

St. Clair Township
NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE
REGARDING WATER AND SEWER RATES

Dear St. Clair Township Resident,

This letter serves as a notice to inform you of the township rate increases for water and sewer services that will appear on your 2nd quarter bill.

Following much discussion and careful consideration, the St. Clair Township Board voted to approve an increase to the township's water rates at the February 6th 2023 meeting. The Township Board is deeply committed to managing costs and maintaining operations while upholding its commitment to a sustainable future. The Board's decision to approve this increase was not easily decided. There hasn't been an increase in our rates in nearly a decade.

As you are probably aware, prices for most utilities, supplies, products, and materials have continued to rise across the country. The same reigns true for our water department's operating expenses including the parts and materials required to keep our water system running properly and efficiently. We recently hired a fulltime DPW employee, purchased a DPW truck as well as many of the necessary tools for DPW to adequately perform duties.

Recent improvements to the water system have been a priority for our DPW, and will continue to be an ongoing priority. Improvements including upgrading manual water meters to more modern electronic water meters have helped not only to ensure more accurate readings, but also to reduce the manpower needed to record quarterly reads. Future improvements will be upgrading our 6, 50+ year old sewer pump stations and GIS Mapping for Water System.

Water rate increases have been relatively modest over the past decade. Ensuring that those rate increases remain modest and justifiably necessary is an ongoing objective for the Township Board.

The approved rate increase became effective on February 7th, 2023, and is as follows:

The water rate will increase to \$ 7.30/1000 gallons and the sewer rate will increase to \$ 7.00/1000 gallons. The minimum water bill will be approximately \$141.13 a quarter. (Excluding outdoor watering).

The Township Board is committed to managing these costs and staying efficient while upholding the township's commitment to a sustainable future. These changes support our commitment to clean water, and safe and efficient wastewater management. Utility bills are always due on the 15th of February, May, August, and November.

If you have questions about the rate changes, please contact: • Township Hall at 810-329-9042 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. • Or you may visit <https://www.stclairtp.org>, where you can view a detailed overview of the new rate structures.

Regards,

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