

Greenville Water Utility customers could face rate increase

Written by Administrator

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The Greenville Town Council has scheduled a public hearing on Nov. 11 from 6 to 7 p.m. for reading and public discussion of Town of Greenville ordinance No. 2013-WO-051 establishing of proposed new water utility rate charges.

The meeting will be at the town hall, which is located at 9706 Clark Street, Greenville.

The following contains information from a public notice sent out by the town to all Greenville Water Utility Customers:

The Greenville Water Utility was established in 1963 as, and continues to operate as a not for profit company. This is the reason that our water rates compared to neighboring communities has always had one of the lowest rates.

The last rate increase passed by the Greenville Municipal Water Utility Council was under Ordinance 2010-W-064 dated November 8th, 2010 as recommended by O.W. Krohn and Associates.

The rate increases proposed by O. W. Krohn and Associates in 2010 addressed three issues. Issue one was the pass through of rate increases received by our suppliers over the last year. Issue two was to generate additional revenues for infrastructure repairs that will be required by our aging water supply system. Issue three was the revenue required to replace the Greenville Water Storage Tank with a 400,000 gallon tank. It was also the plan to accumulate the funds needed through the infrastructure rates to replace the Galena Storage Tanks in the next 5 to 10 years.

In August 2013 O.W. Krohn and Associates was commissioned to perform a rate analysis by the Greenville Municipal Water Utility. O.W. Krohn and Associates presented their findings at the Greenville Municipal Water Utility Council Meeting on September 9th, 2013. This report indicates because of additional Operating & Maintenance Increases, Capital Projects and Indiana Code Requirements it is with great regret and reluctance that the Greenville Municipal Water Utility Council is anticipating adopting the proposed rate increases recommended by O.W. Krohn and Associates.

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The Council is obligated by law to adhere to State of Indiana Code 8-1.5-3-8. The rate increases are to bring us into compliance with State Code. The amount of what your monthly bill will increase depends upon the amount of water usage.

If any of our customers have any suggestions as to how we can resolve these issues without increasing rates we encourage you to attend the Public Hearing on Monday November 11th, 2013 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM to voice your suggestions.

The Ordinance with proposed rate increases and the O.W. Krohn and Associates report shall be posted on the Town of Greenville Web-Site under Public Notices {www.visitgreenvillein.com} and at the Water Utility Office on 9706 Clark Street, Greenville, Indiana beginning Tuesday October 1th, 2013.