

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SECOND READING COMMENTS**

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**Ordinance 43-2021 - Water/Sewer Utility Amending Fee Rate**

1. Who determined these proposed water/sewer utility fee rate increases?
2. Were the proposed NJ Am Water 10 Year Bulk Water Supply Agreement factored into these proposed new rates?
3. Is there an Orange water/sewer organizational/functions chart of duties and responsibilities?
4. Was a written report prepared supporting and justifying these water/sewer utility fee rate increases?
5. If so, when will this report be posted on a public website?
6. What are the projected fee rate and percentage increases?
7. Do these projected fee rate increases include or exclude all known third party supplier and provider announced fee rate increases?
8. How much money does the Orange water/sewer utility owe Suez?
9. How many different COVID-19/FEMA related water/sewer utility related reimbursement applications does Orange have outstanding?
10. Based upon the two proposed water/sewer related fee rate increase ordinances and without the benefit of the CY 2020 financial statement, is Orange's water/sewer utility still self-liquidating?
11. Based upon the two proposed water/sewer related fee rate increase ordinances, what will be the projected amount of revenue loss or decline from the proposed municipal/local school board 25% discount?
12. Who is responsible for monitoring our water/sewer utility revenues, expenditures and actual collections?
13. Who is responsible for overseeing the actual maintenance, upkeep and daily continued operations of our water/sewer utility?
14. When was the last time our local governing body received a water/sewer utility monthly revenue and operating report indicating amounts appropriated, expended or reserved to date?
15. Has Orange waived any redevelopment related hookup or capping fees?

**Ordinance 24-2021 – Municipal Clerk Amending**

16. What is the reason for amending the municipal clerk's hiring, firing and layoff powers?
17. Did a former local elected official exceed her municipal clerk statutory oversight authority?
18. Will the local governing body finally take some form of affirmative action on this festering amending ordinance generating matter, thereby allowing the mayor to approve or to veto the discretionary legislative action and for certain local elected officials to feel the wrath of their constituents?