## SEWER COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 7, 2012

#### PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SEWER USER FEE FOR 2012 - 2013

The Public Hearing on the Proposed Sewer User Fee for 2012 – 2013 was held by the Board of Sewer Commissioners on Thursday, June 7, 2012 in the Parsons Office Complex in Conference Room A.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chairman Anderson, Commissioner Lee Cooke, Commissioner Edmund Collier and Commissioner Brad Hubler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chairman Robert J. Carroll

OTHERS PRESENT: James Cooper, Superintendent of Wastewater, Raymond Macaluso, Westcott and Mapes, Inc.

Vice-chairman Anderson opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. to discuss if a sewer service fee in the amount of \$309.72 per modified equivalent unit is adequate to pay the costs of operation and maintenance including replacement cost of the public wastewater treatment works.

Vice Chairman Anderson read the Legal Notice to everyone as follows. "The Board of Sewer Commissioners will hold a public information hearing to determine if a sewer service fee in the amount of \$309.72 per modified equivalent unit is adequate to pay the costs of operation and maintenance, including replacement cost of the public wastewater treatment works, in accordance with Section 23-80 through 23-86 of the Ordinances of the City of Milford.

The modified equivalent unit is the minimum charge for connection to the sewer system. It applies to all single family residences, (including condominium units and apartments), and to non-residential users such as individual stores, storage facilities and offices up to 3,000 square feet.

Large users are billed proportionally in modified equivalent units, rounded up to the nearest whole unit. Industrial users are billed a surcharge if the discharge exceeds 350 milligrams per liter of biochemical oxygen demand or 350 milligrams per liter of total suspended solids.

The hearing will be held at the Parson's Municipal Complex, Conference Room A, at 7:00 p.m. on June 7, 2012."

The Commissioners discussed how the new sewer user fee is determined and the expenses and revenue of the Wastewater Division and the Sewer Commission.

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### **Public Comments**

Mrs. Barbara Jolley of 256 Shadyside Lane inquired how the user fee is assessed to homeowners. It was explained to her that homeowners pay a flat rate fee. They are not charged by water usage. Mrs. Jolley inquired if the Indian River Interceptor sewer project was the reason for the increase in sewer user fees. It was explained that the sewer user fee is determined by the costs to operate and maintain the City's sanitary sewer system.

Being no further public comments, Vice Chairman Anderson asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing at 7:29 pm. Commissioner Cooke made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:29 pm with Commissioner Collier seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the Public Hearing closed at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Robin Lynch

Recording Secretary