



Water and Sewer Rate Increase effective with January bills

On December 6, 2011, the Village Board adopted an ordinance that had the effect of increasing the water and sewer rates, effective with the January 2012 bills.

The Village Board needed to take action to ensure the financial viability of the Village's Water/Sanitary Sewer/Solid Waste Fund. This action is being necessitated by several factual circumstances:

- The adopted FY 2011-12 Budget for the Fund projected a \$199,465 deficit, i.e. expenditures exceeded revenues;
- The City of Chicago has adopted a budget that raises the cost of water by 25%, from \$1.49 per 100 cubic feet to \$1.88 per 100 cubic feet;
- The Village of Melrose Park has increased the Capacity Charge for water delivered to the Village from \$.496 per 100 cubic feet to \$.535 per 100 cubic feet;
- The Village recently entered into an agreement with the City of Chicago to begin paying approximately \$1,400,000 in arrear payments for water purchases, which will cost the Village \$618,076 in FY 2011-12 that were not anticipated when the Village budget was adopted.

The new rates are as follows:

Category	Current	Proposed
Water	\$6.51 per 100 cubic feet	\$9.50 per 100 cubic feet
Sewer	\$.35 per 100 cubic feet	\$.51 per 100 cubic feet

The minimum bill for water and sewer services would be:

Water - \$28.50 per month

Sanitation - \$1.53 per month