The Regular Meeting of the W.T.M.U.A. was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on October 23, 2013. Adequate notice of this meeting of the W.T.M.U.A. was given to the Daily Record and the Courier News on February 12, 2013. Notice was also posted on the Municipal Building Bulletin Board.

Members Present: Messrs. Cullen, Napolitano, Akin, Mascott\*

Alt. Members Present: Messrs. Babb, Kramer\*\*

Members Absent: Messrs. Popper

Alt. Members Absent: Messrs. Township Liaison Present: Messrs.

Township Liaison Absent: Messrs. LiaBraaten

Staff Members Present: Executive Director (E.D.) Pucilowski, Secretary Waller

#### **SALUTE THE FLAG**

#### **VOUCHERS OVER \$5,000**

Motion was made, Mr. Akin, and seconded by Mr. Napolitano, that the vouchers for Accurate Waste for \$7,720.80, Edmunds for \$8,429.00 and Toby Barkman for \$17,250.00 be approved for payment and authorized by the signature of the proper official. Motion was carried by the following vote:

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Akin, Napolitano, Mascott, Babb

NAYS: Messrs.: None ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

### **2014 BUDGETS**

The revised water and sewer operating budgets and capital budgets were reviewed. It was also agreed that the new truck will be replaced with a new plow in the Water Capital Budget. It will be determined next year if the plow will go on the new truck or the old truck. The Budget was agreed to with the proposed rate increase.

#### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 9:00 PM**

The cost of sewer service was discussed. It was requested that the Board look at what could be done to reduce the costs. The Board advised that they have done what they can to reduce costs and welcome suggestions. It was recommended that information from Hackettstown MUA on how they keep their rates so low might some insight into the cost differential. Service differences would include density of customer base and DEP water supply standards.

It was advised that the Closed Session will be on the Employee Association Agreement.

### **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC 9:21 PM**

#### **2014 BUDGETS**

# RESOLUTION WATER AND SEWER RATE REVISION

No. 13-10-E

<sup>\*</sup>arrived at 7:37 pm \*\*arrived at 7:50 pm

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority ("Authority") is authorized from time to time to revise its rate schedule of service charges to ensure that the revenues of the Authority will at all times be adequate to pay the expense of operation and maintenance of its utility system; and

WHEREAS, the revised rate schedule shall be approved after adequate notice and public hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Authority to provide adequate notice and proceed with the public hearing on the revised rate schedule as set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority:

1. That adequate notice be provided and a public hearing be scheduled regarding the following proposed Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Municipal Rate Schedules for water and sewer services:

#### III. USER FEES

#### A. Water User Fees -

 Single Family Homes - Rates shown for Quarterly Billing for each residential unit:

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GALLONS		RATES	
Base	Less than	Base	Plus <sup>1</sup>
0	7,500	\$66.71	\$0.00
7,500	17,500	66.71	3.07
17,500	27,500	97.37	7.52
27,500	32,500	172.55	8.35
32,500	42,500	214.28	10.02
42,500	52,500	314.45	12.13
52,500	85,000	435.73	15.94
Over	85,000	953.75	19.53

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> - Rate per 1,000 gallons or part thereof over the Base Gallons indicated.

- b. Unmetered \$168.76 per quarter.
- Apartments, Multi-Family, Commercial, Industrial, Public, & Commercial Condominium -

## a. Metered

GALLONS		RA	RATES	
Base	Less than	Base	Plus <sup>1</sup>	
0	7,500	\$66.71	\$0.00	
7,500	17,500	66.71	3.07	
17,500	27,500	97.37	5.57	
27,500	32,500	153.02	7.09	
32,500	42,500	188.45	7.13	
42,500	52,500	259.75	7.72	
52,500	85,000	336.92	8.07	
Over	85,000	599.35	8.81	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>-Rate per 1,000 gallons or part thereof over the Base Gallons indicated.

b. Unmetered - \$150.14 per quarter.

3. Historical - \$9.27 per quarter.

## 4. Fire Hydrant Rental -

- a. Annual Charge There shall be a charge of \$95.00 per year, payable on January 1st of each year, for each fire hydrant, public or private, connected to the Authority's Water Distribution System, regardless of frequency of use or volume of water consumed.
- b. *Temporary Use* Fire Hydrant permit may be obtained at the WTMUA Office at a cost of \$25.00 for the first week or part thereof and \$20.00 for each subsequent week or part thereof for any use over one week plus \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons or part thereof used. For any use requiring a 3" meter, the fee shall be \$75.00 per week plus \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons or part thereof used in addition to a \$300.00 refundable security deposit.

#### B. Sewer User Fees -

Unit Type	Per Quarter 1	Per Year
Single Family Homes	\$277.35	\$1,109.39
Apartments & Multi Family <sup>2</sup>	\$277.35	\$1,109.39
Commercial, Industrial, Public,		
Commercial Condominium,	\$277.35	\$1,109.39
Public Education <sup>3</sup>		
Public - Unoccupied	This category shal	I be exempt from
·	annual sewer user fee.	
Historical	\$16.99	\$67.97

- 1 All Sewer Users Fees are payable in advance of the quarter in which the service is provided.
- 2 For Each Residential Unit.
- 3 The quarterly and annual rates show are a base charge which shall be multiplied by the EDU for the facility, plus any surcharge as determined by the WTMUA based on the chemical characteristics of the effluent
- 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage according to law.

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED:** October 23, 2013

Motion was made by Mr. Akin, and seconded by Mr. Mascott, to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Napolitano, Akin, Mascott, Kramer, Babb

NAYS: Messrs.: None ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

**CLOSED SESSION: 9:35 PM** 

# RESOLUTION CLOSED SESSION

No. 13-10-D

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority to discuss a matter relating to Contract Negotiations and Litigation Matters which matter is permitted by Section 7.6 of the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey for 1975) to be discussed in closed session in the absence of the Public; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority has determined that it is necessary in the public interest that the matter in fact be discussed in closed session, and has estimated that, as nearly as can be ascertained, the results of the discussion can be disclosed to the public when

formally acted upon.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Washington Township Municipal Utilities Authority, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, that the public be excluded from the closed portion of this meeting, during which only the aforestated matter will be discussed.

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED:** October 23, 2013

Motion was made by Mr. Mascott, and seconded by Mr. Napolitano, to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Napolitano, Akin, Mascott, Kramer, Babb

NAYS: Messrs.: None ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

**OUT OF CLOSED: 9:53 PM** 

Motion was made by Mr. Aiken, and seconded by Mr. Babb, to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Messrs.: Cullen, Napolitano, Akin, Mascott, Kramer, Babb

NAYS: Messrs.: None ABSTAIN: Messrs.: None

Meeting Adjourned: 9:54 pm Respectfully Submitted,

E. Jill Waller Secretary