



# 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's work session on June 11, 2015

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### The Board:

- **Approved the budget for July 2015 through June 2016, the 5-year capital program and rates to be effective in October 2015. Monthly rates for water, sewer and reclaimed water service will remain the same for the fourth consecutive year.** For a typical individually-metered residence using 4,000 gallons of water and sewer service per month, the monthly bill will continue to be \$70.66.
- **Discussed options for a merit pay increase for employees, asked staff for information and agreed to have further discussion on June 25.**
- **Discussed the scope of work for final design of sanitary sewers to serve the Historic Rogers Road Area.** OWASA and a consultant will proceed with the design in accord with an agreement with Orange County. The Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro will also help fund the design.
- **Received a report from Board Member Terri Buckner on the Inter-Faith Council's webpage with information about OWASA's Care to Share customer assistance program (formerly Taste of Hope) and its new logo.**
- **Awarded a \$1.9 million contract to rehabilitate two of the four tanks at the Mason Farm Wastewater Treatment Plant where wastewater solids are treated.** OWASA recycles them by applying treated "biosolids" to local farmland or by transporting the biosolids to a composting facility in Chatham County which makes a soil additive used in landscaping.
- **Elected officers for the year which will begin on July 1. John Young was re-elected Chair; Michael Hughes was re-elected Vice Chair and Heather Payne was re-elected Secretary.**
- **Canceled its meetings on July 23 and August 13.**

*The Board's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 25 at 7 PM in the Chapel Hill Town Hall, 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. For more information, please see the agenda materials at <http://www.owasa.org/board-of-directors-meetings>. The June 25 meeting will include a presentation on energy management at OWASA and opportunity for citizens to comment.*