

TOMS RIVER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
Meeting Number Twelve Hundred Forty Eight

Agenda

November 23, 2021

The regular meeting of the Toms River Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 4:30 P.M. at the office of the Authority, 340 West Water Street, Toms River, New Jersey 08753.

The following were present:

Charles S. Valvano, Chairman

Lauren Holman/HFA

Tariq M. Siddiqui, Vice-Chairman

Colleen Vaughn/Court Reporter

Deborah L. Clement, Commissioner

Ben A. Montenegro, Commissioner

Philip I. Brilliant, Commissioner

Joseph G. Bilotta, Alt. Commissioner

Dr. Alfonso J. Manforti, Alt. Commissioner

Bernard Rutkowski, Executive Director/Sec'y.-Treas.

Joseph D. Coronato, Esquire, Counsel

Rosemary Rosetto, Chief Financial Officer

Nicholas Otten, Authority Engineer

Cindy Toye, Administrative Bookkeeping Specialist

Christina Diamante, Executive Assistant/Assistant Sec'y

The Public Hearing for the Proposed 2022 Sewer User Rate and Connection Fee was held on November 23, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. with Mr. Coronato presiding over the meeting. Attached is a copy of the computerized transcript of the proposed 2022 sewer user rate and connection fee taken on November 23, 2021, by Colleen M. Vaughn, Certified Court Reporter. A motion was made by Mr. Montenegro and seconded by Mrs. Clement to adopt the connection fee for the Authority for fiscal year 2022 of \$2,874. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Montenegro, Mrs. Clement, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes. Another motion was made by Mrs. Clement and seconded by Mr. Montenegro to adopt the sewer rate and user charges for fiscal year 2022, including the basic sewer rate \$337.16 and the rate schedule that has been presented here today. A roll call vote was taken with Mrs. Clement, Mr. Montenegro, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes. Mr. Coronato stated to the Chairman that this concluded the public hearing on both the basic sewer rate and user fee, as well as the connection fee. The public hearing concluded at 4:21 p.m. A short recess took place before going into the regularly scheduled meeting agenda at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting #1248 was called to order at 4:30 p.m., November 23, 2021 by Chairman Valvano.

Ms. Diamante, Assistant Secretary, reported that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, P. L. 1975, c. 231, notice of this meeting was posted on the Township Bulletin Board, the Authority Bulletin Board, filed with the Clerk's Office and published in the Asbury Park Press.

Ms. Diamante called the roll. Dr. Manforti, Mr. Bilotta, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Montenegro, Mrs. Clement, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano were present.

Minutes of Meetings for Approval

A. Meeting #1247 - October 26, 2021 - New Submission

A motion was made by Mrs. Clement and seconded by Mr. Siddiqui to approve the minutes of Meeting #1247 October 26, 2021 as written. A roll call vote was taken with Mrs. Clement, Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Montenegro and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

B. Ex. Session #1247 - October 26, 2021 - New Submission

A motion was made by Mrs. Clement and seconded by Mr. Montenegro to approve the minutes of Ex. Session #1247 October 26, 2021 as written. A roll call vote was taken with Mrs. Clement, Mr. Montenegro, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Disbursements

A motion was made by Mrs. Clement and seconded by Mr. Siddiqui to approve payment of the Operating Expenses as listed in the amount of \$4,344,523.97. A roll call vote was taken with Mrs. Clement, Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Montenegro and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes. Mr. Brilliant voted yes with the exception of the reimbursement to himself.

Additional Disbursements

A motion was made by Mrs. Clement and seconded by Mr. Montenegro to approve payment of the additional disbursements in the amount of \$268.62. A roll call vote was taken with Mrs. Clement, Mr. Montenegro, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes. Mr. Brilliant voted yes with the exception of check #10680.

Trust Fund for Contracts

A motion was made by Mrs. Clement and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to approve the release from the Trust Fund for Contracts as listed in the amount of \$14,200.30. A roll call vote was taken with Mrs. Clement, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Montenegro, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Ratification of Monthly Transfer & Investment Resolutions

A motion was made by Mrs. Clement and seconded by Mr. Siddiqui to ratify the monthly transfer and investment resolutions. A roll call vote was taken with Mrs. Clement, Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Montenegro and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Financial Reports

A motion was made by Mrs. Clement and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to enter the financial reports

6A-6F into the record. A roll call vote was taken with Mrs. Clement, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Montenegro, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Finance & Investments: 6G

Mr. Bilotta presented the report. A motion was made by Mrs. Clement and seconded by Mr. Montenegro to reinvest the available funds of \$11,476.05 into the Ocean First Trust Custodial Account. A roll call vote was taken with Mrs. Clement, Mr. Montenegro, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Operating Reports

A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mrs. Clement that the operating reports 7A-7G were accepted as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mrs. Clement, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Montenegro and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

Development Applications-Major Sub Divisions

There were no applications submitted for approval.

Authority Meeting

The next Authority meeting was confirmed for Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the TRMUA conference room.

Adoption of Resolutions/Capital Purchases

9A-3 - A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mr. Montenegro to authorize the solicitation of Professional Services for 2022. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mr. Montenegro, Mr. Brilliant, Mrs. Clement and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

9A-4 - A motion was made by Mrs. Clement and seconded by Mr. Brilliant for a late budget submittal. A roll call vote was taken with Mrs. Clement, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Montenegro, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

9A-5 - A motion was made by Mrs. Clement and seconded by Mr. Brilliant to approve the draft of the 2022 budget. A roll call vote was taken with Mrs. Clement, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Montenegro, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

9A-6 - A motion was made by Mr. Siddiqui and seconded by Mrs. Clement to approve the Org chart as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Siddiqui, Mrs. Clement, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Montenegro and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

9A-7 - A motion was made by Mrs. Clement and seconded by Mr. Montenegro to authorize the resolution and enter into a contract with Hutchins for replacement of the Authority's air handlers and condenser portion of our HVAC system, pending the approval of the consulting engineer of French and Parrello. A roll call vote was taken with Mrs. Clement, Mr. Montenegro, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

9B - Unfinished Business

None.

Committee Reports

Legal

None.

Engineering & Technology

The Engineering Committee met and discussed moving forward with the HVAC project.

Regionalization

None.

Land

None.

Personnel

The Personnel Committee consulted with the Executive Director. Brittany Venier has been hired as the new Assistant Customer Accounts Clerk; she will be starting on November 29th on a probation period of 90 days at 75% of her starting salary.

Finance

The Chairman shared that the Finance Committee's meeting with the Auditor went very well, they discussed the financial condition and revenue needs of the Authority as well as the rate hearing that was scheduled for earlier this evening. He added that the appropriation check was hand delivered by the Executive Director to the Township. Chairman Valvano shared he's very pleased about passing the resolution for the cooling portion of the HVAC and thanked everyone involved with making that happen. He then announced the MUAA dinner is on Dec 9th, for anyone who wants to attend please contact the Executive Secretary. Lastly, Mr. Valvano concluded by informing he will be meeting with the Executive Director tomorrow to go over the annual letter for the 2022 billing, which will be going out the first week of December.

Liaison to Township

Commissioner Clement reported that the TRMUA's increase in rates and figures were presented to the Town Council president to share with the rest of the council.

Public Comments

Mrs. Rosetto asked for an update when Herflicker Blvd. would be open, to which Mr. Rutkowski responded that February was the last he heard and that could be pushed back as well. Seeing no further public comments, Chairman Valvano closed the public portion of the meeting.

Correspondence

Mr. Rutkowski shared a letter of appreciation received complimenting a job well done by Assistant Customer Accounts Clerk, Kara Petrocelli, the ratepayer stated her customer service skills to be of the highest caliber he has ever seen. A copy of the letter will be added to her personnel file.

Resolution to Enter Executive Session

No executive session was held.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. Clement and seconded by Mr. Montenegro to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with Mrs. Clement, Mr. Montenegro, Mr. Brilliant, Mr. Siddiqui and Mr. Valvano all casting affirmative votes.

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TOMS RIVER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
PUBLIC HEARING

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TOMS RIVER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
340 West Water Street
Toms River, New Jersey 08753

NOVEMBER 23, 2021
4:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS:

- CHARLES S. VALVANO, Chairman
- TARIQ M. SIDDIQUI, Vice Chairman
- DEBORAH L. CLEMENT
- BEN A. MONTENEGRO
- PHILIP BRILLIANT
- JOSEPH G. BILOTTA, Alternate
- ALFONSO J. MANFORTI, Alternate
- BERNARD RUTKOWSKI, Executive Director

ALSO PRESENT:

CHRISTINA DIAMANTE, Assistant Secretary

A P P E A R A N C E S:

CORONATO LAW
BY: JOSEPH D. CORONATO, ESQ.
Attorney for the Toms River Municipal Utilities
Authority.

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1 THE CHAIRMAN: Welcome to the Toms
2 River Municipal Utilities Authority Meeting Number
3 1248. Sunshine disclosure, please.

4 MS. DIAMANTE: This meeting is
5 convened in accordance with the provisions of the
6 Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey. Let the
7 official minutes reflect that adequate notice of this
8 meeting has been provided by publishing annual
9 meeting notice in the Asbury Park Press, the Star
10 Ledger, filed with the Township Clerk and thereafter
11 posting same on the Authority bulletin board and the
12 Township bulletin board.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Flag salute.
14 (Flag salute.)

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Roll call.

16 MS. DIAMANTE: Dr. Manforti.

17 COMMISSIONER MANFORTI: Here.

18 MS. DIAMANTE: Mr. Bilotta.

19 COMMISSIONER BILOTTA: Here.

20 MS. DIAMANTE: Mr. Brilliant.

21 COMMISSIONER BRILLIANT: Here.

22 MS. DIAMANTE: Mr. Montenegro.

23 COMMISSIONER MONTENEGRO: Here.

24 MS. DIAMANTE: Mrs. Clement.

25 COMMISSIONER Clement: Here.

1 MS. DIAMANTE: Mr. Siddiqui.

2 COMMISSIONER SIDDIQUI: Here.

3 MS. DIAMANTE: Mr. Valvano.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Here.

5 2A. Public Hearing - Connection Fee
6 and Sewer User Rate. I'd like to hand the meeting
7 over to Mr. Coronato, our attorney.

8 MR. CORONATO: Thank you, Mr.
9 Chairman.

10 Good evening, ladies and gentlemen,
11 and Commissioners and public. Okay. We have a court
12 reporter that's present this evening, and she's here
13 to take an accurate record of everything that has
14 transpired here today and take down verbatim
15 everything that is said. If you're addressing the
16 board, I would ask that you have -- that you speak
17 clearly, one person at a time, and that there would
18 be no nodding, but actually that the people would
19 actually be able to speak and for gestures would be
20 appropriate -- no gestures would be appropriate since
21 we have a court reporter here.

22 We're going to continue with the
23 public hearing for sewer and user rates and
24 connection fees for 2022, and I'd like to call the
25 first witness, Rosemary Rosetto.

1 R O S E M A R Y R O S E T T O,
2 having been first duly sworn according to
3 law, upon her oath, testified as follows:

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5 EXAMINATION BY MR. CORONATO:

6 Q. Miss Rosetto, can you please state
7 your name and position with the MUA and the years
8 experience that you have?

9 A. Rosemary Rosetto. I've been here with
10 the Authority 22 years, have 25 plus years experience
11 in that profession.

12 Q. And are you familiar with the Toms
13 River MUA financial records?

14 A. Yes, I am.

15 Q. Okay. Have you testified before this
16 Commission on several occasions regarding commission
17 fees?

18 A. Yes, I have.

19 Q. Now, you understand that the public
20 notice that has been given with regard to hearing,
21 have you not?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And I show you and I guess we need
24 both the -- I have copies here. I show you the
25 affidavits and I guess we can mark this as A-1 and

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1 A-2, for both the Asbury Park Press and the Star
2 Ledger.

3 (Whereupon, Asbury Park Press
4 Affidavit of Publication is received for
5 identification and marked Exhibit A-1.)

6 (Whereupon, Star Ledger Affidavit of
7 Publication is received for identification and
8 marked Exhibit A-2.)

9 BY MR. CORONATO:

10 Q. Is that correct?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. Now, did you prepare a memorandum with
13 regard to the, again, to the rate increases?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Okay. And do you have that with you?

16 A. I don't have the memorandum with me.

17 Q. Okay. I guess --

18 A. Calculation of connection fees. I'm
19 sorry.

20 Q. Okay. Do you have a copy?

21 MS. DIAMANTE: The memo?

22 MR. CORONATO: Yes. Okay. And I
23 guess we can get that marked as Exhibit 3, if we
24 could?

25 (Whereupon, 2022 Toms River MUA

1 Proposed Connection Fee Calculation is received
2 for identification and marked Exhibit A-3.)

3 BY MR. CORONATO:

4 Q. Now, Miss Rosetto, you can refer to
5 the memorandum if it's necessary. Have you
6 calculated the connection fees for the Authority?

7 A. Yes, I have, according to the statute.

8 Q. Okay. And could you -- could you
9 determine as to how you calculated the fee? Is it
10 again according to the statute?

11 A. Yes. The statute states you have to
12 take the whole debt service plus capital expenditures
13 made by the Authority through 12/31/20 less grant
14 funds, donated sewer lines, easements, laterals and
15 the sale of the Ortley Beach plant, all this as of
16 12/31/20. You divide that number by the number of
17 EDUs to obtain connection fees.

18 Equivalent dwelling units are
19 calculated by dividing the OCUA flows for 2020 by 73
20 gallons per day times 365 days is used to estimate
21 daily flows. This calculates the EDUs.

22 2022 projected calculation connection
23 fee calculates to 2874.42, and we have rounded that
24 to 2,874, as you cannot charge more than but you can
25 charge less than.

1 Q. Okay. Is that pursuant to statute
2 number 40:140B-23?

3 A. I have 14B.

4 Q. 14B. I'm sorry.

5 A. That's okay.

6 Q. Yeah. And as a result of your
7 calculations there is an increase, is there not?

8 A. Yes, there is.

9 Q. Okay. And can you tell us what that
10 increase is?

11 A. Yes, I can. The basic residential and
12 nonresidential user is proposed from 322.64 per year
13 to 337.16, an increase of \$14.52 per year over the
14 2021 rate. Comes to \$.20 per quarter.

15 The nonresidential user fees per fixture
16 over two proposed is from 53.76 per fixture to 56.18,
17 an increase of \$2.42 per year over 2021, equates to
18 \$.60 per quarter.

19 The nonresidential also has a fee
20 charge. Well, skip that.

21 We also offer a senior/disabled
22 discount from \$12.11 quarterly to \$12.65 quarterly.
23 Because all accounts are based on units and fixtures,
24 we believe that it's definitely fair and equitable
25 amongst all users.

1 MR. CORONATO: Okay, Mr. Chairman, I
2 would ask at this time if anybody has any questions
3 of Miss Rosetto? Any of the Board Commissioners have
4 any questions?

5 THE CHAIRMAN: I do not.

6 COMMISSIONER CLEMENT: Not I.

7 COMMISSIONER MONTENEGRO: No.

8 COMMISSIONER BRILLIANT: No.

9 MR. CORONATO: Okay. Is there a
10 request to move to the public?

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER SIDDIQUI: I have a
13 question. Did you say 72 gallons per day? I thought
14 it was 72,000 gallons per year, I believe?

15 THE WITNESS: 73 gallons per year per
16 day.

17 COMMISSIONER SIDDIQUI: Okay.

18 THE WITNESS: Based on 365 days.

19 COMMISSIONER SIDDIQUI: Okay.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any other
21 questions by the public?

22 Seeing none, Mr. Attorney.

23 MR. CORONATO: Okay. Mr. Chairman,
24 then I would ask if there would be a motion made by
25 the Commissioners to adopt the -- to adopt the

1 recommendation made by Miss Rosetto.

2 COMMISSIONER MONTENEGRO: So moved. I
3 would make that motion.

4 COMMISSIONER CLEMENT: Second.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Roll call, please.

6 MS. DIAMANTE: Mr. Montenegro.

7 COMMISSIONER MONTENEGRO: Yes.

8 MS. DIAMANTE: Mrs. Clement.

9 COMMISSIONER CLEMENT: Yes.

10 MS. DIAMANTE: Mr. Brilliant.

11 COMMISSIONER BRILLIANT: Yes.

12 MS. DIAMANTE: Mr. Siddiqui.

13 COMMISSIONER SIDDIQUI: Yes.

14 MS. DIAMANTE: Mr. Valvano.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

16 MR. CORONATO: Okay. The record
17 should reflect that the Commission has adopted the
18 connection fee for 2022.

19 Now, I would move to the portion of
20 the hearing with regard to the sewer user rates.
21 Again remind, Miss Rosetto, that you're under oath.

22 BY MR. CORONATO:

23 Q. With regard to that, can you -- are
24 you familiar in calculating the user rates?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And with regard to such, have you
2 prepared an analysis and a calculation with regard to
3 that for 2022?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Okay. It's my understanding that
6 there was a proposed slight increase with regard to
7 that. Can you please explain that, if you would,
8 please?

9 A. Well, upon drafting the 2022 budget, it
10 was determined that we needed an increase, and we did
11 the rates just recently under and there was one for
12 nonresidential rates that I did not address. I'd like
13 to address it now. There's a fee charged per thousand
14 gallons of water consumption over the minimum user
15 fee, proposed from \$6.06 per thousand gallons to
16 \$6.34. It's an increase of \$.28 over 2021.

17 Q. Okay. Now with regard to that, is
18 there -- is there -- and that's an increase. Is that
19 correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. And what would be the cost of
22 that increase over the year?

23 A. \$.28 per thousand gallons.

24 Q. So that would be the residential
25 service charges be charged per fixture. Is that

1 correct?

2 A. No. That the \$.28 is for the excess
3 consumption.

4 Q. Okay. I'm sorry. Thank you.

5 Now, is there a charge for, let's say
6 the nonresidential user fee?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And what would that be?

9 A. It's the base charge plus \$56.18 per
10 fixture over two.

11 Q. And that is an increase, is it not?

12 A. Yes, it is.

13 Q. Okay. And what was it?

14 A. \$2.42 per year over the 2021 rate.

15 Q. Okay. And what would that be for a
16 quarter?

17 A. \$.60.

18 Q. And with regard to the per thousand
19 gallons, is there a proposed increase with regard to
20 that too, if there's an increase in the amount?

21 A. Yes. That's the \$.28 over 2021.

22 Q. Okay. And is that your opinion that
23 the proposed adjustments to the rate increase are
24 reasonable and necessary for the proper operation of
25 the Authority?

1 A. Yes, I do.

2 MR. CORONATO: Okay. Mr. Chairman,
3 I'd ask if the Commissioners have any questions with
4 regard to Miss Rosetto?

5 THE CHAIRMAN: I do not.

6 MS. CLEMENT: Not at this time.

7 MR. CORONATO: You want to open to the
8 public?

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Are there any members
10 of the public that would like to be addressed?

11 Seeing none back to you, Mr. Attorney.

12 MR. CORONATO: Thank you.

13 I guess, Mr. Rutkowski, you would be
14 next to be sworn in.

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16 B E R N A R D R U T K O W S K I,
17 having been first duly sworn according to
18 law, upon his oath, testified as follows:

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20 EXAMINATION BY MR. CORONATO:

21 Q. Mr. Rutkowski, could you please state
22 your name again for the record and your position?

23 A. Bernard Rutkowski, Executive Director
24 of the Toms River MUA.

25 Q. Okay. I understand that it requires

1 that the in-house engineer provide a statement of --
2 provide a statement to the Commissioners that they
3 reviewed the proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal
4 year and that the numbers budgeted are sufficient to
5 maintain the sewer system as required by the
6 bondholders to ensure the system would outlive the
7 length of the bond.

8 With that being said, is that your
9 understanding that Mr. Otten, the Professional
10 Engineer, Authority engineer has reviewed the
11 Authority budget for the fiscal year 2022?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Is it your understanding that Mr.
14 Otten has recommended to the Commissioners that the
15 budget proposed is sufficient to maintain the sewer
16 system in such a manner that the system would outlive
17 the length of the bond?

18 A. Yes.

19 MR. CORONATO: Do you have any -- do
20 any of the Commissioners have any questions of Mr.
21 Rutkowski?

22 THE CHAIRMAN: No, I do not.

23 MR. CORONATO: I would ask if the
24 Commissioners would then submit a motion to approve
25 the increase and to approve the recommendations made?

1 COMMISSIONER CLEMENT: So moved.

2 COMMISSIONER MONTENEGRO: Second.

3 THE CHAIRMAN: Roll call, please.

4 MS. DIAMANTE: Mrs. Clement.

5 COMMISSIONER CLEMENT: Yes.

6 MS. DIAMANTE: Mr. Montenegro.

7 COMMISSIONER MONTENEGRO: Yes.

8 MS. DIAMANTE: Mr. Brilliant.

9 COMMISSIONER BRILLIANT: Yes.

10 MS. DIAMANTE: Mr. Siddiqui.

11 COMMISSIONER SIDDIQUI: Yes.

12 MS. DIAMANTE: Mr. Valvano.

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

14 MR. CORONATO: Okay. I again just
15 open up to the public, if the public has any further
16 comment with regard to this?

17 THE CHAIRMAN: Would any of the
18 members of the public like to be addressed?

19 Seeing none back to you, Mr. Coronato.

20 MR. CORONATO: I would believe then at
21 the end, Mr. Chairman, that I believe that that would
22 conclude the rate hearing for the board this year,
23 and unless there's any further questions.

24 THE CHAIRMAN: I have one question of
25 Mrs. Rosetto. Was your testimony, did that involve

1 residential? There was so much speaking on
2 nonresidential. I want to make sure that we approved
3 residential here, because we talked about connection
4 fees. We talked about nonresidential. I just want
5 to make sure that we -- that we discussed this and
6 that we voted on this.

7 MRS. ROSETTO: Yes. That was with my
8 statement that started out with the basic residential
9 and nonresidential user fee for the base charge.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Okay. I'd like to
11 state for the record that we did vote on -- on
12 residential as well. Is that everyone's
13 understanding?

14 COMMISSIONER CLEMENT: It was figures,
15 excuse me, for the residential, can you repeat them?

16 MRS. ROSETTO: Certainly.

17 COMMISSIONER CLEMENT: Thank you.

18 MRS. ROSETTO: It's the base charge
19 goes from 322.64 to 337.16 plus --

20 COMMISSIONER CLEMENT: 14.52?

21 MRS. ROSETTO: -- 14.52 per year over
22 the 2021 rate equates to \$3.63 per quarter.

23 COMMISSIONER CLEMENT: I'm sorry.
24 Three what?

25 MRS. ROSETTO: \$3.63 per quarter.

1 COMMISSIONER CLEMENT: Thank you.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: And the charge --

3 COMMISSIONER CLEMENT: And the
4 fixture?

5 THE CHAIRMAN: And the fixture charge
6 over four, please?

7 MRS. ROSETTO: Yes.

8 THE CHAIRMAN: If you could state
9 that?

10 MRS. ROSETTO: The non -- the
11 residential rates are base plus four per fixtures
12 within that base --

13 THE CHAIRMAN: Correct.

14 MRS. ROSETTO: -- with a charge per
15 fixture over four.

16 THE CHAIRMAN: Which is?

17 COMMISSIONER CLEMENT: What is the
18 charge per fixture over four?

19 MRS. ROSETTO: \$14.52.

20 COMMISSIONER CLEMENT: Oh, 'cause
21 you're thinking of the monthly. Oh, wait a minute.
22 Is that what you're thinking of, per fixture? You
23 thought the --

24 THE CHAIRMAN: No.

25 COMMISSIONER CLEMENT: I'm sorry, Mrs.

1 Rosetto, 14.52?

2 MR. RUTKOWSKI: The per residential
3 fixture rate for 2022 is \$18.25.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: Correct. Correct. It
5 is to my understanding that the base charge, the new
6 base charge is \$337.16. The fixture charge over four
7 is \$18.25 per not counting laundry and one laundry
8 and one dishwasher. Okay.

9 I would like to just make sure, and I
10 think we should if we did this already, fine but I
11 want to make sure that we take a vote on residential
12 because that, honestly, was not clear to me. I want
13 to make sure that it's clear for the record so we
14 don't need to do this all over again.

15 MR. CORONATO: I guess just so it
16 would be safe then we would just open it up to the
17 public to see if the public has any --

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Sure. Is there any
19 member of the public that has a comment on our
20 discussion?

21 Seeing none, I would ask for one of
22 the commissioners to please make a motion for
23 residential, please, based on the facts of Mr.
24 Rutkowski, our director, and Mrs. Rosetto, our chief
25 financial officer, have just stated for the record.

1 Is there a motion?

2 COMMISSIONER MONTENEGRO: I'd make
3 that motion.

4 COMMISSIONER SIDDIQUI: Second.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Roll call, please.

6 MS. DIAMANTE: Mr. Montenegro.

7 COMMISSIONER MONTENEGRO: Yes.

8 MS. DIAMANTE: Mr. Siddiqui.

9 COMMISSIONER SIDDIQUI: Yes.

10 MS. DIAMANTE: Mr. Brilliant.

11 COMMISSIONER BRILLIANT: Yes.

12 MS. DIAMANTE: Mrs. Clement.

13 COMMISSIONER CLEMENT: Yes.

14 MS. DIAMANTE: Mr. Valvano.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

16 I believe that covers my concern, Mr.

17 Coronato.

18 MR. CORONATO: I apologize. I thought
19 I had that covered here in my notes.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: I just wanted to make
21 sure that we don't need to do this again.

22 Okay. Thank you. Thank the both of
23 you.

24 MR. CORONATO: That would conclude the
25 rate hearing then, I would believe.

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THE CHAIRMAN: I believe that's it.

Do any of the Commissioners have a
comment or anything?

I believe we're done with the rate
hearing, Mr. Coronato. Thank you so much.

(Meeting concluded at 4:21 p.m.)

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