

WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION 2016-251

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD AUTHORIZING
THE REMOVAL OF WATER AND SEWER CHARGES**

WHEREAS, there exists an overcharge on the books of the Water and Sewer Department of the Township of West Deptford which should be removed; and

WHEREAS, the Billing Consultant recommends the removal of charges; and

WHEREAS, the removal of charges requires the authorization of the governing body;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that removal of the following charges be approved and that the Billing Consultant is hereby authorized and directed to affect the same:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NO.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Donald Bicking	8186040	\$ 187.31
Carol Ann Keenan	4810137	\$ 156.06
William Walsh	5214700	\$ 116.64
Thomas Phillips	4800642	\$ 857.91
Paul Rocco	8157607	\$ 267.89
Thomas Policella	3400630	\$1,931.87
Allfio Racite	5229201	\$ 254.82

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford, County of Gloucester, held on October 5, 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD

By: *Denice D. Carlo*
DENICE DICARLO, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lee Ann Dehart
LEE ANN DEHART, Acting Municipal Clerk

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To: Christine Greenwood, CMFO
From: Ed Phelps, Billing Consultant
Date: September 21, 2016
Re: Removal of Charges – Account #8186040 Donald Bicking

Attached you will find a copy of a memo from Keith Lamb, Superintendent of Water and Sewer in reference to 1768 Third Street. I have investigated this matter and I concur with Mr. Lamb's conclusion. The leak of approximately 16,650 gallons over a 10 day period was caused by the Water and Sewer Department. Since a total of 135,800 gallons was used during this quarter, the 16,650 gallons was charged at the rate of \$11.25 per thousand gallons. Therefore, \$187.31 should be removed from the account.

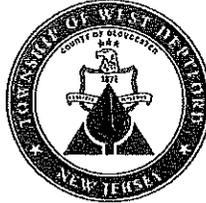
I recommend the removal of these charges and will prepare the appropriate resolution.

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Attachment

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To: Christine Greenwood, CMFO
From: Ed Phelps, Billing Consultant 
Date: September 21, 2016
Re: Removal of Charges – Account #4810137 Carol Ann Keenan

The meter reader made a mistake on the meter reading for 137 Lionheart Lane for the second quarter. The result was a bill for 40,700 gallons at the cost of \$262.01. When we re-read the meter, the usage was 20,300 gallons at the cost of \$105.95. Therefore, \$156.06 should be removed from the account.

I recommend the removal of charges and will prepare the appropriate resolution.

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To: Christine Greenwood, CMFO
From: Ed Phelps, Billing Consultant
Date: September 21, 2016
Re: Removal of Charges – Account #5214700 William Walsh

We discussed this account. The outside reader was removed from 645 Tatum Street. The house is a rental property and we did not obtain a reading for the second quarter of 2016 and it was billed minimum. The meter was replaced in June and there was an additional 92,200 gallons on the meter. When the new meter was read for the third period on August 16, 2016, there was 27,800 gallons on the new meter. The account was then billed for a total of 120,000 gallons.

The owner discovered a toilet leak at the property. He contacted us because, although he admits the water was used, he feels that it was used over a six month period not just the third quarter period. We discussed this and agreed to recalculate the bill by splitting the usage over two periods.

For those two quarters, we billed the account a total of \$1,039.78. By recalculating, the account would be billed \$923.14. Therefore, \$116.64 should be removed from the account.

I recommend the removal and will prepare the appropriate resolution.

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To: Christine Greenwood, CMFO
From: Ed Phelps, Billing Consultant
Date: September 21, 2016
Re: Removal of Charges – Account #4800642 Thomas Phillips

When the meter reader read the meter at 642 Worcester Drive, he omitted a zero on the reading. The billing program read it as a turnover. The result was a bill for 120,900 gallons at the cost of \$1,030.41. The resident contacted us and we re-read the meter. The bill should have been for 29,000 gallons at the cost of \$172.50. Therefore, \$857.91 should be removed from the account.

I recommend the removal and will prepare the appropriate resolution.

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To: Christine Greenwood, CMFO
From: Ed Phelps, Billing Consultant 
Date: September 21, 2016
Re: Removal of Charges – Account #8157607 Paul Rocco

The temporary meter reader made a mistake on the third quarter reading for 1000 Grove Avenue. His reading of 2489100 resulted in a bill for 57,200 gallons at the cost of \$392.96. When the resident contacted us, we re-read the meter. Based on this reading of 2454710, the bill should be for 22,800 gallons at the cost of \$125.07. Therefore, \$267.89 should be removed from the account.

I recommend removal of these charges and will prepare the appropriate resolution.

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TO: Christine Greenwood, CMFO
FROM: Ed Phelps, Billing Consultant
DATE: September 29, 2016
RE: Removal of Charges – Account #3400630 Thomas Policella

We had not been able to obtain a meter reading from 1223 Plantation Drive in 17 quarters because the outside reader is in the back of the house and the gate to the back yard is always locked. When we were able to read the meter in May 2016, he was billed for 400,600 gallons at the cost of \$4,157.51. He has requested that we spread out the usage over the 17 quarters and recalculate the bill. We have agreed to do so on a one-time basis.

By recalculating the usage, we can reduce the bill to \$2,225.64. Therefore, \$1,931.87 should be removed from the account.

I recommend the removal of these charges and will prepare the appropriate resolution.

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TO: Christine Greenwood, CMFO
FROM: Ed Phelps, Billing Consultant
DATE: September 29, 2016
RE: Removal of Charges – Account #5229201 Allfio Racite

In the first quarter of 2015, we were unable to obtain a water meter reading from 108 Chestnut Street. When we obtained a reading for the second quarter of 2015, the usage was 259,000 gallons. The bill for that usage was \$2,665.30 so the total bill for that six month period was \$2,685.40.

This issue has come up because Mr. Racite is in the tax sale for the balance he owes. He has requested the charges be split into two bills and recalculated. We have agreed to do this on a one-time basis. The total recalculated bill is \$2,430.58. Therefore, \$254.82 should be removed from the account.

I recommend the removal of these charges and will prepare the appropriate resolution.

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