



THE VILLAGE VIEW

The Village of Jackson Center Newsletter

May 2023

I hope everyone has been enjoying our warm weather of late.

This month I will be discussing the upcoming utility rate adjustments that will go into effect with your June 1st Utility Bill. The Village will be holding an informational meeting for the public on these utility rate increases to explain the need for them. The informational meeting for the public will be held on May 3rd at the Family Life Center at 6:30pm.

I will start the Utility rate adjustments with the Natural Gas. If you are in the Village's Gas Aggregation program you are currently paying 75.7 cents per CCF of natural gas until September 30th of 2023. The Village has signed a contract with IGS Energy to supply our natural gas for our gas aggregation program for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 at a rate of 56.9 cents per CCF. Again, this is for residents who are enrolled in the Village's natural gas aggregation program.

With the Electric rates; we just completed an up-to-date Cost of Service Study (COS). This COS was conducted by Sawvel and Associates for us. The COS is what we use to determine the financial position the Electric Department is in. It was determined that we are in decent shape. For 2023, the cost per kilo-watt hour (kWh) will be 11.871 cents. However, the \$14.00 per month customer charge will increase to \$18.00 per month. Also, our Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) will continue which enables us to adjust the rate based on our current cost of open market power and raise or lower the power charge as needed. Beginning with the June 1st bill we will break down the 11.871 cents per kWh charges so everyone can see where the charges occur. The Energy Charge portion is 7.031 cents per kWh and this is the cost to generate the electricity. The Distribution Charge portion is 4.840 cents per kWh and this charge is the cost of getting the electricity from the generation plant on transmission and distribution lines to your home. There is also an excise tax that is included on all kWh sales and it is .00465 cents per kWh. The last charge is the \$18.00 per month Customer charge and this charge is use to purchase capital items like electric meters, transformers, poles, and wire, etc. The average resident in JC uses about 850 kWh per month and the energy charge for a usage of 850 x .07031 cents equals \$59.7635. The Distribution charge would be 850 x .0484 cents equals \$41.14. Excise tax will be 850 x .00465 cents equals \$3.9525. And lastly the \$18.00 customer charge. Total bill will be \$59.7635 + \$41.14 + \$3.9525 + \$18.00 = \$122.86 This will be a 2.90% increase from previous charges. Due to the fixed charges per account, the amount off electricity used will affect the increase. Someone using 500 kWh per month will be a 4.9% increase, 850 kWh is a 2.9% increase, 1500 kWh is a 1.5% increase, and 2500 kWh will be a 0.8% increase.

We have also just completed a COS for the Water and Sewer Departments to check their financial wellness. The COS was conducted by Ohio Rural Community Assistance Partnership. Results show that there is a need to have a rate adjustment to keep these departments on track. A couple of points for the need for these adjustments are, the water department has finished in the red 2 of the last 3 years. We are in the process of building a new Water Treatment Facility to replace a 52-year-old facility that is getting close to its end of useful life. The Wastewater plant is nearly complete with some much-needed upgrades to keep the plant operating efficiently. Council also decided we need to drop the minimum monthly usage from 5000 gallons to 2000 gallons. This will make the rates more equitable for everyone.

I will show the monthly cost presently using the current minimum of 5000 gallons. In 2023, the minimum for water is \$26.64 plus \$5.00 customer charge and for sewer is \$45.23 plus a \$7.50 customer charge, with a total bill of \$84.37.

The new 2000 gallons of water minimum rate will be \$38.00, The Customer charge will remain the same at \$5.00 per month. Then, additional usage will be billed as follows: 2,100 gallons to 5,000 gallons \$5.75 per thousand. 5,100 gallons to 35,000 gallons \$5.46 per thousand. And for all usage over 35,100 gallons will be \$5.12 per thousand.

The new 2000 gallons sewer minimum rate will be \$44.00, Customer charge will remain the same at 7.50 per month. Then additional charges will be billed as follows: 2,100 gallons to 5,000 gallons \$7.26 per thousand, 5,100 to 35,000 gallons \$6.85 per thousand, and all usage over 35,100 gallons \$6.30 per thousand.

The average usage in 2022 was 3,250 gallons so I will compare the old rate to the new rate. 2023 current would be water \$26.64 + \$5.00 customer charge = \$31.64 Sewer \$45.23 + \$7.50 customer charge = \$52.73 for a current total of \$84.37

New rates for figuring the 3,250 gallons water usage bill would be Water 2000 minimum: \$38.00 minimum charge plus \$6.90 for usage over 2000 gallons and \$5.00 Customer Charge = \$49.90

New rates for figuring the 3,250 gallons sewer usage bill would be Sewer 2000 minimum: \$44.00 minimum charge plus \$8.71 for usage over 2000 gallons and \$7.50 Customer Charge = \$60.21

With a total of \$110.11 for the new rate and \$84.37 for the existing rate. This is an increase of \$25.74 total for water and sewer for 3,250 gallons of usage.

Council has done a good job keeping up with our utilities and making sure that they all are able to operate and be maintained to a high level. This rate increase was a long and hard process for we wanted to make sure we have everything covered to sustain operations and maintenance on their own.

If anyone has any questions on either of these rate adjustments, please give me a call at the Village Office at (937) 596-6314.

(Next month: Misc.)

MEMORIAL DAY

May 29, 2023

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Emanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery 9:00 a.m.

Seven Day Baptist Cemetery 9:30 a.m.

Jackson Center Memorial Park 10:00 a.m.

**PLEASE TAKE TIME TO REMEMBER AND GIVE
THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE OF THEMSELVES.**

"Picnic in the Park" At Grace Lutheran Church

Parking Lot and Tiger Trail Park. Sunday, June 11, 2023 from 3pm to 6pm

Games, Fun, Food, Crafts, Bible Stories, Music, Square Dancing, Face Painting, Fellowship, & Bicycle Safety Check by Shelby County Health Department! They will be giving away FREE Bike Helmets while supplies last!

Transportation is provided to the Church! More Details Next Month!

Jackson Center Sons of Legion Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 from 12:30 to 6:30pm

Schedule appts at www.donortime.com sponsor code 1450 or contact Bruce Metz 937-538-1032.

2023 Jackson Center Open

4-Person Golf Scramble, Open to All Golfers. Saturday, June 17th, 8:00 am. Cherokee Hills Golf Course Bellefontaine, Ohio.

\$55 per person (\$220 per team). Make your own 4-person team. Limited to first 30 teams. Each person receives 18 holes scramble golf, cart rental, meal, two free drink tickets & can cooler. 8:00 am shotgun start. Registration starts at 7am. Please be checked in by 7:30am. Awards and prizes will be distributed during the meal immediately following the golf outing.

Jackson Center Youth Soccer Registration

Soccer Registration for boys and girls from age 4 years old up to 8th grade by July 31st

- ↖ Tuesday, May 9th., 5-6pm, School Main Lobby
- ↖ Thursday, May 11th, 5-6pm, School Main Lobby
- ↖ Saturday, May 13th, 9:00-10:30am, Outside at Concession Stand

Cost \$40 (Pre-K - 8) Questions? Contact Lori Wiswell at l_wiswell@jctigers.org or Amanda Barhorst at

a_barhorst@jctigers.org

****Practices will begin at the beginning of August****

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 6**
 - Legion Chicken Fry 4:30-6:30pm
- **May 8**
 - Council Meeting at 7pm
- **May 10**
 - Fish Pond Food Pantry & Knitworthy Clothing Closet 11-2pm
- **May 15**
 - School Board Meeting at 7pm
- **May 18**
 - Jackson Township Trustee Mtg. 7pm
- **May 21**
 - JCHS Graduation
- **May 22**
 - Council Meeting at 7pm
- **May 24**
 - Last Day of School!
 - Fish Pond Food Pantry & Knitworthy Clothing Closet 11-2pm
- **May 29**
 - Village Office Closed
- **May 31**
 - Worship Night Under the Tent!
- **June 1 – June 4**
 - Community Days!

Trash Collection Dates

May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 31

Recycling Collection Dates

May 2, 16, & 31

