

Utility Rates – A Reminder

As a reminder to all Elk Rapids Customers, water & sewer rates were increased 3.0% effective March 1, 2019. This increase affects both the flat rate and the usage rates. Average use customers should see an overall increase in monthly cost around \$3.25. The increase is part of our program to keep up with the rising cost of construction while saving for the replacement of our aging water and sewer lines. We proposed annual increases two years ago when we changed our program but said we would do our best to control those increases. Last year our increase was 0.0%, this year 3.0%. We will evaluate potential increases every year. As explained in the latest budget hearing, saving for these projects vs. selling bonds every 4 years will save the Village \$9+ million over the life of the replacement program.

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