

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
PUBLIC HEARING**

December 29, 2020

A public hearing regarding the adoption of a Local Law of the Town of Kirkwood for the year 2021 entitled "A Local Law Amending the Sewer Rents Local Law" for the purpose of revising Section B regarding certain water usages, was held on December 29, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall with Supervisor Gordon Kniffen presiding.

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

Also Present: Robert McKertich, Attorney
Kelley Diffendorf, Town Clerk
John A. Finch Jr., DPW Commissioner
James Smith, Budget Officer

Supervisor Kniffen explained that sewer rents are what people pay for our public sewage that goes to Vestal to the Joint Sewage Plant. The current rate is \$6.15 per 100 cubic feet and will be increased to \$7.25 per 100 cubic feet. There has been a lot of problems at the Joint Sewage Plant with the DEC and flooding, a lot of capital money was spent down there. Consequently, that filters down to us. Hats off to Jim Smith, our Budget Officer, for keeping that rate down to what it is.

The water rate for properties that do not have a meter will be increased from a flat rate of \$113 for each four month time period to a flat rate of \$133 for each four month time period starting January 1, 2021.

Supervisor Kniffen opened the hearing to public comments. Hearing none, he closed the hearing at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley M. Diffendorf
Town Clerk