

ATLANTIC COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
December 17, 2020 – 3:00 PM
6700 Delilah Road, Egg Harbor Township, NJ

PRESENT FOR THE AUTHORITY

Marvin Embry	Chair
Peter Sarkos	Member - zoom
Fred Akers	Member – zoom
Andrew Berenato	Member - zoom
Laura Pfrommer	Member - zoom
Judy Ward	Member - zoom
Richard Dovey	President
Brian Lefke	Senior Vice President of Solid Waste & Authority Secretary
Joseph Pantalone	Vice President Wastewater
Linda Bazemore	Vice President of Administration & Finance/CFO
Matthew DeNafo	Vice President of Centralized Maintenance & Asset Management
Thomas Ganard	Chief Engineer
Sharon Hunt	HR Director
Janette Kessler	Safety & Risk Manager
Patricia Keeper	Assistant Board Secretary

ALSO PRESENT

Salvatore Perillo, Esq.	Nehmad, Davis & Goldstein - zoom
James Ferguson, Esq.	County Counsel - zoom
Karen Haworth	CSR Associates

Chairman Embry called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and announced that the notice of the 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule was mailed to the Atlantic City Press, The Daily Journal, The Clerk of Atlantic County, and The Clerk of The Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders on February 22, 2019 in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6, et seq. and it was posted on the bulletin board of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority in the administration building, and Notice of Live Streaming of this meeting was mailed to the Atlantic City Press, The Daily Journal, The Clerk of Atlantic County, and The Clerk of The Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders on November 4, 2020; Notice of the December 17, 2020 Wastewater and Solid Waste Rate Hearings was mailed to the Atlantic City Press, The Daily Journal, The Clerk of Atlantic County, and the Clerk of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders on November 24, 2020 in Compliance with The Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6, et seq. and NJSA 40:14B-23, and these notices were posted on the bulletin board of the Atlantic County Utilities Authority in the Administration Building.

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Roll call was taken by Brian Lefke which reflected a quorum was present.

Chairman Embry	present
Peter Sarkos	present
Fred Akers	present
Andrew Berenato	present
John Lyons	absent
Judy Ward	present
Laura Pfrommer	present

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2020 MEETING – voted on and approved by all members.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

BOARD COMMENT: Chairman Embry introduced Sharon Hunt who is the new HR Director. He also thanked and congratulated Harry Gallagher on his retirement after 32 years of service with the Authority.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

ALL RESOLUTIONS APPROVED.

RESOLUTION COMMENTS:

Resolution 20-12-320: Adopting Wastewater Rates, Fees and Charges.
Rate hearing was held to set fees and charges effective January 1, 2021.

Resolution 20-12-321: Adopting Solid Waste Rates, Fees and Charges.
Rate hearing was held to set fees and charges effective January 1, 2021.

Resolution 20-12-329: Authorizing a contract with M.L. Ruberton Construction Company, Inc. for Marketing of Recyclable/Reusable Material.
Explanation: Renewal of contract for contract term January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021, at the rate of \$13.00 per ton. Amount of revenue to the Authority is approximately \$130,000.00.
Mr. Berenato abstained from voting.

Resolution 20-12-369: Authorizing execution of a Material Transfer Agreement for HHS Wastewater Surveillance Project.
Explanation: ACUA Wastewater Treatment Plant has been accepted to participate in Phase I of the COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance Project.
Matt DeNafo explained the Authority's role in this testing program.

Sal Perillo announced that he is leaving the firm of Nehmad, Perillo, Davis and Goldstein on December 31st. He gave a brief overview of some of the matters in which he represented the ACUA and thanked the Board for the opportunity to represent the Authority over the past years. Chairman Embry thanked Sal for his excellent representation.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian Lefke
Board Secretary

TESTIMONY OF LINDA R. BAZEMORE, VICE-PRESIDENT/ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE/CFO

Public Testimony (12/17/21)

Resolution 20-12-320 Adopting schedule of Wastewater Fees, Rates and Charges.
Explanation: Hearing to set Wastewater fees and charges for 2021.

For the record, the rate for the treatment of wastewater charged to the 14 participants of the system will remain the same for 2021 at \$2,169.1100 per million gallons. The 2020 rate increased by 1.5% and prior to that increase, the last rate increase was in 2014 by 1.5%. The total amount to be billed to the 14 participants in 2021 is \$22,153,120. The amount billed to the participants in 2020 was \$23,694,078. As part of the calculation, total system flows will be reduced to 10,213 million gallons in 2021 as compared to 10,923 million gallons in 2020.

Changes to the 2021 rates are as follows:

- Inspection fees for grease recovery will be \$85.00 for the first unit and \$10.00 for each additional unit.
- A New Fee Schedule to be charged to Significant Indirect Users for Administrative Services, Lab Services and Penalties will take effect in 2021
- Septage Disposal Rate will increase to \$.055 per gallon

All other advertised fees, rates and charges will remain unchanged.

The total Wastewater Budget for 2021 is \$28,142,294 which represents a decrease of 1.65% as compared to the 2020 budget.

This concludes the wastewater portion of my public testimony.

Resolution 20-12-321: Adopting Solid Waste Rates, Fees and Charges.
Explanation: Hearing to set Solid Waste rates, fees and charges for 2021.

Regarding the Solid Waste Division, the total budget for 2021 is \$42,454,316 which represents an increase of 7.11% as compared to the 2020 budget.

For the Solid Waste Division, the 2021 gate rates will be charged as follows:

- Municipal Solid Waste gate rate will be \$71.10 per ton. This rate adjustment is reflective of an increase of 3%.
- Construction & demolition waste and painted wood rate will be \$92.70 per ton. This rate adjustment is reflective of an increase of 3%.
- Dry Industrial Waste (Non-hazardous) rate will be \$126.40 per ton. This rate adjustment is reflective of an increase of 3%.

- Asbestos rate will be \$126.40 per ton. This rate adjustment is reflective of an increase of 3%.
- Per vehicle minimum charge will be \$10.00 per vehicle
- Recycling Processing fee rate will be increased to \$40.00 per ton

All other advertised fees, rates and charges remain unchanged.

This concludes my public testimony.

WASTEWATER RATES & FEES WILL BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021:

- Grease Recovery - Inspection fees \$85.00 for the first unit and \$10.00 for each additional unit
- Significant Indirect User (SIU) New Fee Schedule for Administrative Services, Lab Services and Penalties
 - Septage Disposal Rate will be \$.055 per gallon

SOLID WASTE FEES AND CHARGES WILL BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021:

- Municipal Solid Waste (Type 10) rate will be \$71.10 per ton
- Dry Bulky waste (Type 13) will be \$92.70 per ton
- Construction & Demolition waste (Type 13C) rate will be \$92.70 per ton.
- Vegetative Waste (Type 23) rate will be \$71.10 per ton
- Animal Food Processing (Type 25) rate will be \$71.10 per ton
- Dry Industrial Waste – (Type 27: Non-hazardous) rate will be \$126.40 per ton
- Asbestos (Type 27A) rate will be \$126.40 per ton
- Incinerator Ash (Type 27I) rate will be \$126.40 per ton.
- Per vehicle minimum charge will be \$10.00 per vehicle
- Clean Wood, Metal w/o CFCs, and propane tanks \$10.00 per load
- Recycling Processing fee rate will be \$40.00 per ton

TO: Brian G. Lefke, Secretary
Atlantic County Utilities Authority

FROM: Honorable Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive

RE: Minutes of Meeting – December 17, 2020

I. The Minutes of the above referenced meeting were submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A 40:41A-37 et seq. on December 18, 2020.

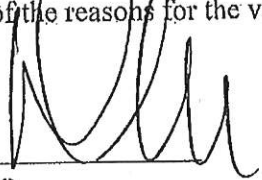
- (a) by the end of the fifth business day following the meeting.
- (b) as soon as practicable following the meeting where emergency action has been taken.
- (c) beyond the statutory period for submission.

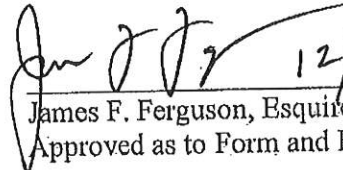
II. I hereby return the Minutes of the above referenced meeting to the Authority and to the Board of Freeholders, on the date set forth above, which is

- (a) within ten days of delivery.
- (b) within twenty-four (24) hours of delivery where the action at the meeting was deemed by the Authority to be in response to an emergency situation.

III. The following action is taken on the Minutes:

- (a) Approved in all respects.
- (b) Vetoed in all respects. A written explanation of the reasons for the veto is attached.
- (c) Approved in part and vetoed in part.
The specific items which are vetoed and a written explanation of the reasons for the veto or vetoes is attached.


Dennis Levinson
Atlantic County Executive

 12/18/20
James F. Ferguson, Esquire
Approved as to Form and Entry

Date:

cc: Sonya Harris, Clerk to the Board of Chosen Freeholders

ATTACHMENTS: Minutes
 Veto Message