

Q: The November election is during school break and my family will be away on vacation. How do I vote by absentee ballot?

A: The application is available online at <http://www.camdencounty.com/vbm>.

Instructions:

1. Fill out the application. Print and sign your name where indicated.
2. Mail to: Joseph Ripa, County Clerk, Office of the County Clerk, Election Division, P.O. Box 150 Camden, New Jersey 08101-0150 or
3. Deliver to: Joseph Ripa, County Clerk, Election Division - Room 102, 520 Market Street, Camden, New Jersey 08102

Warning: Your Vote By Mail application must be received by the County Clerk not later than 7 days prior to the election, unless you apply in person during the County Clerk's office hours up to 3:00 PM the day prior to the election. For more information, call (856) 225-7219.

Do you have a specific question you would like answered?

Go to http://haddonfieldnj.org/borough_water_sewer_sale.php. Item # 9 provides residents an opportunity to ask specific questions. This page will be updated weekly with questions and answers that were received the prior week.

Have a question for NJAW?

Send an email to HaddonfieldQuestions@amwater.com.

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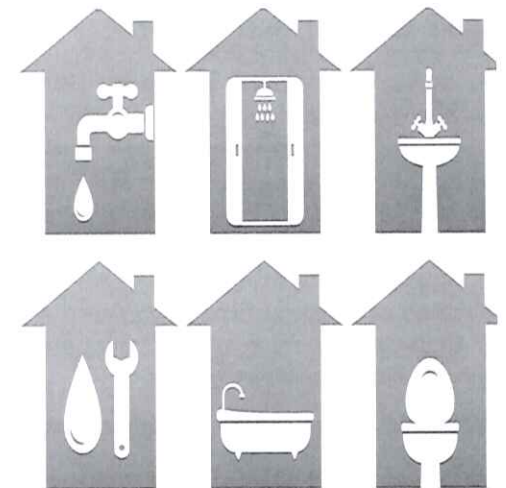
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS CONCERNING THE SALE OF THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY



Vote November 4th!

Q: What is the Referendum for the sale of the Borough's water and sewer utility system to New Jersey American Water?

A: A referendum asking voters to say yes or no to the sale of the water and sewer system will appear on the ballot for the general election on November 4, 2014. Basically, it asks if the Borough of Haddonfield and New Jersey-American Water Company, Inc., a regulated public corporation of the State of New Jersey, should be allowed to enter into an agreement for the sale of the Borough's water treatment, transmission and distribution system and the Borough's waste water collection and conveyance systems for the amount of \$28.5 million.

Q: Why vote in favor on November 4th for selling the water and sewer system?

A: The system has become increasingly costly due to debt service for prior infrastructure repairs, and anticipated improvements and repairs on the horizon. The sale proceeds of \$28.5 million would pay off debts incurred for previous improvements and release the Borough from future, unavoidable expenses to repair and improve the system ongoing. New Jersey American Water Company (NJAW) would assume responsibility for paying for all future repairs.

Q: Will NJAW charge residents higher rates?

A: The sale to NJAW is anticipated to actually save residents money in the long run. Because a company like NJAW can accomplish the needed repairs more efficiently, the rates would stay lower than if the Borough had to set a rate structure to cover the costs of the repairs.

Upon transfer of the water utility, NJAW has agreed to a 3 year water rate freeze. After the freeze ends, all rate increases will be regulated by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and Haddonfield will have the New Jersey's Ratepayer Advocate on their side.

Q: How can I, as a Borough resident, learn more and voice my opinion regarding this possible sale?

A: The sale is subject to a public vote by the residents of Haddonfield. A referendum asking voters to say yes or no to the sale of the water and sewer system will appear on the ballot for the general election on November 4, 2014.

Information regarding the sale can be found on the Borough website at http://haddonfieldnj.org/borough_water_sewer_sale.php. In addition, three public meetings will be held to explain the situation and referendum prior to the November vote. The meetings will be held in the auditorium of Borough Hall on the following dates:

Wednesday, September 24, 10:00 am
Saturday, October 11, 9:00 am
Monday, October 13, 7:30 pm

Q: Where can I read the proposed referendum question and explanation statement?

A: The proposed question and explanation can be accessed online at http://haddonfieldnj.org/borough_water_sewer_sale.php or by visiting the clerk at Borough Hall, who will provide a copy to you.

Q: How will I be kept informed, in case I am unable to attend one of the meetings?

A: The dates, agendas and recaps, along with additional information, will be posted online at

http://haddonfieldnj.org/borough_water_sewer_sale.php or by visiting the clerk at Borough Hall, who will provide a copy of these documents to you.

Q: How will the \$28.5 million proceeds be spent?

A: By state law the Borough is required to first pay off water and sewer debt service. Additional proceeds are then to be used for the payment of other debt. The Borough has approximately \$16 million in outstanding debt for the water and sewer utility. The remaining \$12.5 million would then be spent towards the Borough's General Obligation debt. The Commissioners have some flexibility in how this debt is paid down. Options that the Commissioners are considering include accelerating the annual road reconstruction program and providing property tax relief.

Q: Why are the Commissioners selling the Borough's water?

A: The Borough owns the infrastructure (ie. pipes, wells and treatment plant), not the actual water that is delivered through the infrastructure. New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection regulates and controls the actual water delivered through this system.

Q: Will water quality change?

A: No. NJAW will provide water from local wells drawing from the same ground water that we have now. However, NJAW has the ability and technology to test water quality hundreds of times a day to ensure their water is clean and safe. NJAW has not had a single NJDEP violation in the past three years.