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Notice of Water Rate Increase

Following a several month discussion and careful consideration, The Municipal Authority of the Township of Blythe Board Members voted to approve an increase to the Authority's Water Rates at the Authority meeting September 8, 2022. The increase is effective for the billing period from June 16, 2022 to September 15, 2022.

The Authority is deeply committed to managing costs and maintaining operations while upholding its commitment to a sustainable future. The Authority continues to maintain an adequate, safe and reliable water supply and has not had a water rate increase since September 2008.

As you are probably aware, prices for most utilities, supplies, materials and products have continued to rise across the country. The same reigns true for the Authority's operating expenses including the routine parts, materials and chemicals needed to keep our water system running properly and efficiently. There has also been an increase in the amount of water quality testing required by the Authority from PA DEP and the EPA due to new more stringent requirements, which are mandatory and an unfunded mandate by these entities.

The Authority's decision to approve this increase was not taken lightly. The Authority will continue to remain fiscally responsible and manage expenses in a reasonable manner. The revised water rates are now a minimum bill of \$96.00 per quarter for 8,000 gallons of consumption. The overage rate for consumption in excess of the minimum is \$12.00 per 1,000 gallons. For a minimum bill customer this equates to a \$2.00 per month increase and the overall rate charged per gallon of water consumed is .012 cents per gallon.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we navigate through these challenging times. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 570-277-6921.

Sincerely,

Municipal Authority of the Township of Blythe
Board of Directors