

Subject Milford Water Authority / Milford Township

From Christina Markgraf

To [REDACTED]

Cc

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Date Wednesday October 22, 2025 9:16:22 AM

Dear John:

I had previously outlined the Board of Supervisors position as to why they should not be billed for the Fire Hydrants. Despite that, I received through the Board of Supervisors yet another bill, dated October 14, 2025, in the amount of \$13,300.00.

It is the position of the Milford Township Board of Supervisors that the Milford Water Authority, the Municipal Authority agreed to cease quarterly Fire Hydrant Fees in November of 2015, due to Milford Township's assistance in allowing the Authority to replace all hydrants and water mains through Grant monies obtained through the Township; that the Authority expanded its hydrants in the Township with no agreement from the Township to pay for maintenance of those hydrants, ever; and that the Authority should pass these expenses along to its customers, which is something the Authority has yet to explain its refusal to do. As you know, the Township's taxpayers do not equally benefit, and the majority of Township residents are not customers of the Water Authority.

Please find enclosed correspondence from the Authority, Chairman, dated November 10, 2015, evidencing this agreement with the Township.

Even if the Authority wanted to reinstitute the fees, it would be necessary for you to follow your own Rules & Regulations which I had previously outlined in prior correspondence. Once again, the Board of Supervisors has indicated to me that it is not going to pay any bills regarding the Fire Hydrant Fees being sought by the Authority.

Please be guided accordingly.

Sincerely,

*Anthony J. Magnotta, Esquire*

**cc: Milford Township Board of Supervisors**

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**MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY  
OF THE  
BOROUGH OF MILFORD**

151 OLD OWEGO TURNPIKE • P.O. BOX 459 • MILFORD, PA 18337

November 10, 2015

Milford Township Supervisors  
P. O. Box 366  
Milford, PA 18337

**RE: Quarterly Fire Hydrant Fees**

Dear Supervisors:

At its November 9, 2015 Board meeting, the Milford Water Authority Board (the "Authority") agreed to remove the quarterly fire hydrant fees starting in 2016. The fee was in place to maintain the fire hydrants for fire protection for all residents of the Township.

Due to the Authority receiving grants and keeping all projects under budget, the Authority was able to replace all fire hydrants and water mains throughout its system. This allowed the Authority to drop the fire hydrant fees.

The Authority would be appreciative for the assistance of your street department if they would keep the fire hydrants free of snow during the winter months in your Township.

Sincerely,

RONALD GREGORY  
Chairman

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From Christina Markgraf <christina@magnottalaw.com>

Date Wed 2/11/2026 10:57 AM

To John Klemeyer [REDACTED]

Cc Gary Williams [REDACTED]; Rachel Hendricks [REDACTED]; Robert DiLorenzo [REDACTED]; milfrdtp <milfrdtp@ptd.net>

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Dear John:

My recent correspondence is attached for your review. The Board of Supervisors have requested that I forward the correspondence to you once again with a request as to when the Board may receive answers to its questions.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

*Anthony J. Magnotta, Esquire*

**cc: Milford Township Board of Supervisors**

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## Hydrant Fees / Milford Township

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From Christina Markgraf [REDACTED]

Date Mon 12/22/2025 1:48 PM

To John Klemeyer [REDACTED]

Cc milfrdtp <milfrdtp@ptd.net>; Contact [REDACTED]

Dear John:

Thank you for your correspondence dated October 29, 2025. I noticed that the Milford Water Authority had, as of October 13<sup>th</sup> enacted a Fire Protection Service Fee for all users of \$10.17 per quarter, effective January 1, 2026. In addition, a Fire Protection Surcharge will be levied solely against Milford Township accounts in the amount of \$10.64 per quarter. I am assuming that the \$10.64 per quarter is in addition to the \$10.17 per quarter, for the Fire Protection fee.

I also noticed that the 2026 Operating Budget refers to MT Fire Protection Surcharge in Operating Revenue Projections, in the amount of \$5,068.00.

The Board of Supervisors has requested that I contact you with an explanation regarding these fees as well as the following matters:

1. The rationale for the Milford Township Fire Protection Surcharge in the 2026 Operating Budget.
2. The actual cost incurred by Authority for maintenance of hydrants located in Milford Township for calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025.
3. The estimated cost of maintenance for 2026 and each year thereafter.
4. Whether the Authority still intends to turn off water as set forth in its original letter in the event of non-payment of the Milford Township Fire Protection Surcharge or the Fire Protection Service Fee.
5. A copy of the Agreement between the Authority and Milford Township allowing the Authority to install the hydrants within the Township.
6. The source of all funds used for completion of the expansion of the Authority service lines to Milford Township.
7. A detailed explanation as to what the Warehouse Expense of \$22,961.47 is the 2026 Budget.
8. Whether the Authority has notified either PADEP or the PUC of its intent to terminate service regarding non-payment of Fire Protection Service Fees or a Fire Protection Surcharge.

It appears to the Board of Supervisors that the rate payers are being treated differently depending upon where they live by the Authority.

I am sure the Authority is aware of the Code Sections requiring that uniform rates be paid for the services provided. In addition, I am sure that the Authority is aware of its responsibility's when it provides services beyond its jurisdictional boundary.

The Board of Supervisors have requested that I seek this information so that they are in a better position to advise their residents who are being charged for these services.

Please advise as to your client's responses at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

*Anthony J. Magnotta, Esquire*

**cc: Milford Township Board of Supervisors, C/O Shahana Shamim,  
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