

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
PUBLIC HEARING**

December 26, 2018

A public hearing regarding the adoption of a Local Law of the Town of Kirkwood for the year 2018 entitled "A Local Law Amending Certain Sections of the 'Sewer Rents' Local Law" for the purpose of revising Section B. Computation, was held on December 26, 2018 at 6:00 at the Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall with Supervisor Gordon Kniffen presiding.

Present: Supervisor Gordon Kniffen
Councilman Robert Weingartner
Councilman Lewis Grubham
Councilwoman Linda Yonchuk
Councilman William Diffendorf, Jr.

Also Present: Oliver Blaise III, Attorney
Gayle Diffendorf, Town Clerk
John A. Finch Jr., DPW Commissioner
James Smith, Budget Officer

Supervisor Kniffen explained this is to amend certain sections of the Sewer Rents Local Law. As of January 1, 2019, for property located in the district, the sewer rent shall increase to \$5.35 per one hundred cubic feet of water usage and for property located outside the district the sewer rent shall increase to \$8.45 per one hundred cubic feet of water usage, to be billed for each one-third of a year on the first day of January, May and September. In the absence of a metered water supply, single family residences which opt not to install a sewer meter device will be charged a flat rate of \$99.00 for each four month time period effective for flow commencing January 1, 2019.

Mr. Smith said this is a scheduled raise and the amount was established after receiving information from Chuck Shager of the City of Binghamton. We still have quite a bit of reserves that we set aside from prior refunds so we're going to be collecting less money than we're going to be paying them through 2019 to the tune of over \$300,000 as we bring down our reserves. We should be good now for another year and hopefully by then their numbers will start to come to us sooner as the construction at the sewage plant finalizes and the final debt is secured. Supervisor Kniffen added that unfortunately the indebtedness they have and payback flows down to us.

Supervisor Kniffen opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing none, Supervisor Kniffen ordered the hearing closed at 6:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle M. Diffendorf
Town Clerk