

Frankenlust Township News

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As some residents are already aware, the City of Saginaw will be raising water rates due to a capital improvement program for their entire infrastructure.

Having metered our water for the last 3 years it was determined that our usage is considerably higher than was estimated prior to this metering. The tables to the right indicate what the new rate changes will be. ►

You will note Table A indicates what the rate would be without any funds from the Township. The Township Board has decided to use some of the water fund money to help defray some of the cost of the increase in the water rates. Table B indicates the monies that we will use from the water fund to help offset these costs but, in the long run it will still increase. As can be seen on Table B, there will be no increase the first year, the second year there will be a considerable increase and the third year a smaller increase. We do not know the rates that will be determined at the end of 2012.

Roads: Roads that will be worked on this year will be a double seal on Kraenzlein Road and a third seal on Stone Island and Euclid. The new philosophy from the Road Commission is, due to the lack of funding, both on the Road Commission's side and the Township side, is that they feel we need to keep our good roads in better shape by crack sealing and chip and seal on black top roads, which means less money for working on roads that are worse off. However, the Township Board still considers roads as a priority and will continue to work on roads as much as the budget allows.



Maybe you have noticed that Delta Road east of Mackinaw is closed. The culvert under the road has rotted and collapsed, therefore the Road Commission had no other option but to close the road immediately. They have informed us that it may not be open again until September due to DEQ regulations and their permit process.



	Annual Water Cost Increase	(A) Full Cost Increase	(A) New Rate
FY 2010 (Effective 5/1/09)	\$27,804	\$0.26	\$3.00
FY 2011	\$47,606	\$0.45	\$3.45
FY 2012	\$15,516	\$0.15	\$3.59
FY 2013 (Assuming same Saginaw water cost)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3.59

	CUSTOMER RATE INCREASE OPTIONS		
	(B) Use of Twp. Funds	(B) Rate Increase	(B) New Rate
FY 2010 (Effective 5/1/09)	\$27,804	\$0.00	\$2.74
FY 2011	\$20,000	\$0.52	\$3.26
FY 2012	\$20,000	\$0.15	\$3.41
FY 2013 (Assuming same Saginaw water cost)	\$0.00	\$0.18	\$3.59

From the Treasurer...Mary M. Revord

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We are in the process of working on the next fiscal year budget. We are trying to cut wherever we can to free up any extra money for our roads. This is a continuing struggle but we feel we must keep fixing our roads. We know we have lost some of our revenue sharing money for the next year. Revenue sharing money helps pay for essential services such as maintaining the local roads and much more. It does have an impact on each resident in the Township.

Trash will definitely have to be raised this year. The trash has stayed the same since at least 1999 and we no longer have any extra funds to use to pay for the cost of trash pickup. I do not know by how much, but we will have that information in the September newsletter. We just wanted you to know that there will be an increase on your next Winter tax bill.

