it was.

5 Q. And do you have a recommendation to the
6 board as to whether this connection fee was computed
7 properly and in compliance with the statute?

8 A. Yes, I do.

9 Q. And do you recommend that it is
10 reasonable and necessary in order to fund and -- help
11 fund the operations of the Authority?

12 A. Yes, I do.

13 MR. BONELLO: I have no further questions
14 of Mr. Cuva. Any members of the board have any
15 questions?

16 If that's the case, I would at this time
17 ask that the -- a Resolution be passed. I note that
18 there are no members of the public, so we don't need
19 a public hearing. So I would suggest at this point
20 that a Resolution be offered amending and approving
21 the proposed connection fee of \$2,055.

22 MR. BUJAK: Sorry.

23 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: 47.

24 MR. BONELLO: 47.

25 CHAIRPERSON BURNE: 2,047.

1 MR. BONELLO: Yes. So would someone want
2 to move that?

3 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: I'll move
4 Resolution Number 1-19, a motion to establish the
5 2019 Connection Fee of \$2,047 per Equivalent Dwelling
6 Unit, EDU, effective January 11, 2019.

7 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Second.

8 CHAIRPERSON BURNE: A motion has been
9 made and seconded. Roll call?

10 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Burne?

11 CHAIRPERSON BURNE: Yes.

12 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Cory?

13 COMMISSIONER CORY: Yes.

14 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Donovan?

15 COMMISSIONER DONOVAN: Yes.

16 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Farrell?

17 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Yes.

18 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Lynch? Is
19 excused, sorry. Commissioner Mattia?

20 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Yes.

21 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner May is absent.
22 And Commissioner Nicol?

23 COMMISSIONER NICOL: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Make a motion we
25 adjourn.

1 CHAIRPERSON BURNE: Is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER DONOVAN: Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN BURNE: Motion has been made
4 and seconded. All in favor?

5 MULTIPLE COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

6 CHAIRWOMAN BURNE: Opposed? Motion is
7 carried. Thank you.

8 (Whereupon the public hearing was
9 concluded at 5:20 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, BETSY CONDIOTTI, a Certified Court Reporter of the State of New Jersey and Registered Professional Reporter, certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate verbatim transcript of the proceedings as taken by and before me on the date and place hereinbefore set forth.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither attorney, nor counsel for, nor related to or employed by, any of the parties to the action in which this hearing was taken, and further that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or counsel employed in this action, nor am I financially interested in this case.



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