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3 RARITAN TOWNSHIP
4 MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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7 In the Matter of: :
8 RATE HEARING - ESTABLISHMENT OF : Transcript
9 CONNECTION FEE, SANITARY SEWER : of
10 USER FEE, AND SANITARY SEWER :
11 SURCHARGE : Proceedings
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14 Thursday, December 11, 2025
15 365 Old York Road
16 Flemington, New Jersey 08822
17 Commencing at 5:00 p.m.

18 C O M M I S S I O N E R S:

19 JOHN TULLY, Chairman
20 SCOTT SIPOS, Vice Chairman
21 JEFF ANCLIEN, Treasurer
22 FRANK SCIPIONE, Secretary
23 DAN MURRAY, Asst. Secretary/Asst. Treasurer
24 (Not Present)

25 A L S O P R E S E N T:

26 REGINA NICARETTA, Executive Secretary
27 MIKE SCISSION, Exec. Director/Maint. Supervisor
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29 DANIEL MADDEN, Consulting Engineer
30 (Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson)
31 MICHAEL CRAGIN, Auditor
32 (Bowman & Company) - Appeared Telephonically

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

34 ARCHER & GREINER, P.C.
35 BY: JASON SENA, ESQUIRE
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1 CHAIRMAN TULLY: This meeting has
2 been advertised in accordance with the Open Public
3 Meetings Act, setting forth the time and Raritan
4 Township Municipal Utilities Authority as the
5 place of said meeting. A copy of this agenda has
6 been posted on the office bulletin board.

7 Regina?

8 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Anlien?

9 COMMISSIONER ANCLIEN: Here.

10 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Murray?

11 Mr. Scipione?

12 COMMISSIONER SCIPIONE: Here.

13 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Sipos?

14 COMMISSIONER SIPOS: Here.

15 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Tully?

16 CHAIRMAN TULLY: Here.

17 Please stand for the pledge of
18 allegiance.

19 (Whereupon, the pledge of allegiance
20 is recited.)

21 CHAIRMAN TULLY: There are no
22 applications, so we will move right to the public
23 rate hearing.

24 MR. SENA: Okay. Before we go on the
25 record, I'm just going to call...

1 CHAIRMAN TULLY: Mr. Cragin?

2 MR. SENA: Yes.

3 (Whereupon, there is a brief pause in
4 the proceeding.)

5 MR. SENA: So, Chairman, this is the
6 2025 rate hearing. It's after 5 o'clock. I'll
7 note for the record that notice of this hearing
8 was published on the RTMUA website, it was
9 published in the Courier News on November 6, 2025.
10 I have an affidavit of publication to that effect,
11 which I'll mark as Exhibit A. It was also
12 published in the Star Ledger on November 6, 2025.
13 I'll mark that as Exhibit B. And I'll note for
14 the record that both publications are more than 20
15 days from today's hearing.

16 (Whereupon, Exhibits A and B are
17 marked for identification.)

18 MR. SENA: Okay. First, we'll do
19 Mr. Cragin. Mr. Cragin, I'll swear you in real
20 quick.

21 MR. CRAGIN: Yep.

22 M I C H A E L C R A G I N, having
23 been duly sworn, testified as follows:

24 MR. SENA: Can you spell your last
25 name, for the record?

1 MR. CRAGIN: Cragin, C-R-A-G-I-N.

2 MR. SENA: Great.

3 Mr. Cragin, what's your role with the
4 Authority?

5 A. I've been -- I am the Authority's
6 auditor.

7 Q. First, as to the basis of the
8 connection fee, can you describe the
9 calculation, and what the fee -- proposed fee
10 is?

17 MR. SENA: Do any members of the
18 board have any questions for Mr. Cragin as to the
19 calculation of the connection fee?

20 | CHAIRMAN TULLY: No.

21 BY MR. SENA:

22 Q. Can you describe the basis for the
23 calculation of the sanitary sewer user fee?

24 A. So the user fees are derived
25 from -- we take the miscellaneous revenues and

1 compare them with the expected expenditures,
2 whether they be capital in nature, existing, or
3 new debt service and other operating
4 expenditures, and then we use that to determine
5 how much would need to be generated from the
6 user -- user rates, and calculate that.

7 MR. SENA: Okay. Do any members of
8 the board have any questions for Mr. Cragin as to
9 calculation of the sanitary sewer user fee?

10 CHAIRMAN TULLY: No.

11 MR. SENA: Okay. Mr. Cragin, thank
12 you very much.

13 MR. CRAGIN: Oh, thank you.

14 MR. SENA: I'll note for the record,
15 this is a public hearing, and there are no members
16 of the public present for purposes of
17 cross-examining Mr. Cragin as to either issue.

18 Thank you, Mr. Cragin.

19 CHAIRMAN TULLY: Thanks, Mike.

20 MR. SENA: Next, I'll offer
21 Mr. Madden.

22 MR. MADDEN: Offer?

23 CHAIRMAN TULLY: No takers.

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1 D A N I E L M A D D E N, having
2 been duly sworn, testified as follows:

3 | DIRECT EXAMINATION

4 BY MR. SENA:

5 Q. Can you spell your last name for
6 the record?

7 A. Sure, M-A-D-D-E-N.

11 A. Yes, I am a licensed professional
12 engineer, and I serve as the Authority's
13 engineer of record.

14 Q. In that capacity, are you familiar
15 with the Authority's operations?

16 | A. Tam

17 Q. And could you describe, generally,
18 the main plant, how it operates, and the
19 permitting structure?

25 O. Yes, if you can.

1 A. Okay. The plant collects flows
2 from Readington, portions of Readington, Three
3 Bridges, the Raritan Township, and Flemington
4 Borough, and treats it here, before discharging.

5 Q. And have you reviewed the
6 resolution concerning the proposed surcharge
7 structure?

8 A. Yes, I have.

9 Q. If you don't mind, can you go
10 through the calculations of the proposed
11 surcharge, how the number was reached, and the
12 reasoning behind it?

13 A. Sure. What we have done is we
14 figured out that, in order to compensate for
15 people using more than their allotted flows, we
16 need to reduce inflow and infiltration in the
17 system. So we have generated the calculations,
18 and figured that it costs us -- it would cost us
19 \$10 per gallon per day to remove I&I -- that's
20 the inflow and infiltration.

21 We take that number, and we
22 determine that our flow component of the 2026
23 sanitary sewer fee is \$4.89 per 1,000 gallons.
24 Using that, we generated the rate for excess
25 flows based on the excess gallons used per month

1 by any individual. And everyone is treated
2 equally, all users would be subject to this fee
3 surcharge.

4 Q. Is that a graduated surcharge
5 structure?

6 A. Yes, it is.

7 Q. And can you go over the thresholds?

8 A. The thresholds are -- the first
9 threshold is 1 to 10,000 gallons in excess, and
10 the rate is -- for that is \$6.61 per 1,000
11 gallons.

12 The next threshold would be 10,001
13 gallons to 20,000 gallons over, and that
14 threshold would be \$7.10 per 1,000 gallons.

15 And from 20,001 gallons and above,
16 that threshold rate would be \$7.59 per 1,000
17 gallons.

18 Q. And are the expenses that the
19 Authority incurs for inflow and infiltration,
20 are those included in the Authority's budget or
21 not included?

22 A. They are not.

23 Q. So, in your opinion, do you feel
24 that the proposed surcharge structure would be
25 sufficient to compensate the Authority for

1 expenses related to I&I?

2 A. I do.

3 MR. SENA: I don't have any further
4 questions for Mr. Madden, unless members of the
5 board do.

6 COMMISSIONER SIPOS: No.

7 CHAIRMAN TULLY: Nope.

8 MR. SENA: And I'll note for the
9 record that there are no members of the public
10 present.

11 At this time, Chairman, I think it's
12 appropriate to offer the three resolutions that we
13 just went over -- 2025-76, establishment of a
14 connection fee, 2025-77, establishment of sanitary
15 sewer user fee, and 2025-78, establishment of
16 sanitary sewer surcharge -- for a vote by the
17 commissioners.

18 CHAIRMAN TULLY: Okay. Resolution
19 2025-76 is the establishment of the connection
20 fee. Unless there's any questions, can I get a
21 motion to approve this resolution?

22 COMMISSIONER SCIPIONE: Motion.

23 COMMISSIONER ANCLIEN: Second.

24 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Anclien?

25 COMMISSIONER ANCLIEN: Yes.

1 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Murray?

2 Mr. Scipione?

3 COMMISSIONER SCIPIONE: Yes.

4 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Sipos?

5 COMMISSIONER SIPOS: Yes.

6 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Tully?

7 CHAIRMAN TULLY: Yes.

8 Resolution 2025-77, establishment of
9 the sanitary sewer user fees. Unless anybody has
10 any further questions, can I get a motion to
11 approve this resolution?

12 COMMISSIONER ANCLIEN: So moved.

13 COMMISSIONER SIPOS: Second.

14 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Anclien?

15 COMMISSIONER ANCLIEN: Yes.

16 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Scipione?

17 COMMISSIONER SCIPIONE: Yes.

18 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Sipos?

19 COMMISSIONER SIPOS: Yes.

20 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Tully?

21 CHAIRMAN TULLY: Yes.

22 Resolution 2025-78, establishment of
23 the sanitary sewer surcharge. Again, unless
24 there's any further question, can I get a motion
25 to approve this resolution?

1 COMMISSIONER SCIPIONE: Motion.

2 COMMISSIONER ANCLIEN: Second.

3 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Anclien?

4 COMMISSIONER ANCLIEN: Yes.

5 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Scipione?

6 COMMISSIONER SCIPIONE: Yes.

7 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Sipos?

8 COMMISSIONER SIPOS: Yes.

9 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Tully?

10 CHAIRMAN TULLY: Yes.

11 So that concludes the rate hearing.

12 MR. SENA: And then we'll just do the

13 motion, second, and all in favor to close the rate

14 hearing.

15 CHAIRMAN TULLY: Can I get a motion

16 to close the rate hearing?

17 COMMISSIONER ANCLIEN: So moved.

18 COMMISSIONER SCIPIONE: Second.

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20 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Anclien?

21 COMMISSIONER ANCLIEN: Yes.

22 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Scipione?

23 COMMISSIONER SCIPIONE: Yes.

24 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Sipos?

25 COMMISSIONER SIPOS: Yes.

1 MS. NICARETTA: Mr. Tully?

2 CHAIRMAN TULLY: Yes.

3 (Whereupon, the hearing concluded at

4 5:11 p.m.)

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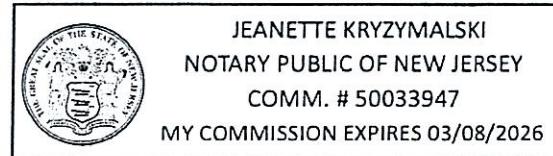
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RARITAN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2025

365 Old York Road, Flemington, New Jersey
(908) 782-7453 Office (908) 782-7466 Fax

6. RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2025-79 Amendment of Sewer Unit Rental Schedule

Mr. Sipos made a motion to approve Resolution #2025 – 79, Mr. Anclien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:	Mr. Anclien	-	Yes
	Mr. Murray	-	Absent
	Mr. Scipione	-	Yes
	Mr. Sipos	-	Yes
	Mr. Tully	-	Yes

Resolution #2025-80 Revision of Raritan Township Municipal Utilities Authority's Rules and Regulations

Mr. Scipione made a motion to approve Resolution #2025 – 80, Mr. Anclien seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:	Mr. Anclien	-	Yes
	Mr. Murray	-	Absent
	Mr. Scipione	-	Yes
	Mr. Sipos	-	Yes
	Mr. Tully	-	Yes

Resolution #2025 - 81 Adoption of Certified Budget for FY 2026

Mr. Sipos made a motion to approve Resolution #2025 – 81, Mr. Scipione seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:	Mr. Anclien	-	Yes
	Mr. Murray	-	Absent
	Mr. Scipione	-	Yes
	Mr. Sipos	-	Yes
	Mr. Tully	-	Yes

Resolution #2025-82 Designation of Public Agency Compliance Officer

Mr. Sipos made a motion to approve Resolution #2025 – 82, Mr. Scipione seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:	Mr. Anclien	-	Yes
	Mr. Murray	-	Absent
	Mr. Scipione	-	Yes
	Mr. Sipos	-	Yes
	Mr. Tully	-	Yes

7. Approval of Minutes: Regular and Executive Session Minutes of November 20, 2025

Mr. Scipione made a motion to approve the Regular and Executive Session Minutes from the November 20, 2025 meeting. Mr. Anclien seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:	Mr. Anclien	-	Yes
	Mr. Murray	-	Absent
	Mr. Scipione	-	Yes
	Mr. Sipos	-	Yes
	Mr. Tully	-	Yes

7. Treasurer's Report / Payment of Bills:

Mr. Anclien - The bills totaled \$423,264.97. All appears to be in order. We are at 82% of the budget for the year. There will be one more round of checks written towards the end of the year. We normally do not do them twice a month but since it is the end of the year and the meeting is a week early this month we are.

Mr. Sipos made a motion to approve the payment of bills. Mr. Scipione seconded the motion.

Roll call vote:	Mr. Anclien	-	Yes
	Mr. Murray	-	Absent
	Mr. Scipione	-	Yes
	Mr. Sipos	-	Yes
	Mr. Tully	-	Yes

8. **Citizens' Privilege:**

None

9. **Adjourn into Closed Session by Motion, if Needed:**

None

10. **Adjournment of Regular Meeting:**

Mr. Anclien made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Mr. Sipos seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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RARITAN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
WORK SESSION MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2025

365 Old York Road, Flemington, New Jersey
(908) 782-7453 Office (908) 782-7466 Fax

1. **The Work Session** of the Raritan Township Municipal Utilities Authority will be called to order upon the adjournment of the Regular Meeting.

2. **Correspondence:**

None

3. **Old Business:**

a) Clarifiers – Bond Company

Mr. Sena had received a voice mail from a representative of the bond company; he returned their call twice without a response. He will contact them by correspondence and request a time to call.

b) Update Point System

Not discussed.

Mr. Anclien inquired if there were any updates on the health benefits. Mr. Sena stated there were not at this time.

4. **New Business:**

None

5. **Professional Reports:**

a) Attorney –

None

b) Engineer –

Mr. Madden discussed the flow due to the dry weather, the Rules and Regulations, flow allocation / will serve requests, inspecting for I & I and revision of the plans for the bar screen.

6. RTMUA Reports:

a) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Sciss went over the items in the Executive Director's report; the new Chief Operator, two line crew assisting with RTMUA's vactor at the County's OEM trench rescue training, payment received from Frenchtown for vactor services, the JIF inspection's Loss Control Report and Primepoint. The Board requested Ms. Miller be fully involved in Primepoint with Mrs. LaMonte.

b) OPERATIONS REPORT

1. Chief Operator's Report
 - i) Overtime Recap
 - ii) Septage / Greywater Recap
 - iii) Monthly Flows
2. Laboratory Summary
3. Maintenance Summary

c) Commissioner's Comments:

None

7. Discussion:

a) Mr. Anclien Term Ending January 31, 2026

Mr. Tully requested that Mr. Anclien send a letter to the Township Mayor requesting to be re – appointed as Commissioner.

b) Shared Services Agreements – Expiration February 25, 2026

Mr. Tully requested that Ms. Nicaretta reach out to Ms. Gilbert at the Township to inform her that the Authority would like to continue with the two Shared Services Agreements (QPA and IT Services).

8. Adjourn into Closed Session by Motion, if Needed

Chair Tully – We will be going into Closed Session to discuss Contractual Matters, and Personnel Issues; we do not anticipate any official action will need to be taken once we come out of Closed Session.

Mr. Anclien made a motion to adjourn into Closed Session for the above stated purpose and Mr. Sipos seconded the motion. Closed Session was from 5:32 pm – 6:24 pm.

9. Adjournment of Work Session:

Mr. Anclien made a motion to adjourn the Work Session. Mr. Scipione seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Meeting ended at 6:25 pm.