

Dillsboro Town Council

Public Hearing

December 27, 2022

The Public Hearing on the Proposed Rates and Charges of the Wastewater Utility was opened by President, Tom Wafford, with the pledge to the flag on December 27, 2022. At 6:00 p.m.

Council members present: Tom Wafford, Doug Baker and Tim Benning. Council members absent: Mary Lou Powers and Becky Fryman. Attorney present: John Watson. 2023 Council members elected present: Charlie Caldwell and Jamie Craig. LWG Financial Advisor present: Robert Reynolds.

The Public Meeting was called to order.

Attorney Watson stated the proposed rate is over a 40% increase. It has been 7 years since a rate change. Have already loss \$56,410.00 loss for this year. Expenses have been paid from ARP (American Rescue Plan) Funds of \$187,000.00 plus another \$53,600.00 and Riverboat of \$23,500.00.

Attorney Watson asked for any public comments. CM Baker did ask Robert Reynolds if he recommends every year or two years an increase. Reynolds stated can increase every 2 or 3 years with the cost of living. Take a look at your expenses year to year and go by that.

Reynolds did state do not have to do a rate study if you would just look at your expenses every year. Attorney Watson did state nothing it states for a rate study. The old rate study can be used as a base.

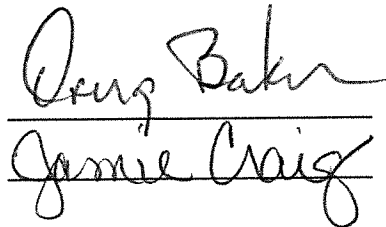
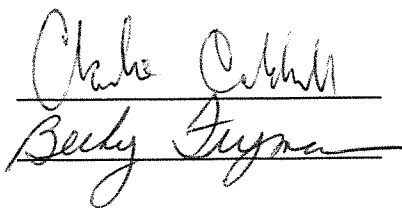
CM Baker made a motion to close the public comments at 6:16 p.m. Seconded by CM Benning. Motion carried.

CM D. Baker made a motion to approve Ordinance # 2022-11-1 – Amending Ordinance # 2015-2. An Ordinance Establishing a Schedule of Rates and Charges to be collected by the Town of Dillsboro from the Owners and Users of Property Served by the Dillsboro Sewage Works. (Attached) Seconded by CM Benning. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.



Rita Stevens, Clerk-Treasurer



ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11-1

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-2

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES TO BE COLLECTED BY THE TOWN OF DILLSBORO FROM THE OWNERS AND USERS OF PROPERTY SERVED BY THE DILLSBORO SEWAGE WORKS

WHEREAS, the Town of Dillsboro has established and operates a wastewater treatment plant and collection system works for the purpose of collecting and disposing of sewage in the Town in a sanitary manner; and

WHEREAS, the Town is required to maintain a schedule of rates and charges to produce sufficient revenue to pay the expenses related to maintenance and operation of the plant, provide adequate funds to be used as working capital, provide for necessary replacements and improvements to the sewage works, and to pay the principal and interest on any debt owed on the works;

WHEREAS, current rates have been in place since 2017 without any adjustments to reflect the rising costs of labor, materials, maintenance and sewage treatment;

WHEREAS, because the Town has not raised rates in approximately five years, and because of substantial inflation which is being experienced throughout the economy, a substantial increase is required in order to bring the rates within the legal requirements of Indiana State Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Dillsboro that the rates and charges for the use of and service rendered by the sewage works, shall be collected from the owners and customers of each and every lot, parcel of real estate or building that is connected with the Town's sanitary sewage system or otherwise discharges sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly, into the sanitary sewage system of the Town of Dillsboro. Such rates and charges shall be payable as hereinafter provided and shall be in an amount determinable as follows:

I. RATES

(A) METERED WATER USERS:

The sewage rates and charges shall be a combined rate based on the size of the water meter installed and quantity of the water used on or in the property or premises subject to such rates and charges as the same is measured by the water meter there in use. For the purpose of billing and collecting the charges for sewage service, the water meters shall be read monthly (or period equaling a month)

1. Base Rates

5/8 x 3/4 inch meter	\$37.99
1 inch meter	\$64.24

1 ¼ inch meter	\$90.45
1 ½ inch meter	\$120.38
2 inch meter	\$195.54
3 inch meter	\$423.21
4 inch meter	\$720.80
6 inch meter	\$1,617.55

2. Treatment Rate
(Per 1,000 Gallons of Metered Water) \$14.37

(B) UNMETERED WATER USERS

Single Family Homes \$94.67

(C) MISCELLANEOUS FEES

Tap fee/Connection Fee \$1,650.00
New Customer Deposit \$75.00

II. ADOPTION

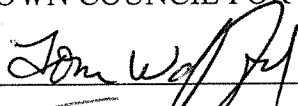
Except as specifically provided herein, Ordinance No. 2015-2, shall remain in full force and effect as if fully re-stated and adopted herein. A copy of said Ordinance 2015-2 is attached hereto as Exhibit A.


III. EFFECTIVE DATE

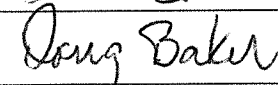
This Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

SO ORDAINED this 27th day of December, 2023.

TOWN COUNCIL FOR TOWN OF DILLSBORO







Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rita Stevens", written over a horizontal line.

Clerk Treasurer

** These following participants were present December 27, 2022 during The Town of Dillsboro Wastewater Rate Increase Public Meeting

Name	Address	Phone #
<u>Tom Wafford</u>	<u>9790 Front St</u>	<u>513-607-8674</u>
<u>Doug Baker</u>	<u>9792 Central Ave Dillsboro</u>	<u>812-290-6799</u>
<u>Celia Stevens</u>	<u>12359 Rullman Dr.</u>	<u>812-584-0994</u>
<u>Tom B</u> <u>[Signature]</u>	<u>13111 North Street</u>	<u>812-655-0146</u>
<u>Robert Green</u>	<u>Pink St.</u>	<u>812-437-5600</u>
<u>Gamie Craig</u>	<u>12549 North St</u>	<u>812-560-0088</u>
<u>Charlie Caldwell</u>	<u>13185 E Adams</u>	<u>812 655 4463</u>
<u>Matt Bauer</u>	<u>10609 Timberview rd.</u>	<u>812-584-7858</u>
<u>Robert Reynolds</u>	<u>521 E 42nd Street</u>	<u>812-315-6162</u>
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