

Selinsgrove Borough Council met on March 21, 2022 to review utility rate increases proposed by the Borough Engineer. The Finance Committee annually reviews the operating revenues and operating expenditures of each fund. Borough Council has not raised utility costs over the last few years. The last water rate increase was in 2010 and the last sewer rate increase was in 2016. Due to unfunded mandates, the Covid-19 pandemic, and new certification requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, the Borough need to adjust rates to cover these increased costs to continue to provide quality service and improve infrastructure. Borough Council will need to continue to monitor costs going forward as inflation increases and infrastructure ages.

Therefore, effective, April 1, 2022, the new rates will be as follows:

Water Rates

Minimum \$12.30 for the first 3,000 gallons
For all over 3,000 gallons, \$4.10 per 1,000 gallons.

Sewer Rates:

Minimum \$33.00 for the first 3,000 gallons
For all over 3,000 gallons, \$11.00 per 1,000 gallons

Residents will see these rate increases with the second quarter billing, April, May and June. Customers will receive their new bills around July 20 and will be due August 20. At this time, Borough Council will also reinstate the 25% penalty for late payments that had been waived since the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Bills of Doubtful Accuracy:

According to the Borough Ordinance, any customer who doubts the accuracy of a bill should bring or mail the bill, **within 10 days of receipt**, to the Borough Office. The Borough will check the bill and either confirm the original billing or issue a corrected bill.

The Borough reads the water meter from a remote system on the outside of your house. Please check the actual meter reading in the basement of your home and bring the reading to the Borough Office. The Borough is looking to make sure the inside meter is reading the same as the outside remote reader. The actual reading is the meter in the basement of your home. If the meters go bad, the tendency is for the meter to slow up and stop. The meters cannot speed up or add consumption.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Borough Office at 570-374-2311.