

5) REPORTS:**DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REVENUE COLLECTION**

- December 2023 – Planning Board \$119,232.00

6) CONSTABLE REPORTS:

- November 2023 Richard Noizy volunteered on November 5th, November 11th, and November 18th.
- December 2023 – Richard Noizy volunteered on December 2nd, December 9th, and December 16th.

7) OPRA REPORTS: None.**8) COUNCIL REPORTS: Council President directs Clerk to file reports.****9) COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS:**

Exhibit P-1 | Schedule 7

PSE&G

December 29, 2023

In the Matter of the Petition of Public Service Electric and Gas Company for Approval of an Increase in Electric and Gas Rates and for Changes in the Tariffs for Electric and Gas Service, B.P.U.N.J. No. 17 Electric and B.P.U.N.J. No. 17 Gas, and for Changes in Depreciation Rates, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-18, N.J.S.A. 48:2-21 and N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1, and for Other Appropriate Relief BPU Docket Nos. _____

Clerks of Each Municipality, County Executives, Clerk of Board of Chosen Freeholders and County Administrators in the Company's Electric and Gas Service Areas

Public Service Electric and Gas Company ("PSE&G" or "Company") has filed a Petition with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities ("Board" or "BPU") requesting an increase in the charges for electric and gas service. A copy of the Petition is enclosed for your information. The Company last reset rates in November 2018 for electric and gas. These increases are primarily due to capital investments that the Company has made and storm costs that the Company incurred, but for which it has not received recovery. These storm costs are proposed to be recovered through introduction of a Storm Recovery Charge (SRC), which will be a component of a new Distribution Adjustment Charge (DAC). These increases will be partially offset by increases to the Tax Adjustment Credit (TAC). Furthermore, the Company also requests the authority to recover gas bad debt expense in the same manner as is currently done for electric bad debt expense via the Social Programs component of the gas Societal Benefits Charge (SBC) in lieu of including this expense in gas base rates. The Company has requested an overall average electric bill increase of approximately 8% and an overall average gas bill increase of approximately 11%. Also attached is a copy of the bill insert which will be sent to each PSE&G customer with regular monthly meter readings. Any final rate relief found by the BPU to be just and reasonable as the result of this filing, may be modified and/or allocated by the BPU in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:3-2 and 48:3-4, and for other good and legally sufficient reasons, to any class or classes of customers of the Company. Therefore, the average percentage change in customer bills may be higher or lower than indicated above, based upon the BPU's decision. The BPU may choose to impose a greater portion of any increase on any class or classes of customers and may exclude from increase any class or classes. It is expected that the BPU will transmit the filing to the Office of Administrative Law for hearings on the Company's Petition. Notice of such hearings will be given in accordance with current legal notice requirements.

Very truly yours,

Sherri L. Golden, Secretary

10) CITIZEN COMMENTS ON GENERAL ISSUES/AGENDA ITEMS

“SPECIAL NOTICE: Please be apprised anyone wishing to discuss Agenda or General Items shall be allowed to participate in this portion of the Council Meeting via the audio call in number and video conferencing platform by stating their name and address when directed to do so by the Council President. All public comments submitted though electronic mail or written letter before the meeting shall be read aloud by the City Clerk. The City Council reserves the right to respond to not respond during the meeting to any citizen’s questions or comments. If the Council wishes to address any comments, it shall be done during the remote public meeting.

Motion to Close Citizen Comments: Second:

11) COUNCIL COMMENTS

12) ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING

24-2021 An ordinance to amend the City Code of the City of the Orange Township Chapter 4 entitled "Administration of Government", Article II entitled "City Council"; Section 15 entitled "City Clerk". (Postponed since the June 1, 2021 Council Meeting)

- a) Motion to Postpone: Second:**
- b) Motion for Final Adoption: Second:**

88-2023 An ordinance to amend Ordinance #31-2023 the Code of the City of Orange Township Chapter 88, entitled “Fees” derived from the Code Provisions, supplementing Article 1, to amend Dog License Fees to Dog and Cat License Fees.

- a) Motion to close Citizen Comments: Second:**
- b) Motion for Final Adoption: Second:**

89-2023 An ordinance to adopt Resolution 377-2022 into Chapter §200-32 and Chapter §200-38 of the City of Orange Township Code.

- a) Motion to close Citizen Comments: Second:**
- b) Motion for Final Adoption: Second:**

90-2023 An ordinance to amend Chapter §200-33 of the City of Orange Township Code.

- a) Motion to close Citizen Comments: Second:**
- b) Motion for Final Adoption: Second:**

91-2023 An ordinance to amend Chapter §200-32, Chapter §200-33 and Chapter §200-38 of the City of Orange Township Code. (Linden Place)

- a) Motion to close Citizen Comments: Second:**
- b) Motion for Final Adoption: Second:**

92-2023 An ordinance to amend Chapter §200-32, Chapter §200-33 and Chapter §200-38 of the City of Orange Township Code. (North Jefferson Street)

- a) Motion to close Citizen Comments: Second:**
- b) Motion for Final Adoption: Second:**

13) ORDINANCES – INTRODUCTION | FIRST READING

- 1-2024** An ordinance to amend Chapter §200-33 and Chapter §200-52.3 of the City of Orange Township Code (Fairview Avenue)
 - a) Motion to adopt on First Reading: Second:
 - b) Final Reading: February 20, 2024

- 2-2024** An ordinance to amend Chapter §200-32 and Chapter §200-38 of the City Of Orange Township Code (Frankfort Street)
 - a) Motion to adopt on First Reading: Second:
 - b) Final Reading: February 20, 2024

- 3-2024** An ordinance to amend the City Code of the City of the Orange Township, Chapter 200, entitled, “Vehicles and Traffic” Section 200-52-1 Handicapped Parking Spaces. (364 Berwick St)
 - a) Motion to adopt on First Reading: Second:
 - b) Final Reading: February 20, 2024

14) CONSENT AGENDA

ALL ITEMS LISTED WITH AN ASTERISK (*) ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A COUNCIL MEMBER SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS NO *25-2024 THROUGH *45-2024

- *25-2024** A resolution of The Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township authorizing a release of unused Zoning Board Escrows totaling \$2,138.75, deposited by Yosef Chaim, LLC, in connection with construction at Block 1503, Lot 7, commonly known as 151 North Day Street, Orange, New Jersey.

- *26-2024** A resolution authorizing the purchase of (24) Motorola APX 6000 UHF R2 Model 2.5 portables and accessories for the City of Orange Township Fire Department from Motorola Solutions, Inc. 123 Tices Boulevard, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677, under the State of New Jersey Purchasing Bureau State Contract 83909 in an amount not to exceed \$159,806.00.

- *27-2024** A resolution for the transfer of appropriation reserves

- *28-2024** Resolution authorizing an emergency temporary appropriation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20

- *29-2024** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Police Department to accept grant funds from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety State Body Armor Replacement (BARF) Program.

- *30-2024** A resolution authorizing the awarding of a contract for the Colgate Park Improvements Phase I to Shore Top Construction Corp., 23 Yellowbrook Road, Freehold, New Jersey 07728 in the amount not to exceed \$258,171.00.

- *31-2024** A resolution of the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township approving an agreement with NV5 Inc. for professional engineering and design services as part of the “Safe Routes to School Program” in an amount not to exceed \$105,940.07
- *32-2024** Resolution authorizing renewal of the agreement with Ruderman & Roth, LLC to represent Orange Police Department, Chief Vitiello, Captain Christopher Dunn, Sergeant Stefanelli and Police Director Todd Warren in the matter “Keri Payne v. City of Orange Township, et al” Docket No. ESX-L-6850-22 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for calendar year 2024.
- *33-2024** A resolution authorizing the services of Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer, P.A. as Bond Counsel for the City of Orange Township for an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for calendar year 2024.
- *34-2024** A resolution retaining Antonelli, Kantor & Rivera, LLC as Special Counsel with regard to various legal matters and litigation regarding the City of Orange Township in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.00 for calendar year 2024.
- *35-2024** A resolution awarding professional services contract for Special Counsel to provide Legislative Research Officer Services from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.
- *36-2024** Resolution renewing a professional service agreement with the law offices of Lamb Kretzer LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter “51 South Day Street, LLC; Exit II Gentlemen’s Club, LLC v. PEEK Reock II Owner Urban Renewal, LLT et al” Docket No. ESX-L-9682-21 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for calendar year 2024.
- *37-2024** Resolution renewing a professional service agreement with the law offices of Lamb Kretzer LLC to represent the City of Orange Township in the matter “Jovan Vanzant v. GS 153 Tremont LLC, et al”, Docket No. ESX-L-5329-22, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for calendar year 2024.
- *38-2024** Resolution renewing a professional service agreement with the law offices of Lamb Kretzer LLC to represent Sergeant Rene Wilson in the matter “Keri Payne v. City of Orange Township, et al, Docket No. ESX-L-6850-22 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for calendar year 2024.
- *39-2024** Resolution renewing a professional service agreement with the law offices of Lamb Kretzer, LLC to represent to the City of Orange Township and Wendy Sykes in the matter “Amanda Edwards v. the City of Orange Township and Wendy Sykes”, Docket No. ESX-L-002958-23 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for calendar year 2024.
- *40-2024** Resolution authorizing renewal of the agreement with Ruderman & Roth, LLC to represent Orange Police Department, Chief Vitiello, Captain Christopher Dunn, Police Director Todd Warren and Sgt. Rene Wilson in the matter “Keri Payne v. City of Orange Township, et al”, Docket No. ESX-L-8869-20 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for calendar year 2024.
- *41-2024** Resolution authorizing the settlement in the matter of Anthony Carey v. City of Orange Township Mayor Dwayne D. Warren, Raymond Wingfield, and John Does 1-10, Docket No. ESX-L-002475-20 in the amount of three hundred and seventy thousand dollars (\$370,000.00)

- *42-2024** A resolution to appoint Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP of 17-17 Route 208, Fair Lawn, New Jersey 07410 to provide Finance and Water and Sewer Utility Consultant Services to the City of Orange Township’s Finance Department and Administration for an amount not to exceed \$130,000.00
- *43-2024** A resolution authorizing the City of Orange Township Police Department to accept Grant Funds from the US Federal Government, Department of Justice in Washington D.C. for bullet proof vests in an amount totaling \$49,424.48.
- *44-2024** A resolution authorizing the award of a Professional Services Contract to Gail Mitchell, Esq. of Schwartz, Barkin and Mitchell LLC to provide legal services to the Orange Municipal Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Orange Township in matters relating to Zoning and Land Use in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 for the Calendar Year 2024.
- *45-2024** A resolution approving the Bill List for Council Meeting vote on January 16, 2024 dated January 10, 2024 and approving checks issued by the Finance Department in accordance with Ordinance 2-95. (Grand Total: \$5,805,560.14)

MOTION TO ADOPT CONSENT AGENDA:

Second:

15) NEW BUSINESS AND WALK-ON ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS OTHER PENDING BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Second:

Adjournment Time: _____

PUBLIC NOTICE

The next City Council Conference and Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 virtually at 7:00 p.m.