



ORANGE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

A public, non-profit agency providing water, sewer and reclaimed water services to the Carrboro-Chapel Hill community.

Summary of the OWASA Board of Directors' Meeting on April 27, 2017

Please note: The summary below was prepared by OWASA staff and is not approved by the OWASA Board of Directors. OWASA's [webpage with Board meeting information](#) includes the Board's adopted minutes, agenda materials, staff's meeting summaries, audio recordings of Board meetings on second Thursdays of most months and video recordings of Board meetings on fourth Thursdays of most months.

The Board of Directors:

- **Authorized staff to publicize the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018 (July 2017 through June 2018) and rates proposed to be effective in October 2017.** No increase in monthly rates is needed for the sixth consecutive year.

The OWASA Board will hold public hearings on the proposed budget and rates on Thursday, May 25th at 7 PM in the Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Reductions are proposed in all water service availability fees and in sewer service availability fees for single family homes and multi-family locations with 5/8" or 3/4" diameter meters. Sewer availability fees are proposed to increase for non-residential and other multi-family locations and for single-family homes with 1" meters. Availability fees are one-time charges paid upon initial connection to the OWASA system. Some changes are proposed in miscellaneous charges. [Please click here for more information.](#)

- **Discussed an approach for advancing employees through pay ranges more quickly, and agreed that the Human Resources Committee should meet as the next step.**
- **Discussed staff's plan to improve strategic communications in OWASA-related emergencies, and agreed to receive a status report in the fall of 2017.**
- **Reviewed the financial report for July 2016 through March 2017. OWASA is meeting its financial performance objectives.**
- **Supported staff's proposal to seek a low-interest loan from the State to finance several capital projects.**

Upcoming Board meetings:

- *May 11th at 6 PM in the Community Room at the OWASA Administration Building, 400 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro*
- *May 25th at 7 PM in the Council Chamber at the Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard; includes public hearings on the proposed budget for July 2017 through June 2018 and rates proposed to be effective in October 2017*