

**TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GREENPORT
COLUMBIA COUNTY NEW YORK**

RESOLUTION NO. ³³~~34~~ -2020

DATE: March 4, 2020

WHEREAS, it is of critical importance to the Town of Greenport to protect its drinking water infrastructure and provide safe and adequate water supply to its users; and

WHEREAS, the goals identified in the Town's Comprehensive Plan related to the Town's infrastructure include "continue to upgrade water and sewer system" and "maintain safe drinking water for all residents"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 118-7 of the Greenport Town Code, the Town Board of the Town of Greenport ("Town Board") is authorized to establish metered water rates; and

WHEREAS, under Section 100-55 of the Greenport Town Code, the Town Board is authorized to set sewer rates by resolution to make proper allowance for residential and commercial users; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Greenport Superintendent of Water and Wastewater has expressed to the Town Board the need to increase water and sewer rates for 2020; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the increases is to enable the Town Board to continue protecting the Town's drinking water infrastructure and providing safe and adequate water supply to users, which includes increasing system reliability and ensuring the continued ability of the system to meet the Town's needs; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to introduce a graduated water rate scale, taking into consideration the disproportionate impact large water users have on the Town's drinking water infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed water rate for all users will be increased by \$.50/1000 gallons for a new rate of \$3.03 per 1000 gallons of metered use. This rate will only apply to the first 500,000 gallons in a six month billing period, with a minimum charge for 18,000 gallons per six month billing period; and

WHEREAS, the water rate shall increase by \$0.50 per 1000 gallons of metered usage for usage within following ranges:

- 501,000 - 1,000,000 to \$3.28/1000 gallons;
- 1,000,001 - 5,000,000 to \$3.78/1000 gallons;
- 5,000,000 and above to \$4.28/1000 gallons; and

WHEREAS, the residential sewer rate is proposed to increase \$0.25/1000 gallons for a new rate of \$4.53 per 1000 gallons of metered use, with use charges based on 75% of the metered water usage in accordance with Section 100-55 of the Greenport Town Code; and

WHEREAS, the commercial sewer rate is proposed to increase \$0.25 per 1000 gallons from the current \$5.30 per 1000 gallons metered to \$5.55 per 1000 gallons, with use charges based on 75% of the metered water usage in accordance with Section 100-55 of the Greenport Town Code; and

WHEREAS, these increases were discussed with and considered by the Town Board during preparation of the Town of Greenport's 2020 annual budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that effective upon the passage of this resolution, the water rates shall be established as follows:

- i) \$3.03/1000 gallons metered for usage from zero to 500,000 gallons (with a minimum charge of 18,000 gallons per six month billing period);
- ii) \$3.28/1000 gallons metered for usage from 501,000 to 1,000,000 gallons per six month billing period;
- iii) \$3.78/1000 gallons metered for usage from 1,001,000 to 5,000,000 gallons per six month billing period; and
- iv) \$4.28/1000 gallons metered for usage from 5,001,000 and above per six month billing period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the event of leaks, disrepair, or malfunction of any portion of a water line that results in extraordinary, unintended water usage, the user may request a waiver from the Town Water Superintendent who may, in his discretion, adjust the fee to the standard rate of \$3.03 per 1000 gallons metered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any pre-existing agreements with out-of-district users as of the date of this resolution shall be exempt from the rate increases;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that effective March 4, 2020 the residential sewer rate shall increase to \$4.53 per thousand gallons metered. Residential Sewer usage is billed at 75% of the metered water usage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that effective March 4, 2020, the commercial sewer rate shall be increased \$0.25 per thousand from the current \$5.30 per thousand gallons metered to \$5.55 per thousand gallons. Commercial Sewer usage is billed at 75% of the metered water usage.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Keith Morteolio

SECONDED BY: Councilman Clayton Clark

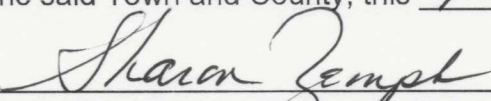
APPROVED:

Latricia Gully
Town Board

STATE OF NEW YORK,]
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA] SS:

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Greenport, County of Columbia, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original and original minutes thereof, now remaining on file of records in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Town and County, this 4th day of March, 2020



Town Clerk of the Town of Greenport, Columbia County, New York