

Water and Sewer Rates August 2023

On Wednesday, March 23, 2023, the Water and Sewer Commissioners met in a public meeting with the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee to set Water Rates for FY2024. The Commission asked the Town's Water and Sewer Consulting Engineer, Dave Prickett of DPC Engineering, LLC, to do an analysis and make recommendations to the Commission and the Advisory Board regarding the Town's needs and long-term maintenance needs of these 15+ million (Sewer) and 10+ million dollars (water) systems.

Prickett and his colleague Justin Skelly met with the Commission twice. They recommended the Commission be forward-thinking as we look ahead to the development of our long-term maintenance plan for the Sewer Systems to be developed over the FY24 fiscal year, the Sewer Cost Increases attributable to the \$70M upgrade to the Pittsfield wastewater treatment plant (where Hinsdale's wastewater is treated), and the Town's long-term Water System Maintenance due by the end of June. We anticipate both systems will require about \$100 - 125K per year in routine maintenance costs if residents want to keep our Water and Sewer Systems viable.

The Commission raised voted to raise Water and Sewer rates by 15% across the board but kept water usage rates level. These rates go into effect on July 1, 2023.

System	Annual EDU Rate FY23	Annual EDU Rates FY24	Billed twice per year	Increase in \$ per year	Increase in % per year
Sewer I	\$ 270.00	\$ 310.50	\$ 155.25	\$ 40.50	15%
Sewer III	\$ 700.00	\$ 805.00	\$ 402.50	\$ 105.00	15%
Water*	\$ 400.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 60.00	15%
<i>* Water Usage fee remains unchanged at \$6.65 per HGI</i>					

If you have questions about your bill, contact McKenzie Doyle at 413-655-2300, x307, or email her at mdoyle@hinsdalema.gov. Please note: McKenzie is a part-time employee who works Afternoons on Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 2:00 – 5:00 PM managing the Water and Sewer accounts.

Thank you.