

**CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 39-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
DECLARING ITS OPPOSITION TO A REQUEST BY
AQUA PENNSYLVANIA, INC. TO INCREASE ITS
WATER RATES AS OF OCTOBER 16, 2018, IN
TERRITORIES AFFECTING CHELTENHAM
TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners and the Administration of Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania received an official notification that AQUA Pennsylvania, Inc., (“AQUA”) intended to file a request on Friday, August 17, 2018, with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“PUC”) to increase water rates by 16.13% as of October 16, 2018; and

WHEREAS, such a rate increase would affect all water users in Cheltenham Township purportedly based on AQUA’s investments in system repairs and improvements made since June 2012 and projected through March 2020, and purportedly based upon the cost of operation and maintenance in providing utility service and capacity in infrastructure and other service improvements; and

WHEREAS, there has been a great and well-founded concern recently with actions taken by AQUA to close the North Hills water well, which well serves the western area of Cheltenham Township along with portions of Abington, Upper Dublin and Springfield Townships with drinking water; and

WHEREAS, AQUA took the action to close the Well because of levels of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctance sulfonate (PFOS) in drinking water reached over 40 parts per trillion (ppt), although below the EPA’s recommendation of 70 ppt; and

WHEREAS, the voluntary measure to close down the Well as a health precaution directly led to two (2) public meetings by State Representatives Madeleine Dean and Steve McCarter at which the Well-closure issue was discussed in detail and the majority of the community supported the lowering of PFOA and PFOS levels to 5 ppt for Pennsylvania’s drinking water as noted in House Bill 205.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania that the Board opposes the subject

rate increase request by AQUA until such time that AQUA undertakes the necessary financial commitments and investments in technology to install a means to clean the drinking water in its area wells which serve Cheltenham, Abington, Upper Dublin and Springfield Townships by filtering out the PFOA and PFOS from drinking water to a 5 ppt or near non-detectable system-wide level and to ensure safe drinking water for Cheltenham families, children and future generations.

ADOPTED this 15th day of **August 2018**.

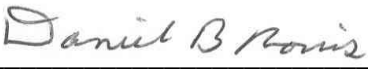
ATTEST:

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



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Township Manager and Secretary

By: 

Daniel B. Norris, President