

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2011-12-18**

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO RATE INCREASE  
REQUESTED BY NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER**

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. is seeking a proposed rate increase of \$95.5 million, or approximately 20 percent over present rate revenues of \$565 million; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey American Water Company, Inc. has received an accumulated 73.8 percent in rate increases since 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, this rate increase, if approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, will negatively impact ratepayers in 23 of Burlington County's 40 municipalities, at a time when many homeowners and businesses are struggling to survive financially; and

**WHEREAS**, elected County and Municipal officials have, by contrast, demonstrated a sensitivity to our residents, struggling to cut spending and taxes even against a tide of rising expenses, while faced with a 2% CAP; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey American Water Company, Inc., a publicly-traded company which already enjoys the highest rate of return on water and sewer services in Burlington County, should share in the responsibility of reducing the unprecedented financial burdens on our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the bureaucratic process for consideration of such rate increases defies logic, escapes the notice of those most impacted, and, at best, results in a negotiated rate increase which adds to the financial burden of ratepayers; now, therefore, be it

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, hereby calls on the Board of Public Utilities to reject the rate increase requested by New Jersey American Water; and, be it

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to all State and Congressional Legislators representing Burlington County, as well as local governing bodies for all the impacted towns in Burlington County, and that they be asked to join in opposition to the rate increase petition currently before the BPU.

**MOTION: DIGIUSEPPE**

**SECOND: HIGGINS**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES: DIGIUSEPPE, HIGGINS, CLARK, GABLE, PUGLIA**

**NAYS: NONE**

**ABSENT: NONE**

**ABSTAIN: NONE**

**CERTIFICATION**

**I, LINDA SEMUS, RMC**, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey at a meeting held on December 28, 2011 at the Mansfield Township Municipal Complex at 7:30 p.m.

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**LINDA SEMUS, RMC, Municipal Clerk**