



RATES

General Sewer Service-Metered.

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| (1) Minimum Monthly Charge: | <u>OLD</u> | <u>NEW</u> |
| 5/8 & 3/4 inch water meter | \$12.48 | <u>\$14.55</u> |
| 1 inch water meter | \$21.84 | <u>\$25.46</u> |
| 1 ¼ inch water meter | \$29.20 | <u>\$34.04</u> |
| 1 ½ inch water meter | \$37.60 | <u>\$43.83</u> |
| 2 inch water meter | \$56.30 | <u>\$65.62</u> |
| 3 inch water meter | \$100.90 | <u>\$117.61</u> |
| 6 inch water meter | \$323.21 | <u>\$376.73</u> |
- (2) Volume Charge:
For all usage - \$7.85 \$9.15 per 1,000 gallons

FAQ

- How will this affect my bill?** It will depend on your usage and meter size. You can view your last bill and check the usage, which is measured per thousand gallons, and meter size. Check your previous bill's usage and total amount. Here is an example:

<u>PREVIOUS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>USAGE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
202,200	205,100	2,900	PFP	11.20
			Sewer - 3/4"	35.24

How to calculate. Subtract out your usage from the total amount to determine your meter size. The rate is calculated per 1,000 gallons, so the old rate x usage, ($\$7.85 \times 2.9 = \22.765). Now subtract that from the sewer line item ($\$35.24 - \$22.765 = \$12.48$). This is your meter monthly charge. In this example, the meter charge is now \$14.55. Now calculate your usage with the new rate ($2.9 \times \$9.15 = \26.535), then add that to your meter charge ($\$26.535 + 14.55 = \41.085 , rounded to \$41.09.) The new bill would be \$5.85 higher.

- When was the last sewer rate increase?** The last sewer rate increase was March of 2016.
- Why is this rate increase necessary?** The Village's Wastewater Treatment Plant was built in 1997 and has not had any improvements since. Village Engineering firm Town & Country evaluated the plant's capacity and efficiency, noting the plant is still operating within capacity and the efficiency is good, but will require significant improvements to maintain functionality. The plant is able to meet the needs of the Village's forecasted growth over the next twenty years. There are three phases that Town & Country identified: High-Priority requiring immediate attention, Low-Priority that should be addressed in the next 5-10 years, and Tertiary Filtration, which would only be required



should the Village exceed its expected growth over the next twenty years. Costs are as follows:

Projects	Funding	2027	2031	2036	Totals
Lift Station Improvement	Revenue Debt	2,080,000			2,080,000
WWTP Improvements Phase 1	Revenue Debt	7,366,000			7,366,000
WWTP Improvements Phase 1	Cash	3,775,000			3,775,000
WWTP Improvements Phase 2	Cash		1,990,100		1,990,100
Tertiary Filtration	Revenue Debt			3,870,000	3,870,000
Tertiary Filtration	Cash			1,200,000	1,200,000
Actual CIP Costs		13,221,000	1,990,100	5,070,000	20,281,100

The Phase 1 scope of work is detailed in a link down below.

4. **Why is this project necessary?** In order to perform updates or improvements to Village Utility infrastructure, the WI Department of Natural Resources requires a 20-Year Facility Plan. Without this, emergency repairs or work can get delayed, and the flexibility to fund such work becomes very limited. The Village is undertaking this project to bring the Wastewater Treatment Plant up to date after 30 years of minimal updating and to avoid critical failures in the near future. Many times when communities see sudden and significant utility rate increases, it is due to critical failures in infrastructure due to deferred work.

5. **Was there any prior notice or communication to the public?** This project began in December of 2024, and has had updates throughout the year, including a public hearing:
 - o December 10, 2024: Public Works Director Matt Pitzer inform the Village Board that the Wastewater Treatment Plant has no active 20-Year Facility Plan, which is a requirement from the Department of Natural Resources for any large-scale work of improvements of existing or new Water or Sewer Utility work. The Village Board approved Village Engineering firm Town & Country to perform a plant evaluation and prepare a 20-Year Facility Plan, as well as Sewer and Water Rate Study by Village Financial Advisor firm, Ehlers Public Financial Advisors.
 - o April 8, 2025: Town & Country provided an update on their study to the Village Board, no Board action was taken.
 - o July 8, 2025: Town & Country presented preliminary cost estimates and expected scope of work. Initial estimates were \$2M for lift station demolition and construction, \$11.1M for high-priority treatment plant updates, \$1.9M for low-priority treatment plant updates, and potentially \$5M needed toward the end of the 20-year timeframe for tertiary filtration due to phosphorus levels. No Board action was taken.
 - o October 14, 2025: Village Financial Advisor firm Ehlers presented their rate study to the Village Board. The Village’s current cash standing and revenues are healthy and stable. However, the Village’s current revenues cannot support the scope of work laid out in the 20-Year Facility Plan. Of the \$20.2M in funding required, \$13.3M would be borrowed as revenue debt which would need to be repaid by



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sewer utility revenues, including preliminary ideas of what sewer rates would look like over the next ten years. No Board action was taken.

- November 11, 2025: Town & Country were present to answer any questions pertaining to the 20-Year Facility Plan, noting that a 30-day public comment window would open on November 30th, and that a public hearing was going to be held in December, which would include a 30-minute presentation to any members of the public who attended.
- December 15, 2025: The public hearing was held from 6:00pm through 7:00pm regarding the facility planning for the wastewater treatment plant facilities. Notice was published in the November 28th and December 5th editions of *The Star*.
- January 13, 2026: The required sewer rates to fund the Wastewater Treatment Plant were finalized and presented to the Village Board for action. Motion to approve the Ordinance was approved. The bill you receive in March will be the first one at the new rates.

6. **How long will Phase 1 take?** The project is expected to begin in spring of 2027, pending WI Department of Natural Resources approval, and following the bidding of contracted services. It is expected that the high-priority work will be completed within two years of start date.