

**ONWASA BOARD OF DIRECTORS'  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017  
ONWASA MAIN OFFICES  
JACKSONVILLE NC**

**PRESENT FOR THE MEETING:**

Gregory Hines, Holly Ridge (ONWASA Chairman)  
Jerry Bitter, Jacksonville (ONWASA Vice Chairman)  
Royce Bennett, Onslow County (ONWASA Director)  
Fred Burns, North Topsail Beach (ONWASA Director)  
John Lister, Swansboro (ONWASA Director)  
Jack Bright, Onslow County (ONWASA Director)  
Paul Conner, Richlands (ONWASA Secretary/Treasurer)  
**Absent from meeting:**  
Michael Lazzara, Jacksonville (ONWASA Director)

**CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gregory Hines at 6:00 PM.

**INVOCATION** – Pastor Jack Marshburn of Tar Landing Baptist Church provided invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE** - Mr. Royce Bennett, Director, led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director Royce Bennett made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Secretary Paul Conner seconded. All were in favor the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Bitter to approve the consent agent as presented. Motion was seconded by Secretary Conner.

**Public Hearing To Amend the FY17-18 ONWASA Rate and Fee Schedule by changing the name from Impact fee to system development fee**

Chairman Hines conducted the public hearing. There were no citizens who signed up for the public hearing. Chairman Hines closed the public hearing.

**System Development Wording Change**

A motion was made by Secretary Paul Conner to adopt the Amended FY17-18 Rate and Fee Schedule. Director Burns made a second. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Secretary Paul Conner to adopt the Utility Ordinance as stated in Notice of Intent approved on July 21, 2017. Motion was seconded by Director Jack Bright. Motion carried unanimously.

**Release of Leasehold Interest**

A motion was made by Director Royce Bennett to adopt Release of Leasehold Interest. Director Bright

seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Landlord Agreement and Transfer Fee Public Hearing Set**

Vice Chairman Jerry Bitter made a motion to set a public hearing on November 16, 2017 to change the FY17-18 Rate & Fee Schedule to include the \$20 Fee. Secretary Paul Conner Seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Set public hearing Over 70 Payment Plan**

Mr. Jeffrey Hudson presented with the Board that many senior citizens are on fixed incomes and may have difficulty paying the system development fee all at once. In an effort to assist the most senior of our population, ONWASA has developed a payment plan which would allow persons over 70 to make installments on the money owed to ONWASA. Under the proposed payment plan, a person over 70 would pay the full fee over five (5) years.

Director Royce Bennett asked if there was a reason why the age of 70 was selected. Mr. Hudson replied we sought to pick an age that most people were on a fixed income that we could help them out.

Director Royce Bennett made a motion to set the public hearing for November 16, 2017 at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible at Jacksonville City Hall and publish the declaration of intent. Director Jack Bright seconded. All were in favor

### **Interlocal Agreement with Pender County**

Mr. Jeffrey Hudson informed the Board of Pender County's desire to purchase Bulk Water from ONWASA.

Vice Chairman Jerry Bittner asked who would have responsibility for the distribution system. Mr. Hudson replied Pender County would. Director John Lister inquired about the impact to current customers. Mr. Hudson replied that there would not be an impact to current customers. Director Jack Bright inquired about the connection location. Mr. Hudson asked Mr. David Mohr, Engineering Director, to come forward to answer. Mr. David Mohr stated there were three potential connection locations. The connection will require Pender County to come 5,000 feet into Onslow County. Director Bright asked if Pender County had a major break would we be able to cap it off on their side. Mr. Mohr replied yes.

Secretary Paul Conner made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Pender County for sale of bulk water. Vice Chairman Jerry Bittner Seconded. All were in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comments**

No public comments

Mr. Jeffrey L. Hudson provided the directors with an update on the Hurricane Irma events. He provided

