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Village Board Approves Water Rate Increase

The Village Board at its most recently meeting voted to increase Village water rates by 10 percent following a recent 10 percent rate increase from DuPage Water Commission. Effective May 1, 2011, the Village's water usage charge will increase \$0.79 to \$8.72 per 1,000 gallons of consumption. Based on an average customer's usage of 100,000 gallons of water per year, the increase equates to an additional \$79 annually or \$6.58 per month.

The Village purchases Lake Michigan water from the DWC for Village customers. This rate increase equates to approximately \$55,000 in additional water expenses to the Village. Historically the Village has passed DWC rate increases to residents as the Village's Water Fund could not absorb the rate increase.

The Village has made investment in the Village's water infrastructure a priority. Currently about 60 percent of the Village's water mains are 48 years of age or older. It is in the Village's best interest to maintain a viable water fund to ensure adequate investment in the aging infrastructure and to address any unforeseen problems.