



# Village of Jackson Center

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## From the Desk of the Administrator

I realize my article was to be on “Looking Back 2017/Looking Forward 2018”. After I started writing, I knew it would be too large for the Newsletter. It has been printed on a separate sheet for all of you to read on the various projects going on in our fine Village.

With that, I would like to revisit our discussion on our electric rates now that Council has had a first reading of the Ordinance at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> council meeting. I would want to start out with the energy charge for the residential rates. The proposed new energy charge is \$0.11548 cents per kWh. This is down from the current charge of \$0.11919. The energy charge is the cost of the electricity consisting of the generation, transmission, capacity and distribution costs. This is all of the cost for your electricity except the customer charge and the kWh tax.

The proposed new customer charge for residential will be \$10.00. This is an increase from the current charge of \$4.25. This charge is a fixed charge (does not change regardless of your usage) that we use for upkeep of the distribution system, buying meters and capital projects. So whether you use 100 kWh a month or 6000 kWh a month the charge is still \$10.00.

The final charge on your bill will be the kWh tax charge of \$0.00465 cents per kWh used. This charge will not be changing.

The typical monthly usage in Jackson Center is 832 kWh per month. Currently your electric bill using 832 kWh is costing \$107.27. Using the new proposed rate the same usage (832 kWh) will be costing you \$109.94 or \$2.67 more per month at the usage of 832 kWh.

Water and Sewage rates will also be seeing an increase this year of 3%. The water will increase from \$17.78 a month to \$18.31 a month for the first 5000 gallons. An increase of \$0.53 cents per month using 5000 gallons or less. The sewer will increase from \$27.21 a month to \$28.03 a month for the first 5000 gallons. An increase of \$0.82 cents per month using 5000 gallons or less.

The customer charge on water will increase from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per month and Sewer will increase from \$6.00 to \$7.50 per month. These are fixed charges and do not change with usage.

So let's now compare a current bill with 832 kWh of electric usage and 5000 gallons of water usage to the proposed new electric rates and with the new water and sewer increases for 2018.

Current - 2017 Electric - \$107.27 + Water- 21.78 + Sewer- \$33.21 = \$162.26

Proposed – Electric - \$109.94 + Water - \$23.31 + Sewer - \$35.53 = \$168.78

A Difference of \$6.52 for the month. Any questions feel free to give me a call at the Village Office at 596-6314. (Next month: Main Street Lighting Project)