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COUNTY OF ERIE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING
DIVISION OF SEWERAGE MANAGEMENT
** MEMORANDUM **

FROM: Joseph Fiegl, P.E. – Deputy Commissioner JF

TO: Mutasem Salah, P.E. – Secretary, ECSD No. 1 Board of Managers

DATE: August 24, 2015

RE: Amended 2016 Proposed Budget

As was mentioned during the June 2015 meeting of the ECSD No. 1 Board of Managers, the 2016 budget was based on conservative assumptions relative to the fringe benefit rate used for estimating personnel costs. Since the time of June 2015 meeting, the Division of Sewerage Management has coordinated with the County's Budget Office and ascertained that a 3% reduction in the fringe benefit rate could be applied to the draft 2016 budget.

The result of this reduction in the fringe benefit rate would be that the overall ECSD No. 1 budget could decrease $34,991, which would decrease the impact to the typical ratepayer from 1.9% to 1.1% when compared to the budget passed in June. It is the Division of Sewerage Management's recommendation that the previously approved 2016 budget be adjusted and these savings be passed along to the ECSD No. 1 ratepayers. If the flat charge ($200) and footage charge ($0.70) remain the same, these savings would be reflected in a small adjustment to the assessed valuation charge, which is paid by all ratepayers within the district.

As the proposed 2016 budget must be submitted to the County's Budget Office prior to the next scheduled Board of Managers meeting, I respectfully request that the Board be polled for their concurrence with this change. Enclosed is a suggested resolution. This suggested resolution also reflects a reclassification of the flat charge as a user fee revenue, with again the flat charge remaining the same as approved in June. If the Board has any questions, please have them contact me at (716) 858-7537 or joseph.fiegl@erie.gov. Thank you for your consideration.

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RESOLUTION

ERIE COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1

WHEREAS, the Board of Managers for Erie County Sewer District No. 1 has prepared its budget for 2016 and has determined the amount which must be assessed on the lots and parcels of land within the District and for properties served by out-of-district customer agreements; and

WHEREAS, as permitted by Section 266 of County law, the District has chosen to raise a portion of the cost for the sanitary sewerage system on user charges; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 271 of County Law, the assessment must be in proportion as nearly as may be to the benefit derived by each parcel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the assessed value charge be spread to all lots or parcels within the District; that a footage charge be spread to all lots or parcels which have a sewer designed, under construction or built to service them, except where a property is not connected and it would be necessary for the property owner(s) to bore a State or County Road to obtain sewer service; and that a flat charge be assessed to all lots or parcels for which a sewer is designed, under construction, or built and where there is an improved structure on the property requiring sewer service; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a footage charge be spread to all properties who are serviced by a sanitary sewer line owned and maintained by the County Sewer District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sewer charges be assessed to out-of-district customers on the same basis as properties in the Sewer District; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a single family dwelling be used as a unit of assessment to determine flat charges for other types of structures other than single family dwellings; and be it further

RESOLVED, that where this Board has elected, in the past, to charge a footage and/or a flat charge prior to the actual date sewer service is available, such decision shall remain in effect; and be it further

RESOLVED, that an assessment roll be prepared using the above formula to determine the amount of assessment on each lot or parcel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certain costs of the sewer district be raised on User Charges in accordance with the Sewer District's User Charge formula and rates established pursuant to Section 266 of County Law; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that approximately 82% and 18% of the total sanitary sewer tax levy of $3,354,062 shall be raised from the assessed value and footage charges, respectively; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution along with the proposed budget, proposed assessment rolls and proposed rates be submitted to the County Budget Officer for transmittal to the Clerk of the County Legislature for a Public Hearing as required by Section 271 of the County Law.

MOVED BY _____

SECONDED BY _____

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED _____

Flat Charge: $200

Footage Charge: $0.70

Dated:_____

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MATT A. SALAH, P.E.
SECRETARY, ECSD NO. 1
BOARD OF MANAGERS

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MOVED BY MR BOWEN

SECONDED BY MR HIGGINS

APPROVED/DISAPPROVED (5, 0)

Flat Charge: $200

Footage Charge: $1.00

Dated: 8-28-15

MATT A. SALAH, P.E.
SECRETARY, ECSD NO. 1
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