

Village of Pawling

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Dear Pawling Water User:

The Village Board and its consultants have been working for the past few years to improve the Pawling Water Supply Source capacity to obtain a sufficient and excellent quality water supply to meet all of your current and future needs. The last major improvement needed to accomplish this is the Lower Baxter wellfield for which, we received all of the needed approvals this spring. The new treatment plant is scheduled to be installed this fall and expected to be on-line by early winter.

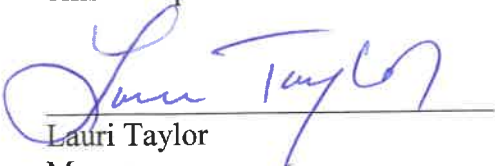
While the Village applied for and received over \$3,000,000 in grants to make these improvements, there have been costs in addition to those covered by the grants. The Village Board finds it necessary to increase our water rates to raise the money needed to pay for these improvements and to cover the increased costs of energy and chemicals as well as the increased costs of operations and maintenance of our aging water infrastructure. The attachment to the letter provides the proposed new billing rates and invites you to come to either or both of the Village Board meetings in August to learn more and comment. The August meetings are August 7th and 21st at 7:00 pm at Village Hall.

Water Rates have not been revised since 2016, even though the Village Board approved a rate increase during the fall of 2019, it was not implemented due to Covid. The proposed new rates are attached for you review and comments.

The proposed rate structure includes two components: a rate per 1000 gallons for water use and a fixed quarterly Service Charge. The Service Charge for a single family home is \$30 per quarter or \$120 per year. This service charge is included in the annual water cost estimate of \$250 for a single family home using a minimum gallonage of 5000 gallons per quarter. It is also included for users of approximately 12,000 gallons per quarter, more typical for a family of four, who will pay a total of \$432 per year for water. Because the new rate system includes a Service Charge, your future bills will look different, but the total amount due will be clear.

The Village Board has spent significant time reviewing and developing these new rates and believes the proposed rates are fair and equitable for all users. The Service Charge ensures that users pay a fair share of the fixed costs associated with the water supply system and the rates charge ensures that users pay fairly for the water they use.

The Village Board looks forward to hearing from you, it expects these new rates to be used to generate water bills in September 2023.



Lauri Taylor
Mayor

Proposed Pawling Water Rates based on Service Charge plus O&M Charge

	Charge per quarter, \$	Annual Charge, \$
Apply a quarterly service charge to all customers (Village, Town WD #1 and Town Contract users for water services		
Vacant Properties with Frontage on Streets with Water Mains	25	100
Single family residential units	30	120
Small Commercial Users under 20,000/Q	60	240
Two-Family Residential Units	60	240
Three-family residential units	90	360
Other Small Commercial Users 20001/Q > 100,000/Q	150	600
Large Commercial Quarterly flow 100,100 >	300	1200
Apartments 2-5	90	360
Apartments 6-10	150	600
Apartments 11-20	300	1200
Apartments 21-30	500	2000
Apartments 31-40	700	2800
Apartments 41-50	850	3400
Apartments Greater than 50	1000	4000
Industrial	400	1600
Public Schools	850	3400
Non-Public non-Residential Schools	400	1600
Residential Schools	1500	6000

Apply a Use charge to all customers based on quarterly use

Water Rate first 500,000 per quarter	\$6.50/1000 gal
Water Rate for flow between 500,001 and 1,000,000	\$5.00/1000 gal
Water Rate for flow above 1,000,001	\$3.50/1000 gal

If the Minimum Quarterly flow is 5000 gal or less a minimum quarterly Use charge will be \$32.5 plus the appropriate quarterly service charge

A single family using the minimal volume can expect on an Annual basis that these charges will be \$130 for O&M plus \$120

Service Charge for a single family total of \$250.

A single family of 4 is expected to use 12,000 gal per quarter. This family can expect annual water service to cost of

\$312 for O&M plus a Service Fee of \$120 for an annual total of \$432.

A Penalty Bill as calculated below will apply to all users who refuse, after two notices, to allow the Village to install or upgrade the user's water meter

The customers Quarterly Bill shall be calculated based on a flow of 5000 gallons of use at the rate of \$6.50/1000gal; to this calculated dollar value

will be added the customer's assigned quarterly Service Charge.

The customers Quarterly Bill shall then be multiplied by 2.5 and the resultant shall be the Penalty Bill.