

MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Resolution No 2016-06-88

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

WHEREAS, the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority has adopted the Fiscal Year 2016 Authority Budget on May 21, 2015 and

WHEREAS, the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority finds it necessary to adopt an amended Fiscal Year 2016 Authority Budget, as follows:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
<u>Anticipated Revenue:</u>		
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>		
Service Charges	\$17,172,400	\$17,880,600
Connection fees	\$2,528,900	\$1,600,500
Other Operating revenue	\$1,612,800	\$1,667,050
Non-Operating Revenues	\$192,000	\$210,350
Total Anticipated Revenues	\$21,506,100	\$21,358,500
<u>Budgeted Appropriations:</u>		
<u>Operating Appropriations:</u>		
Administration – Personnel		
Salaries & Wages	\$797,200	\$816,400
Fringe Benefits	\$446,436	\$422,550
Administration – Other	\$974,900	\$873,850
Cost of Providing Services – Personnel		
Salaries & Wages	\$3,470,600	\$3,369,600
Fringe Benefits	\$1,844,464	\$1,747,850
Cost of Providing Services – Other	\$6,408,095	\$6,498,875
Total Principal Payments on Debt Service	\$2,046,707	\$2,046,707
<u>Non-Operating Appropriations</u>	\$5,965,414	\$6,758,709
Total Appropriations & Accum. Deficit	\$21,953,816	\$22,534,541
Unrestricted Net Assets Utilized:		
Municipality/County Appropriation	\$447,716	\$447,716
Other	\$0	\$728,325
Total net appropriations	\$21,506,100	\$21,358,500

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority that the Fiscal Year 2016 adopted Budget is hereby amended as detailed above, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board's secretary is hereby directed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services for adoption as part of the Authority's Fiscal Year 2016 budget.

MOUNT LAUREL TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

By: CB Smith
Christopher Smith, Chairman

Attest:

Cheryl Coco Capri
Cheryl Coco-Capri, Secretary

June 16, 2016

Governing Body

Recorded Vote

Member:	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Christopher Smith	✓			
John Francesone	✓			
Cheryl Coco-Capri	✓			
Elwood Knight	✓			
Geraldine Nardello	✓			

This Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority held on June 16, 2016.

2015 Budget Summary

Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority
July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

For the Period

	Proposed Budget		Total All Operations	Current Year Adopted Budget Operations	All Operations All Operations	\$ Increase (Decrease) Proposed vs. Current Year	% Increase (Decrease) Proposed vs. Current Year
	Water	Sewer					
REVENUES							
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 10,079,900	\$ 11,068,250	\$ 21,148,150	\$ 21,314,100	\$ (165,950)	-0.8%	
Total Non-Operating Revenues	95,200	115,150	210,350	192,000	18,350	9.6%	
Total Anticipated Revenues	10,175,100	11,183,400	21,358,500	21,506,100	(147,600)	-0.7%	
APPROPRIATIONS							
Total Administration	1,045,900	1,066,900	2,112,800	2,218,536	(105,736)	-4.8%	
Total Cost of Providing Services	5,330,025	6,286,300	11,616,325	11,723,159	(106,834)	-0.9%	
Total Principal Payments on Debt Service in Lieu of Depreciation	1,485,589	561,118	2,046,707	2,046,707	-	0.0%	
Total Operating Appropriations	7,861,514	7,914,318	15,775,832	15,988,402	(212,570)	-1.3%	
Total Interest Payments on Debt	425,539	66,105	491,644	491,644	-	0.0%	
Total Other Non-Operating Appropriations	1,963,047	4,304,018	6,267,065	5,473,770	793,295	14.5%	
Total Non-Operating Appropriations	2,388,586	4,370,123	6,758,709	5,965,414	793,295	13.3%	
Accumulated Deficit	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
Total Appropriations and Accumulated Deficit	10,250,100	12,284,441	22,534,541	21,953,816	580,725	2.6%	
Less: Total Unrestricted Net Position Utilized	75,000	1,101,041	1,176,041	447,716	728,325	162.7%	
Net Total Appropriations	10,175,100	11,183,400	21,358,500	21,506,100	(147,600)	-0.7%	
ANTICIPATED SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	

2015 Revenue Schedule

Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority
 For the Period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

	Proposed Budget					Total All Operations	Current Year	\$ Increase	% Increase
	Water	Sewer					Adopted Budget	(Decrease)	(Decrease)
						Total All Operations	Proposed vs. Current Year	Proposed vs. Current Year	
OPERATING REVENUES									
<i>Service Charges</i>									
Residential	\$ 4,951,995	\$ 6,529,451				\$ 11,481,446	\$ 11,040,000	\$ 441,446	4.0%
Business/Commercial	2,977,629	3,059,517				6,037,146	5,786,100	251,046	4.3%
Industrial	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Intergovernmental	191,476	170,532				362,008	346,300	15,708	4.5%
Other	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total Service Charges	8,121,100	9,759,500				17,880,600	17,172,400	708,200	4.1%
<i>Connection Fees</i>									
Residential	3,766	7,394				11,160	18,400	(7,240)	-39.3%
Business/Commercial	391,234	1,198,106				1,589,340	2,510,500	(921,160)	-36.7%
Industrial	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Intergovernmental	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Other	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total Connection Fees	395,000	1,205,500				1,600,500	2,528,900	(928,400)	-36.7%
<i>Parking Fees</i>									
Meters	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Permits	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Fines/Penalties	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Other	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total Parking Fees	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
<i>Other Operating Revenues (List)</i>									
Hydrants / Fire Service	1,258,250	-				1,258,250	1,260,000	(1,750)	-0.1%
Tower Rental	217,550	15,250				232,800	232,800	-	0.0%
Solar Renewable Energy Credits	88,000	88,000				176,000	120,000	56,000	46.7%
Total Other Revenue	1,563,800	103,250				1,667,050	1,612,800	54,250	3.4%
Total Operating Revenues	10,079,900	11,068,250				21,148,150	21,314,100	(165,950)	-0.8%
NON-OPERATING REVENUES									
<i>Grants & Entitlements (List)</i>									
Grant #1	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Grant #2	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Grant #3	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Grant #4	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total Grants & Entitlements	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
<i>Local Subsidies & Donations (List)</i>									
Local Subsidy #1	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Local Subsidy #2	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Local Subsidy #3	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Local Subsidy #4	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total Local Subsidies & Donations	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
<i>Interest on Investments & Deposits</i>									
Investments	20,500	20,500				41,000	41,000	-	0.0%
Security Deposits	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Penalties	68,700	73,400				142,100	126,000	16,100	12.8%
Other Investments	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total Interest	89,200	93,900				183,100	167,000	16,100	9.6%
<i>Other Non-Operating Revenues (List)</i>									
Miscellaneous	6,000	21,250				27,250	25,000	2,250	9.0%
Other Non-Operating #2	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Other Non-Operating #3	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Other Non-Operating #4	-	-				-	-	-	#DIV/0!
Total Other Non-Operating Revenues	6,000	21,250				27,250	25,000	2,250	9.0%
Total Non-Operating Revenues	95,200	115,150				210,350	192,000	18,350	9.6%
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$ 10,175,100	\$ 11,183,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,358,500	\$ 21,506,100	\$ (147,600)	-0.7%

2014 Revenue Schedule

Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority

For the Period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Current Year Adopted Budget

	Water	Sewer					Total All Operations
OPERATING REVENUES							
<i>Service Charges</i>							
Residential	\$ 4,619,000	\$ 6,421,000					\$ 11,040,000
Business/Commercial	2,777,400	3,008,700					5,786,100
Industrial	-	-					-
Intergovernmental	178,600	167,700					346,300
Other	-	-					-
Total Service Charges	7,575,000	9,597,400	-	-	-	-	17,172,400
<i>Connection Fees</i>							
Residential	8,100	10,300					18,400
Business/Commercial	841,500	1,669,000					2,510,500
Industrial	-	-					-
Intergovernmental	-	-					-
Other	-	-					-
Total Connection Fees	849,600	1,679,300	-	-	-	-	2,528,900
<i>Parking Fees</i>							
Meters							-
Permits							-
Fines/Penalties							-
Other							-
Total Parking Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Other Operating Revenues (List)</i>							
Hydrants / Fire Service	1,260,000	-					1,260,000
Tower Rental	217,550	15,250					232,800
Solar Renewable Energy Credits	60,000	60,000					120,000
Other Revenue 4	-	-					-
Total Other Revenue	1,537,550	75,250	-	-	-	-	1,612,800
Total Operating Revenues	9,962,150	11,351,950	-	-	-	-	21,314,100
NON-OPERATING REVENUES							
<i>Grants & Entitlements (List)</i>							
Grant #1							-
Grant #2							-
Grant #3							-
Grant #4							-
Total Grants & Entitlements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Local Subsidies & Donations (List)</i>							
Local Subsidy #1							-
Local Subsidy #2							-
Local Subsidy #3							-
Local Subsidy #4							-
Total Local Subsidies & Donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Interest on Investments & Deposits</i>							
Investments	20,500	20,500					41,000
Security Deposits							-
Penalties	59,220	66,780					126,000
Other Investments							-
Total Interest	79,720	87,280	-	-	-	-	167,000
<i>Other Non-Operating Revenues (List)</i>							
Miscellaneous	12,500	12,500					25,000
Other Non-Operating #2							-
Other Non-Operating #3							-
Other Non-Operating #4							-
Other Non-Operating Revenues	12,500	12,500	-	-	-	-	25,000
Total Non-Operating Revenues	92,220	99,780	-	-	-	-	192,000
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$ 10,054,370	\$ 11,451,730	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,506,100

2015 Appropriations Schedule

Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority
For the Period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

	Proposed Budget						Current Year Adopted Budget	\$ Increase (Decrease) Proposed vs. Current Year	% Increase (Decrease) Proposed vs. Current Year	
	Water	Sewer					Total All Operations	Total All Operations	All Operations	All Operations
OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS										
<i>Administration - Personnel</i>										
Salary & Wages	\$ 408,150	\$ 408,250				\$ 816,400	\$ 797,200	\$ 19,200	2.4%	
Fringe Benefits	208,650	213,900				422,550	446,436	(23,886)	-5.4%	
Total Administration - Personnel	616,800	622,150	-	-	-	1,238,950	1,243,636	(4,686)	-0.4%	
<i>Administration - Other (List)</i>										
Computer Expenses	74,250	76,750				151,000	196,500	(45,500)	-23.2%	
Other Expenses	274,350	255,250				529,600	559,800	(30,200)	-5.4%	
Insurance / Surety Bond Expense	80,500	112,750				193,250	218,600	(25,350)	-11.6%	
Other Admin Expense #4						-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
Miscellaneous Administration*						-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
Total Administration - Other	429,100	444,750	-	-	-	873,850	974,900	(101,050)	-10.4%	
Total Administration	1,045,900	1,066,900	-	-	-	2,112,800	2,218,536	(105,736)	-4.8%	
<i>Cost of Providing Services - Personnel</i>										
Salary & Wages	1,395,600	1,974,000				3,369,600	3,470,600	(101,000)	-2.9%	
Fringe Benefits	713,450	1,034,400				1,747,850	1,844,464	(96,614)	-5.2%	
Total COPS - Personnel	2,109,050	3,008,400	-	-	-	5,117,450	5,315,064	(197,614)	-3.7%	
<i>Cost of Providing Services - Other (List)</i>										
Purch of water (Water); sludge & CCMUA (Sewer)	2,235,000	1,040,300				3,275,300	3,559,300	(284,000)	-8.0%	
Chemicals	114,700	535,700				650,400	605,200	45,200	7.5%	
Electric Power	386,600	735,900				1,122,500	1,206,500	(84,000)	-7.0%	
Other Expenses	484,675	966,000				1,450,675	1,037,095	413,580	39.9%	
Miscellaneous COPS*						-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
Total COPS - Other	3,220,975	3,277,900	-	-	-	6,498,875	6,408,095	90,780	1.4%	
Total Cost of Providing Services	5,330,025	6,286,300	-	-	-	11,616,325	11,723,159	(106,834)	-0.9%	
Total Principal Payments on Debt Service in Lieu of Depreciation	1,485,589	561,118	-	-	-	2,046,707	2,046,707	-	0.0%	
Total Operating Appropriations	7,861,514	7,914,318	-	-	-	15,775,832	15,988,402	(212,570)	-1.3%	
NON-OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS										
Total Interest Payments on Debt	425,539	66,105	-	-	-	491,644	491,644	-	0.0%	
Operations & Maintenance Reserve	793,295					793,295	-	793,295	#DIV/0!	
Renewal & Replacement Reserve	1,094,752	3,931,302				5,026,054	5,026,054	-	0.0%	
Municipality/County Appropriation	75,000	372,716				447,716	447,716	-	0.0%	
Other Reserves						-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
Total Non-Operating Appropriations	2,388,586	4,370,123	-	-	-	6,758,709	5,965,414	793,295	13.3%	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	10,250,100	12,284,441	-	-	-	22,534,541	21,953,816	580,725	2.6%	
ACCUMULATED DEFICIT										
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS & ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	10,250,100	12,284,441	-	-	-	22,534,541	21,953,816	580,725	2.6%	
UNRESTRICTED NET POSITION UTILIZED										
Municipality/County Appropriation	75,000	372,716	-	-	-	447,716	447,716	-	0.0%	
Other		728,325				728,325	-	728,325	#DIV/0!	
Total Unrestricted Net Position Utilized	75,000	1,101,041	-	-	-	1,176,041	447,716	728,325	162.7%	
TOTAL NET APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 10,175,100	\$ 11,183,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,358,500	\$ 21,506,100	\$ (147,600)	-0.7%	

* Miscellaneous line items may not exceed 5% of total operating appropriations shown below. If amount in miscellaneous is greater than the amount shown below, then the line item must be itemized above.

5% of Total Operating Appropriations \$ 393,075.70 \$ 395,715.90 \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ 788,791.60

2014 Appropriations Schedule

Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority
 For the Period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Current Year Adopted Budget

	Water	Sewer						Total All Operations
OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS								
<i>Administration - Personnel</i>								
Salary & Wages	\$ 398,550	\$ 398,650						\$ 797,200
Fringe Benefits	227,204	219,232						446,436
Total Administration - Personnel	625,754	617,882	-	-	-	-	-	1,243,636
<i>Administration - Other (List)</i>								
Computer Expenses	100,000	96,500						196,500
Other Expenses	265,950	293,850						559,800
Insurance / Surety Bond Expense	88,400	130,200						218,600
Other Admin Expense #4								-
Miscellaneous Administration*								-
Total Administration - Other	454,350	520,550	-	-	-	-	-	974,900
Total Administration	1,080,104	1,138,432	-	-	-	-	-	2,218,536
<i>Cost of Providing Services - Personnel</i>								
Salary & Wages	1,395,600	2,075,000						3,470,600
Fringe Benefits	767,996	1,076,468						1,844,464
Total COPS - Personnel	2,163,596	3,151,468	-	-	-	-	-	5,315,064
<i>Cost of Providing Services - Other (List)</i>								
Purch of water (water); sludge & CCMUA (sewer)	2,682,000	877,300						3,559,300
Chemicals	278,900	326,300						605,200
Electric Power	334,000	872,500						1,206,500
Other Expenses	509,890	527,205						1,037,095
Miscellaneous COPS*								-
Total COPS - Other	3,804,790	2,603,305	-	-	-	-	-	6,408,095
Total Cost of Providing Services	5,968,386	5,754,773	-	-	-	-	-	11,723,159
Total Principal Payments on Debt Service in Lieu of Depreciation	1,485,589	561,118	-	-	-	-	-	2,046,707
Total Operating Appropriations	8,534,079	7,454,323	-	-	-	-	-	15,988,402
NON-OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS								
Total Interest Payments on Debt	425,539	66,105	-	-	-	-	-	491,644
Operations & Maintenance Reserve								-
Renewal & Replacement Reserve	1,094,752	3,931,302						5,026,054
Municipality/County Appropriation	75,000	372,716						447,716
Other Reserves								-
Total Non-Operating Appropriations	1,595,291	4,370,123	-	-	-	-	-	5,965,414
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	10,129,370	11,824,446	-	-	-	-	-	21,953,816
ACCUMULATED DEFICIT								
								-
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS & ACCUMULATED DEFICIT	10,129,370	11,824,446	-	-	-	-	-	21,953,816
UNRESTRICTED NET POSITION UTILIZED								
Municipality/County Appropriation	75,000	372,716	-	-	-	-	-	447,716
Other								-
Total Unrestricted Net Position Utilized	75,000	372,716	-	-	-	-	-	447,716
TOTAL NET APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 10,054,370	\$ 11,451,730	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,506,100

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5% of Total Operating Appropriations \$ 426,703.95 \$ 372,716.15 \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ - \$ 799,420.10

To: Pamela J. Carolan, Executive Director

From: David R. Wiest, Finance Director



Date: June 14, 2016

Subject: Fiscal Year 2016 budget amendment

We have completed the amendment of our fiscal year 2016 (FY16) operating budget. Although not required by law, the amendment of the nearly completed fiscal year budget has been an internal routine that allows us to compare the budget to the actual results for the year, anticipate the final few months of fiscal activity, and make appropriate adjustments to the outgoing budget. Enclosed is a printout which shows the budget in a form familiar to the board members. This shows the adopted budget we have been operating under during FY16, the proposed amended FY16 budget and the amended budget's breakdown between our water and sewer utilities.

Significant Amendments:

REVENUES:

In the aggregate, revenues are expected to remain fairly consistent with the adopted FY16 budget, with an anticipated decrease of \$148,000. This is a reduction of just 0.7%.

User fee revenues are being increased by slightly over \$700,000, as water delivered to service in FY16 is projected to be 1,433mg. When the budget was created in March 2015, a two year average of 1,374mg of water consumption was used. This yields about 60mg of more water delivered than we anticipated, accounting for the revenue increase.

Connection fee revenue is being decreased quite a bit, as projects that were anticipated to tie in during FY16 have not, in whole or in part. Some examples include the hotel located at 7000 Midlantic Drive, the Hampton Inn on Briggs Road and a portion of the Rogers Walk project. The connection fees associated with these projects total \$946,000. Some smaller, unanticipated projects DID tie in during FY16, leading to a reduction of \$928,000 in this line item.

SREC income is being increased by \$56,000 as the market price of SRECs improved in FY16. The weighted average price for an SREC is currently around \$240, while the FY16 budget was developed when the unit price was near \$175.

EXPENSES:

Overall expenses (excluding depreciation) are expected to decrease \$210,000, or 1.4%. The more significant changes are addressed below.

Salaries expense has decreased by approximately \$100,000, or 2.9%. One contributing factor is the hiring of five new employees at entry level rates, taking the place of higher paid employees departing for a variety of reasons. Another factor was a higher paid employee taking unpaid family medical leave for a significant portion of the year.

Repairs and Maintenance expense has risen dramatically, almost exclusively as the result of several force main breaks through the course of FY16. Costs of repairs to the force main and the costs of tanking sewage have caused this line item skyrocket. Due to these costs, and other unexpected occurrences, this line item has grown to well over twice the original budget. Steps are underway to permanently fix a particular section of the force main as soon as possible, as more breaks are expected to occur in this section until a new line is installed.

Chemical expense is projected to increase by \$45,000. Odor control chemicals are at the root of this increase, as feed rates and feed points continue to be analyzed in order to find the optimal application quantities and locations.

Vehicles – Fuel and Maintenance has been reduced by nearly half, from \$156,000 to \$84,000. The Authority has benefitted from a protracted period of low fuel costs and its fleet of vehicles has not needed any major repairs or maintenance to speak of.

NJ Facility fees and permits have risen by \$16,000. Most of this is the result of an increase in our NJPDES permit for the Hartford Rd treatment plant, as the “environmental factor” component of the fee calculation was adjusted upward by the NJDEP due to issues with our effluent quality in 2014.

Sludge Disposal expense is increasing by \$154,000. Two thirds of this amount stems from the emergency pumping of sludge from PFC #1 in June and July of 2015, along with the cleaning of the tank. 643,000 gallons were removed, transported and disposed due to the poor quality of the sludge and our inability to return it to our treatment process due to the adverse impact it would have on effluent quality.

Purchase of water (POW) expense went down due to a planned reduction in purchased water use and utilization of our own water supplies. The main modification was in the NJAWC Off Peak contract nomination, which was reduced from 550mg to 450mg. This change had the largest impact on POW (close to \$300K). This was possible due to the banked water in the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) facility. Approximately 100mg was available, so we made the operational decision to utilize that water instead of purchasing water to meet system demands. These demands were met through the full utilization of our well allocation at our Elbo Lane WTP and water from our ASR facility. Willingboro MUA was utilized as needed with the goal of purchasing the contractual minimum.

Computer expense has decreased mainly due to less computer programming being done than anticipated during the year. Our business application software vendor has developed customized programs in several systems with an eye toward streamlining, enhancing or creating new computing processes. However, our original budget was done with an eye toward being more aggressive with these changes. We will continue to work for improvements into the coming year and beyond.

Employee group medical insurance expense will decrease \$132,000 or 11.0%. Approximately 70% of this decrease is due to premium reductions for CY16 in the State Health Benefits Plan when we selected a different base plan for our employees. The remaining savings are due to new employees not covered by group health insurance for a period of time at the beginning of their employment and the departure of employees that generally carried the same or higher levels of coverage compared to our new employees.

We will be seeking board passage of an amending resolution at Thursday night’s meeting.