### Quarter 3 Newsletter 2018 (Oct, Nov, Dec)

# Village of Rock Springs

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## Notice of Rate Increase Sewer Customer of the Rock Springs Municipal Utility

This is to give you notice that the Rock Springs Municipal Utility increased Sewer rates at its August 20, 2018 Board Meeting. Rates for general service will increase 30 percent. The increase is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in present rates. The effect of the increase for some selected customers is shown below.

| Customer<br>Classification | Meter<br>Size | Gallons | Existing<br>Monthly<br>Rate | Revised<br>Monthly<br>Rate |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Low Residential            | 5/8"          | 2,000   | \$25.22                     | \$32.79                    |
| Average Residential        | 5/8"          | 4,000   | \$37.14                     | \$48.28                    |
| Large Residential          | 3/4"          | 6,000   | \$49.06                     | \$63.78                    |
| Commercial                 | 1"            | 50,000  | \$311.30                    | \$404.69                   |
| Public Authority           | 1 ½"          | 75,000  | \$460.30                    | \$598.39                   |
| Industrial                 | 2"            | 150,000 | \$907.30                    | \$1,179.49                 |

The above rate increase will go into effect on November 1, 2018. If you have any questions about the rate increase request, call the Rock Springs Municipal Utility at (608) 522-5700.

#### **Upcoming Village Events**

#### October 15, 2018

CDBG Grant Hearing @ 6:30 PM, Utility & Board Meeting @ 6:45 PM ~ Fire Station

#### November 6, 2018

November General Election @ Fire Station

#### November 19, 2018

Budget Hearing 6:30 PM, Utility & Board Meeting @ 6:45 PM ~ Fire Station

#### December 17, 2018

Utility & Board Meeting @ 6:45 PM ~ Fire Station

#### **ACH Payments Available**

Sign up for ACH payments! This payment option is FREE of charge to all Village Residents! This option is available for paying your monthly water/sewer bill. An ACH payment will allow your payment to be pulled directly out of your checking or savings account each month. Payments will be processed on or around the last Tuesday of each month. You will still receive a bill every month stating the amount that will be pulled from your account. To sign up, please contact the Village Clerk.

#### Sewer Rates – Additional Information

Please note that rates will go up as follows: 15% in 2020, 15% in 2021, & 15% in 2022. This is necessary to reduce existing deficiencies and prepare for future projects (phosphorus compliance).

#### Road Construction & CDBG-PF Grant Update

Construction is moving along on Hill, Smythe, Montgomery, & Bender Streets. A1 Excavating has had "Mother Nature" to contend with. The rain and saturation has caused some issues with the speed of the project. However, things are moving forward and we anticipate a finish date of late October.

#### Mailing of Income Survey

The Village of Rock Springs is conducting a survey of its citizens to obtain income information which will help us decide whether to apply for grant funds to make infrastructure improvements. The survey went out the last week of September. If we do not receive adequate survey responses, we will not be eligible to apply for this assistance. Your participation in this survey is voluntary. Please return your forms as soon as possible. Your participation in the survey is voluntary, but critical for funding opportunities for our Village to move onward and up.

#### Flood Update

The Village of Rock Springs is in the process of getting municipal damage assessments to Jeff Jelinek with Sauk County Emergency Management. We are anticipating FEMA will review these assessments in the near future. After FEMA reviews these documents, we are hoping that will then trigger a Presidential Declaration for assistance. We will continue to keep the Village residents updated as things move along.

#### Change in Election Location/Clerk & Treasurer Location

As most of you are aware, the Community Center was damaged significantly during the floods. The Village Board has voted to not put the Village office or the Library back at the Community Center. We are hoping that with grant money we will be able to build a new Office/Library/Community Room at a new location where we no longer have to deal with threats of flooding. For now, new office & voting location will be at the Fire Station located at 105 East Broadway. The Village phone number remains the same: (608)522-5700

#### Official Agenda/Minutes Posting Locations

New posting locations will be as follows:

Rock N Stop Fire Station Door

Online at website: www.rockspringswi.com

Our newspaper remains the same: Reedsburg Independent

#### 2019 Garbage Services

2019 Garbage/Recycling will remain the same as 2018. Lenorud will continue to provide their services at the same price.

#### **Library Information**

Library phone # will remain the same at: (608) 522-5050

The Library is currently looking for a temporary location at this time.

Please stay tuned to the Library Facebook page for important updates.

#### Library Hours:

Unknown at this time!

#### Volunteers!

Thank you for any efforts you have provided to the Village in the last few weeks.

If you could please provide us with your name, number of hours and/or items you donated. We would like to keep a master list so we can supply it to FEMA when appropriate. You can give us this information via: email, water/sewer bill, or a phone message.