

**Barton Village, Inc.**  
**SPECIAL PUBLIC Barton Village Meeting**  
**Water Rate Increase**

Monday, May 13, 2024

6:00pm

Barton Village Memorial Hall

Attendance: Gina Lyon (Chair), Marilyn Prue (Trustee), Ellis Merchant (Trustee), Vera LaPorte (Business Manager), Jacqueline Laurion (Clerk), David Billado, Chris Skowron, Adrien Helm, Oz Henchel, Bethany Ford

Water Rate Increase- Below is the proposed water rate increase chart:

**RESIDENTIAL**

	Current	Proposed	Increase
Base Charge	\$24.75	\$26.93	\$2.18
Use Charge/1,000	\$6.00	\$6.53	\$.53

**NON-RESIDENTIAL**

	Current	Proposed	Increase
Base Charge	\$16.00	\$17.41	\$1.41
Use Charge/1,000	\$16.00	\$17.41	\$1.41

- A question came up from Bethany Ford regarding why commercial (Non-Residential) rates were much lower than residential fees. It was noted that this has been the case for quite some time, but this current board was not sure of the exact timing when commercial rates were set up.
- Gina Lyon stated there has not been a water base charge increase since 2020 and the Water use fee the last increase was in 2022.
- Marilyn Prue pointed out that since there had not been yearly small increases to support increasing cost and much needed repairs to the treatment plant this increase is a bit larger than prior years.
- Before the latest increase in April 2024, the Wastewater fees hadn't been increased since early 2023.
- Chris Skowron asked why Barton's Grand List had not changed in about 6 years. Since the Town of Barton handles the Grand List the Village Trustees were not able to address the specific question from Ms. Skowron. Ms. Skowron noted that in other areas they had lived the taxes went up little by little each year. Gina Lyon mentioned that the Town was still researching hiring a lister or an out-of-town company to come in and do an update to the Grand List.

No more questions were asked regarding the Water Fee increase and the Trustees ended the Special Public meeting and entered into the regular Trustee Meeting also scheduled for 5/13/2024.

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Regina Lyon, Board of Trustees Chair