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WATER & SEWER RATES TO CHANGE JUNE 1, 2018

In a continuing effort to establish water and sewer rates that are equitable for all Village customers, the Village contracted with Umbaugh & Associates in November 2017 to conduct a rate study and revenue analysis that will necessitate enactment of new water and sewer rates effective June 1, 2018. Nationally, communities have struggled with maintaining a functional infrastructure. Village Council recognizes that the water and sewer systems must be properly maintained. Rates must consider the cost of day-to-day operations, maintenance and improvements.

The following rates will apply to all customers:

WATER AND SEWER RATES

Water

- Commodity Rate (Usage): \$0.00435/gallon plus
- Readiness-to-Serve (RTS): \$22.75 per month (No change)

Sewer

- Commodity Rate (Usage): \$0.00505/gallon plus
- Readiness-to-Serve (RTS): \$40.00 per month (No change)

Other Fees (No change)

- Water System Connection Fee: \$2,000
- Sewer System Connection Fee: \$2,000
- Water meter installation/replacement: Actual cost of meter and installation

Note: Water & sewer payments remain due on the 15th of each month or late fees will be applied.

Using a nationally recognized standard of 4,000 gallons of water usage per month, a typical household would receive a water bill of \$40.15 (\$17.40 + \$22.75) and sewer bill of \$60.20 (\$20.20 + \$40.00) in an average month for a combined monthly utility bill of \$100.35. Households using less water could expect a smaller bill. A minimum monthly utility bill without usage charges would be \$62.75. Customers with lawn irrigation or a pool are encouraged to install a separate meter to reduce the sewer commodity cost which is based on water meter readings.

Village Council considered the following in establishing water and sewer rates:

- Water and Sewer Funds must be self-sustaining
- Sewer revenue must be sufficient to cover charges from the regional sewer authority
- All dwelling units should be considered equal regardless of size or number of units in a building
- Charges should be equal for residential, including multi-family, and commercial customers
- Charges by meter size or number of connections are to be abolished
- Seasonal rates are to be abolished; Readiness-to-Serve charges still apply without usage charges
- Commercial and industrial properties are charged by each business location

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Spring 2018 Village Newsletter

PERMIT FEE HOLIDAY: April 1—May 15

The Village will again waive certain building permit and inspection fees for a limited time during 2018. To improve the aesthetic appeal of the Village, owners of residential and commercial properties within the Village may be eligible to have fees waived for some property improvement projects. Eligible minor projects would pertain to building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical improvements to existing structures only. Permits and inspections are still required prior to the start of any improvement. New building construction and significant rehabilitation would not be eligible since plan review and pre-construction inspections may be necessary.

Property owners should contact the Village Office to determine eligibility of projects and to apply for required permits. The following conditions apply:

- Permit request forms must be received at the Village Office between April 1– May 15, 2018.
- Building permit and inspection fees must be paid prior to the start of work.
- Projects must be completed by October 31, 2018 or fees will be reinstated

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: The Village of Brooklyn administers all construction permits and inspections (building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing). Permit applications may be obtained at www.villageofbrooklyn.com or at the Village Office . Inquiries about construction permits, such as when they are required, should be directed to the Village Office.

VILLAGE-WIDE SPRING CLEAN-UP—APRIL 28, 2018

The annual Village-wide Spring Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, April 28, 2018. Help improve the appearance of the Village by removing unwanted items. Please remember the following items cannot be discarded in this program: ashes, batteries, burn barrels, compost (grass & leaves), concrete/bricks, hazardous waste, household garbage (food waste), items containing Freon (refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers & freezers), liquids (paint, oil, gas, etc.), tires and tree stumps. Contact Modern Waste at (517) 536-4900 for more information.

PLEASE remember to recycle household items whenever possible. The environment will thank you.

The Village will resume weekly curbside pickup of grass clippings (Mondays) and brush (Tuesdays) beginning in April. The tree limb chipper will make rounds during the first week of May, August and October (and after significant storm damage) to chip limbs 5" in diameter or less. This Village service is not intended for chipping of entire trees. Property owners and contractors are responsible for removal of large limbs or entire trees and stumps.

CURB APPEAL

Please keep grass and weeds cut to 8" or less; trees and shrubs overhanging public sidewalks trimmed to a minimum of 84"; and sidewalks edged and debris cleared (including snow and ice) the entire width . Please refer to the Winter 2015-2016 newsletter or www.villageofbrooklyn.com for fees pertaining to ordinance violations.

Previous newsletters and other information are available at www.villageofbrooklyn.com