

**Pennington Borough Council  
Special Meeting – May 22, 2017**

Mayor Persichilli called the Special Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 5:30 pm. Borough Clerk Betty Sterling called the roll with Council Members Chandler, Griffiths, Lawver, Marciante and Mills in attendance. Mrs. Gnatt was absent.

Also present were Borough Administrator Eileen Heinzl, Public Safety Director Bill Meytrott, Public Works Superintendent Rick Smith, and Borough Attorney Walter Bliss.

Mayor Persichilli announced that notice of this meeting has been given to the Hopewell Valley News, Trenton Times and was posted on the bulletin board in Borough Hall and on the Borough web-site according to the regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Mayor Persichilli asked everyone to stand for the flag salute.

**Open to the Public – Agenda Items Only**

Mayor Persichilli read the following statement:

The meeting is now open to the public for comments on items on the agenda for which no public discussion is provided. In an effort to provide everyone interested an opportunity to address his or her comments to the Governing Body, a public comment time limit has been instituted for each speaker. **Please come forward and state your name and address for the record. Please limit comments to the Governing Body to a maximum of 3 minutes.**

There were no comments from the public.

**Ordinances for Public Hearing and Adoption**

Mayor Persichilli read Ordinance 2017-10 by title.

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON  
ORDINANCE NO. 2017 - 10**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 98 OF THE CODE  
OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON CONCERNING STANDBY FEES FOR PRIVATE FIRE-  
PROTECTION SYSTEMS**

**WHEREAS**, Borough Council seeks to amend certain standby fees for private fire-protection systems set forth in Chapter 98 of the Code of the Borough of Pennington;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington, as follows:

1. **Subsection A of Section 98-42, which establishes standby fees for private fire-protection systems, is hereby amended (with deletions bracketed and new language underlined) as follows:**

**98-42. Standby fees.**

Quarterly standby fees for private fire-protection systems pursuant to Section 206-2 of this Code are as follows:

A. Quarterly standby fees for private fire-protection systems regardless of the rate or quantity of that service:

<b>Size of Private Lines (inches)</b>	<b>Fee (per connection)</b>
2	\$(125)158
3	\$(300)378
4	\$(450)567
6	\$(925)1,166
8	\$(1,600)2,016

2. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

Council Member Chandler made a motion to open the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2017-10, second by Council Member Griffiths. There were no comments from the public. Council Member Chandler made a motion to close the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2017-10, second by Council Member Griffiths with all members present voting in favor. Council Member Chandler made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-10, second by Council Member Griffiths with all members present voting in favor.

Mayor Persichilli read Ordinance 2017-11 by title.

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON  
COUNTY OF MERCER**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2017-11**

**AN ORDINANCE INCREASING RATES CHARGED BY THE PENNINGTON  
BOROUGH WATER AND SEWER UTILITY, AND AMENDING THE CODE OF  
THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON**

**WHEREAS**, the Pennington Borough Water and Sewer Utility continues to incur increased costs;

**WHEREAS**, Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington has determined that as a result of these increased costs the rates charged by the Utility for water and sewer services must be increased and the rates must be further differentiated for customers based on amount of usage;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington as follows:

1. **Section 98-41 of the Code, concerning base and usage charges for water and sewer customers, is hereby amended as follows (with language in brackets deleted, new language underlined and percentage changes indicated in parenthesis):**

A. There are hereby established the following quarterly charges for water customers:

Meter Size (inches)	Base Charge 4,000 Gallons or Less  [From To] (Percent Change)	First Excess Usage Block Charge 4,001-20,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons) [From To] (Percent Change)	Second Excess Usage Block Charge 20,001-60,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons) [From To] (Percent Change)	Third Excess Usage Block Charge 60,001-200,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons) [From To] (Percent Change)	Fourth Excess Usage Block Charge More than 200,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons) [From To] (Percent Change)
Less than 1	[\$30.40] <u>\$31.16</u> (+2.5%)	[\$7.16] <u>\$7.34</u> (+2.5%)	[\$7.60] <u>\$8.74</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>	[\$8.34] <u>\$9.59</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>	[\$9.76] <u>\$11.22</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>
1	[\$46.41] <u>\$47.57</u> (+2.5%)	[\$7.16] <u>\$7.34</u> (+2.5%)	[\$7.60] <u>\$8.74</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>	[\$8.34] <u>\$9.59</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>	[\$9.76] <u>\$11.22</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>
2	[\$132.59] <u>\$135.90</u> (+2.5%)	[\$7.16] <u>\$7.34</u> (+2.5%)	[\$7.60] <u>\$8.74</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>	[\$8.34] <u>\$9.59</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>	[\$9.76] <u>\$11.22</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>
3	[\$295.78] <u>\$303.17</u> (+2.5%)	[\$7.16] <u>\$7.34</u> (+2.5%)	[\$7.60] <u>\$8.74</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>	[\$8.34] <u>\$9.59</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>	[\$9.76] <u>\$11.22</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>
4	[\$434.69] <u>\$445.56</u> (+2.5%)	[\$7.16] <u>\$7.34</u> (+2.5%)	[\$7.60] <u>\$8.74</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>	[\$8.34] <u>\$9.59</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>	[\$9.76] <u>\$11.22</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>
6	[\$812.24] <u>\$832.55</u> (+2.5%)	[\$7.16] <u>\$7.34</u> (+2.5%)	[\$7.60] <u>\$8.74</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>	[\$8.34] <u>\$9.59</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>	[\$9.76] <u>\$11.22</u> (+2.5) <u>15%</u>

NOTE: Usage charges are per one-thousand-gallon increments, or portion thereof.

B. There are hereby established the following quarterly charges for sewer customers:

Base Charge 4,000 Gallons or Less  [From To] (Percent Change)	First Excess Usage Block Charge 4,001-20,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons) [From To] (Percent Change)	Second Excess Usage Block Charge 20,001-60,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons) [From To] (Percent Change)	Third Excess Usage Block Charge 60,001-200,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons) [From To] (Percent Change)	Fourth Excess Usage Block Charge More than 200,000 Gallons (per 1,000 Gallons) [From To] (Percent Change)
[\$34.50] <u>\$35.36</u> (+5) <u>2.5%</u>	[\$7.83] <u>\$8.03</u> (+5) <u>2.5%</u>	[\$8.38] <u>\$9.64</u> (+5) <u>15.0%</u>	[\$9.00] <u>\$10.35</u> (+5) <u>15.0%</u>	[\$9.69] <u>\$11.14</u> (+5) <u>15.0%</u>

NOTE: Usage charges are per one-thousand-gallon increment, or portion thereof.

C. The minimum quarterly base charge for multiunit residential or multiunit commercial or a combination thereof serviced through a single water meter shall be determined by the product of the

number of units by the minimum quarterly base charge of a one-inch meter, regardless of the size of the meter(s) that feeds the units.

D. Sewage or other wastes containing unduly high concentrations of other substances which add to the operating costs of the sewage treatment works will be subject to a surcharge to be determined by the Borough on the basis of the character and volume for such sewage and wastes. Where, in the opinion of the Borough, sewage and other wastes of a deleterious character adversely affect the treatment processes, the Borough reserves the right to require that such sewage and wastes be treated by the contributor to remove or neutralize the objectionable substances before discharge into the sewers.

E. Base and usage charges shall be due on March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1, except in 2017 the billing date for the first quarter water/sewer bills is extended to April 3, 2017 and the due date for the first quarter water/sewer bills is extended to May 1, 2017.

F. Premises introducing water into a permanent private pool may be allowed a reduction in the charge of sewer usage in an amount equal to the volume of water introduced into the pool. This will require the installation and rental of a temporary meter in conformance with the Borough Code.

3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

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**Public Comment Period**

Mayor Persichilli invited anyone interested in addressing Council to please come forward and state your name and address for the record. Please limit comments to the Governing Body to a maximum of 3 minutes.

There were no comments from the public.

At 5:32 pm with no further business to come before Council the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sterling  
Borough Clerk