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The Cohocton Town Board at the regular meeting on February 19, 2019 approved the following changes to the fee structure of the North Cohocton Water District (NCWD).

**Fees For Water Used**

Effective January 1, 2019 the rate per 1000 gallons of water will increase from \$5 to \$5.50. With this rate increase, the quarterly rate for water use between 1000 and 8000 gallons will increase from \$40 to \$44. The service charge for metered service will remain \$15.

In addition to this rate change, the Board added an Escalation Schedule to Rules and Regulations of the North Cohocton Water District which includes the following rate increases:

- December 1, 2020 +\$0.25 per 1000 gallons (4.5% increase)
- December 1, 2022 +\$0.25 per 1000 gallons (4.34% increase)
- December 1, 2024 +\$0.25 per 1000 gallons (4.2% increase)

The Escalation Schedule will be reviewed annually by the Board during budget preparation to ensure that the District expenses are met by the rate increases. If adjustments are needed the schedule will be modified.

Please remember that the NCWD must be self supporting. The Town cannot contribute to the support of the District. Therefore, all expenses must be paid from the funds received for billed water use and service fees.

The last rate increase for water use occurred in 2010.

**Initial Bond For Water District Renovation in 1999**

This year in September, the NCWD will make the final payment for the bond used to renovate the water system. As you may know, the source of the funds to pay that bond is an assessment on your Town tax bill. While that assessment is not likely to go away completely, you will see a significant reduction in the amount of assessment. There is much work to be done on the water system. Please read on.

### **Water System Maintenance**

The Operators of the water system, Matt McCarthy and Barry Fairbrother, have identified three main areas where maintenance or upgrades are needed.

1. The water tank installed in 1999 will require reconditioning of the seal on the tank plus updated rust prevention.
2. The pumps which draw water from the aquafer must be reconditioned to ensure continued operation without unscheduled downtime.
3. A few of the meters installed in water user's homes are beginning to fail. They are nearly 20 years old with initial life expectancy of 15 years. All meters in the district need to be replaced before we experience wide spread failure.

These projects combined will be expensive, however, not anywhere near as expensive as the initial renovation of the water system. The Town Board will search for grants to help offset the cost, but in the end, another bond is anticipated. The Operators of the water system are compiling cost estimates at this time to determine what range of funds are needed.

The Town Board and the Operators of the water system thank you for your continued interest in the NCWD and encourage you to attend Town Board meetings for updates on the progress of these maintenance issues and to voice your opinions.

Sincerely



Daniel T. Johnson, Jr.