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TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON  
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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In the Matter of: :  
Schedule of Rates :  
2019-148 Resolution Adopting :  
the 2020 Rate Schedule :  
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Jackson Township MUA  
135 Manhattan Street  
Jackson, New Jersey 08527  
November 21, 2019  
Time Noted: 5:31 p.m.

BEFORE:

WILLIAM J. ALLMANN, Chairman  
VICKI RICKABAUGH, Vice-Chairwoman  
CLARA GLORY, Treasurer  
GENEVA CLAYTON, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer  
TODD PORTER, Alternate Member

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APPEARANCES:

WILLIAM T. HIERING, ESQ.  
Attorney for the Board

ALSO PRESENT:

DAVID HARPELL  
Executive Director

JAMES DIAZ  
Assistant Executive Director/Director of  
Finance

JOAN HALTIGAN  
Executive Assistant

ALAN DITTENHOFER  
Engineer

EARL QUIJANO  
Principal Engineer

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2	Affidavit of Publication (Star Ledger)	5
3	Schedule of Rates Effective January 1, 2020	5

1 MS. HALTIGAN: My name is Joan Haltigan, Executive  
2 Assistant of the Jackson MUA. It is 5:30 p.m. and we  
3 will commence with the public portion of the regularly  
4 scheduled meeting of November 21, 2019.

5 MR. ALLMANN: Roll call, please?

6 MS. HALTIGAN: Mr. Allmann?

7 MR. ALLMANN: Present.

8 MS. HALTIGAN: Mrs. Blake?

9 MR. ALLMANN: Excused absence.

10 MS. HALTIGAN: Mrs. Clayton?

11 MRS. CLAYTON: Here.

12 MS. HALTIGAN: Mrs. Glory?

13 MRS. GLORY: Here.

14 MS. HALTIGAN: Mrs. Rickabaugh?

15 MRS. RICKABAUGH: Yes.

16 MS. HALTIGAN: Mr. Porter?

17 MR. PORTER: Here.

18 MS. HALTIGAN: As Executive Assistant of this  
19 meeting, I publicly announce that in compliance with  
20 the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act,  
21 adequate notice of this public meeting has been  
22 advertised in the manner prescribed by law.

23 This statement shall be entered in the minutes of  
24 this meeting.

25 MR. ALLMANN: Thank you. At this time, we will

1 proceed with the rate hearing.

2 (At which time, Affidavit of Publication (Asbury  
3 Park Press) was received and marked as Exhibit 1 for  
4 identification.)

5 (At which time, Affidavit of Publication (Star  
6 Ledger) was received and marked as Exhibit 2 for  
7 identification.)

8 (At which time, Schedule of Rates was received and  
9 marked as Exhibit 3 for identification.)

10 MR. HIERING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

11 At this time we've already had three items marked  
12 for identification. Exhibits 1, 2 and 3. Exhibit 1  
13 being the publication, Proof of Publication by *The*  
14 *Asbury Park Press*, 2, by the *Star Ledger*, and 3, the  
15 proposed rates. I'll just leave these here now and  
16 then we'll make them part of the record at the  
17 conclusion.

18 (Whereupon James Diaz, Assistant Executive  
19 Director/Director of Finance, was sworn.)

20 MR. HIERING: What's your position, and your name?  
21 First, I guess your name?

22 MR. DIAZ: My name is James Diaz. And I'm the  
23 Assistant Executive Director and Director of Finance  
24 for the Jackson Township Municipal Utilities Authority.

25 MR. HIERING: Mr. Diaz, as part of your duties

1 with the Authority, do you help draft and present a  
2 budget and the rate structure for the upcoming year?

3 MR. DIAZ: I do.

4 MR. HIERING: And first I'm going to ask you to  
5 address the water and sewer connection fees. And when  
6 you prepare those fees, do you follow a state statute  
7 procedure to do that?

8 MR. DIAZ: That is correct, along with a formula.

9 MR. HIERING: Okay. And if you would like to  
10 explain those rates?

11 MR. DIAZ: Beginning with the water connection fee  
12 proposed for 2020, we have a proposed rate of  
13 \$4,260.00, that is an increase from the 2019 rate of  
14 \$4,111.00, an increase of \$149.00.

15 Along with the water connection fees, we also have  
16 a change in the gallons per day equaling one unit. We  
17 have a reduction from 2019, which was 188 gallons to  
18 2020 being 186 gallons per day.

19 Also, there was a change in the residential  
20 section of the connection fee related to the meters  
21 that are included as part of the connection fee. They  
22 were defined as, including a 5/8" x 3/4" meter or a  
23 3/4" meter. That was another change with the water  
24 connection.

25 Going on to the sewer connection fees, we have the

1 proposed rate of \$1,859.00 that's an increase from the  
2 2019 rate of \$1,748.00, an increase of \$111.00.

3 Going on to the schedule of quarterly water and  
4 sanitary sewer charges, beginning with the water  
5 service charge, we have under the 5/8" meter, we have  
6 the proposed rate for 2020 of \$37.00 compared to the  
7 2019 rate of \$35.00 would be an increase of \$2.00.

8 For the remaining service charges related to the  
9 remaining meters, there will be no additional changes  
10 for 2020.

11 Going on to residential commercial water  
12 consumption charges from one gallon to 10,000 gallons,  
13 the proposed rate for 2020 is \$2.40. That's a 10 cent  
14 increase from the 2019 rate of \$2.30.

15 The next tier, 10,001 gallons to 25,000 gallons,  
16 the 2020 rate \$3.60 per thousand, that's a 10 cent  
17 increase from 2019 rate of \$3.50.

18 From 25,001 gallon to 75,000 gallons, the proposed  
19 rate of \$4.60 per thousand, an increase of 10 cents  
20 from the 2019 rate of \$4.50. And from 75,001 gallons  
21 and above, the proposed rate is \$6.10 per thousand, an  
22 increase of 10 cents from the 2019 rate of \$6.00 per  
23 thousand.

24 Moving on to the residential commercial sanitary  
25 sewer service charges, beginning with the service

1 charge, there will be no change for 2020 as proposed.  
2 With the first tier for usage disposal fees up to  
3 100,000 gallons, the proposed rate for 2020, \$5.30. A  
4 10 cent increase from the 2019 rate of \$5.20. 100,000  
5 gallons and above, no change for the rate. All other  
6 charges within the scheduled rates will remain  
7 unchanged for 2020 as proposed.

8 MR. HIERING: And do you feel that with these  
9 rates in effect, that it would be sufficient to support  
10 the budget for the Authority?

11 MR. DIAZ: Yes, I do.

12 MR. HIERING: Okay. With that, are there any  
13 questions from the Board?

14 MR. ALLMANN: Any questions from the Board?

15 No. Close the Board out.

16 Any questions from the public? Nothing. Close  
17 the public.

18 MR. HIERING: And then there will be those three  
19 exhibits will be part of the record.

20 MR. ALLMANN: And that concludes the rate hearing.

21 Thank you very much for coming out.

22 MR. HIERING: You can vote on it now.

23 MR. ALLMANN: Okay. At this time, Resolution  
24 2019-148, resolution adopting the 2020 rate schedule?

25 MRS. RICKABAUGH: Motion to approve.



1 MRS. CLAYTON: Second.

2 MR. ALLMANN: All those in favor say aye?

3 THE BOARD: Aye.

4 MR. ALLMANN: Any opposed? No.

5 (TIME NOTED: 5:36 p.m.)

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