

**Ocean City Utility Advisory Commission
City of Ocean City
City Hall Council Chambers, Room #301
861 Asbury Avenue
Ocean City, NJ 08226**

Scheduled Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, April 16, 2025 @ 9:00am

Name	Title	Present/ Absent	Name	Title	Present/ Absent
John Quinn	Chairperson	Absent	Brian Hartley	Commissioner	Present
Donna Sannuti	Vice Chairperson	Present	Ronald DiChristofaro	Commissioner	Present
Richard Bernardini	Recording Secretary	Present	James Corrigan	Commissioner	Absent
John Donnelly	Commissioner	Absent	Joseph Clark	City Purchasing Mgr./Admin. Rep.	Present
Edward Pisani	Commissioner	Present	Peter Madden	City Council Rep.	Present
Clark Pierce	Commissioner	Absent	Jason Bekier	City Rep.	Present

Call the Meeting to Order & the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement

- Adequate notice of this meeting has been given pursuant to Public Law 1975; Chapter 231
- Meeting was opened at 9:00am, EST

Public Comment:

Brian Lipman, Rate Payer Advocate, New Jersey Bureau of Public Utilities (NJBPU) provided an overview of the NJBPU role and functions. The presentation will be posted on <https://www.ocnj.us/boards-and-commissions>. The “Consumer Assistance Handbook” was distributed.

Pledge of Allegiance

Membership Roll Call

Quorum: (Yes) (5)

Approval of the Minutes – Minutes of February 19, 2025. Brian Hartley made a motion to adopt, Ed Pisani seconded the motion. Unanimously adopted.

Reports

- **A. C. Electric (ACE)** – Clark Pierce
 - No report
- **Comcast/Xfinity** – Edward Pisano
 - No report

- **New Jersey American Water Company (NJAWC)** – Donna Sannuti
 - New PWAC/PSTAC rates implemented 4/1/25
 - An overview of construction projects was provided with anticipated completion by the end of May.
- **South Jersey Industries/ South Jersey Gas Company** – Ronald DiChristofaro
 - Reviewed some energy savings programs
- **Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority (CMCMUA)** – Richard Bernardini
 - No report
- **Educational Session Committee** – Donna Sannuti
 - Currently working on a date for 2025 to offer an in-person lecture with a virtual component, if possible, for the NJAWC and/or the CMCMUA, pending review of the Commission report on rates confirmed with other municipalities.
 - R. Bernardini provided a recap of the 4/15/25 webinar “Municipal Leader’s Guide fo Preparing for June Energy Pricing Increases”
- **City Administrative Representative** – Joseph Clark
 - Recycling Plant tour to be scheduled in the fall. The trip would begin after the UAC meeting @ 10:00am pending plant operation start up.
 - Proposed changes to Ordinance 13-23 Utility Advisory Commission are in review by the Administration.
 - Article on “NJ Utility Costs tied to Household INcome in New Proposal” - [Patch.com](https://www.patch.com/nj/utility-costs-tied-to-household-income-in-new-proposal)
 - NJ Interagency Council on Climate Resistance - “How Can New Jersey Prepare for and Respond to Heat Emergencies?” webinar - Thursday, April 24, 2025 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
 - South Jersey Power Cooperative notice on Electricity Rate Increase was distributed.
- **City Council Representative** - Peter Madden

Old Business

- None

New Business

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 @ 9:00am.

Adjournment

- Motion made to adjourn by Brian Hartley, Edward Pisani seconded. Unanimous approval @ 10:40 am.

Note: * Guest will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker at the discretion of the Committee Chairmen.