

SOUTH MONMOUTH REGIONAL SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
1235 18th AVENUE
BELMAR, NEW JERSEY 07719
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021
Commencing 5:45 p.m.

RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON 2022 SEWER USE SERVICE RATE

RESOLUTION #71-21, TO ESTABLISH THE SEWER USE SERVICE
RATE

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS FROM AUDIO RECORDING

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WITNESS	DIRECT
PAUL CUVA, CPA	
By: Mr. Bonello	5

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1 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: The 2022 Sewer Use
2 Service Rate hearing of the South Monmouth Regional
3 Sewerage Authority is called to order at 5:45 p.m. on
4 Thursday, October 14, 2021.

5 This hearing is being called in
6 accordance with the provisions of the Open Public
7 Meetings Act as well as guidance from the New Jersey
8 Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local
9 Government Services in that an announcement of the
10 same has appeared on the Authority's website, the
11 Asbury Park Press, The Coast Star, and the Clerks of
12 our member municipalities on September 23, 2021.

13 The minutes of this hearing will be
14 available after board approval at a subsequent
15 meeting.

16 Roll call, please.

17 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Addonizio?

18 COMMISSIONER ADDONIZIO: Here.

19 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Cory?

20 COMMISSIONER CORY: Here.

21 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Farrell?

22 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Here.

23 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Lynch?

24 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Here.

25 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Mattia?

1 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Here.

2 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner May?

3 COMMISSIONER MAY: Here.

4 MR. KRAUSE: And commissioner Nicol?

5 COMMISSIONER NICOL: Here.

6 MR. KRAUSE: And for the record,

7 Commissioner Donovan has been excused.

8 Mr. Bonello?

9 MR. BONELLO: Here.

10 MR. KRAUSE: Mr. Bujak?

11 MR. BUJAK: Here.

12 MR. KRAUSE: Mr. Cuva?

13 MR. CUVA: Here.

14 MR. KRAUSE: Mr. Krause, I'm here.

15 And Mr. Timbrook?

16 MR. TIMBROOK: Here.

17 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Okay. I will instruct

18 legal counsel to proceed with conducting the Sewer

19 Use Service Rate hearing.

20 MR. BONELLO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

21 Initially I'm going to mark into Evidence the

22 following exhibits: P-1 is the Rate Schedule that's

23 proposed. P-2 is the Notice of Public Hearing to

24 award the sewer service charge. P-3 is the Affidavit

25 of Publication of this hearing in The Coast Star.

1 P-4 is the Affidavit of Publication of this hearing
2 in the Asbury Park Press. P-5 is copies of letters
3 to all municipal Clerks of the eight municipalities
4 including the signed Certified Mail receipt. P-6 is
5 evidence of the sewer use charge faxed and e-mailed
6 to the municipalities.

7 Mr. Chairman, based upon these exhibits,
8 I find that you have jurisdiction to have the rate
9 hearing.

10 I would like to call in the first
11 instance Mr. Paul Cuva.

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

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BONELLO:

15 Q. Could you briefly tell us what your
16 professional qualifications are?

17 A. I'm a Certified Public Accountant, Registered
18 Municipal Accountant, Public School Accountant
19 licensed in the State of New Jersey.

20 Q. And pursuant -- and how long have you
21 been working as a Certified Public Accountant?

22 A. 40-plus years.

23 Q. And during those years have you had
24 occasion to work for sewerage authorities and
25 authorities like this to determine the rate charges

1 pursuant to the appropriate statute?

2 A. Yes, I have.

3 Q. Approximately how many times?

4 A. Probably the last 40 years. A long time.

5 Q. All right. And did you, in fact, examine
6 the books and records and the compilation of the
7 proposed charge that has been made by the staff?

8 A. Yes, I have looked at the proposed charge made
9 by the staff.

10 Q. And I show you what's been marked P-1.
11 And can you identify that as being the compilation of
12 the financial back for the proposed charges?

13 A. Yes, this is right.

14 Q. And did you feel that this is accurate?

15 A. This is -- I have not reviewed the mathematical
16 calculations.

17 Q. Do you feel that it's consistent with the
18 statute?

19 A. Yes, it is.

20 Q. Would you recommend to the board that
21 this amendment to the charges is reasonable and
22 necessary?

23 A. Yes, I do.

24 Q. And do you recommend that they pass a
25 Resolution adopting the new charges?

1 A. Yes, I do.

2 MR. BONELLO: I have no further questions
3 of Mr. Cuva. Do any members of the board have any
4 question? I have one question.

5 Q. What is the actual proposed rate?

6 A. The actual proposed user rate is \$3,668.65 per
7 million gallons.

8 Q. And last year the rate was?

9 A. Last year the rate was \$4,084.75 per million
10 gallons.

11 MR. BONELLO: Thank you. Any members of
12 the board have any questions?

13 MULTIPLE COMMISSIONERS: No.

14 MR. BONELLO: Mr. Chairman, I submit the
15 application and the proofs submitted by Mr. Cuva as a
16 foundation for you to vote on raising the rate to the
17 number of \$3,668.65 per million gallons.

18 Someone move it?

19 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: No, at this time I will
20 open up to the public the sewer rate charge.

21 MR. BONELLO: Sorry.

22 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Do I have a second?

23 COMMISSIONER: Second.

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25 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: All in favor?

1 MULTIPLE COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Seeing none, I'd like to
3 make a motion to close to the public.

4 COMMISSIONER: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: All in favor?

6 MULTIPLE COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: So I guess, Mr. Nicol,
8 will you take Resolution 71-21?

9 COMMISSIONER NICOL: I make a motion to
10 adopt the established South Monmouth Regional
11 Sewerage Authority 2022 Sewer Use Rate for the
12 treatment of domestic sewage at the rate of \$3,668.65
13 per one million gallons of flow effective January 1,
14 2022.

15 COMMISSIONER: Second.

16 COMMISSIONER: I second.

17 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Okay, moved and
18 seconded. Roll call, please?

19 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Addonizio?

20 COMMISSIONER ADDONIZIO: Yes.

21 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Cory?

22 MR. CORY: Yes.

23 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Farrell?

24 COMMISSIONER FARRELL: Yes.

25 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Lynch?

1 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Yes.

2 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner Mattia?

3 COMMISSIONER MATTIA: Yes.

4 MR. KRAUSE: Commissioner May?

5 COMMISSIONER MAY: Yes.

6 MR. KRAUSE: And Commissioner Nicol?

7 COMMISSIONER NICOL: Yes.

8 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Okay. At this time I
9 make a Motion to adjourn the Sewer Use Service Rate
10 hearing.

11 COMMISSIONER: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: All in favor?

13 MULTIPLE COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN LYNCH: Thank you.

15 MR. BONELLO: Thank you, Paul.

16 (Whereupon the public hearing was
17 concluded.)

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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, certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate verbatim transcript of the proceedings as listened to by me.

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 matter.

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