Seneca Newsletter

March 2016

At the city council meeting on February 9th 2016, the council unanimously passed 3 resolutions regarding the utility rates for the city. The rates are effective April 1, 2016. Customers will see these rates reflected on their May 1st billing statement for the month of April. The following is a summary of the rate changes:

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| **WATER** | | |
|  | Current | New |
| Residential | $41.00 | $45.00 |
| Business | $43.00 | $47.00 |
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The **water** base rate is increasing in order to meet operation and maintenance costs of the water system. Additionally, the city will begin to read water meters starting in the month of May. The first two months (May and June) will be for informational purposes only for customers to get a feel for their monthly usage. Beginning in July, there will be overage charges of $4 per 1000 gallons for usage over the base amount of 7500 gallons/month.

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| **SEWER** | | |
|  | Current | New |
| Residential | $24.00 | $36.00 |
| Business | $27.25 | $43.00 |
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The **sewer** rate increase is the most significant. This is primarily in preparation for the debt service/loan the city will incur for the construction of a new sewer facility. The city is finalizing plans and working to secure total funding for the project. The project is expected to be fully funded by the end of 2016 and construction may begin as early as spring of 2017.

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| **DUMP** | | |
|  | Current | New |
| Residential | $15.00 | $16.00 |
| Business | $20.00 | $25.00 |
| Non-Res-  Residential | $18.00 | $22.00 |
| Non-Res-  Business | $22.50 | $30.00 |

The **dump** rate increase is minor and will ensure fund stability. Business dump rates are increasing due to observed larger amounts produced by business customers.

The RESIDENTIAL rate for combined services will increase from $80.00 to **$97.00** per month.

The BUSINESS rate for combined services will increase from $88.25 to **$115.00** per month.

If you have questions, please contact the city hall or attend a council meeting on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm.

Thanks to those who provided feedback as we continue to update the new billing statements.

Yes, please sign me up for e-billing!

I understand I will no longer receive paper statements in the mail and will be e-mailed my statements and newsletters.

E-mail address: