

**BOONSBORO MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**May 8, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

**Fiscal Year 2024 Water and Sewer Fixed Fees Increase**

The Boonsboro Mayor and Council held a Public Hearing as duly advertised on Monday, May 8, 2023 in the Meeting Chambers of the Town Annex Building. The Meeting was streamed via GoToMeeting. In attendance were Mayor Howard Long, Assistant Mayor Tony Nally, Council Members Terri Hollingshead, Marilee Kerns, Eric Kitchen and Ricky Weaver. Also present was Office Manager Kimberly Miller. Council Member Ray Hanson was not in attendance

Mayor Long opened the Public Hearing at 6:30PM for the purpose of receiving public input, either in support of or in opposition to the Fiscal Year 2024 Water and Sewer Fixed Fees Increase.

Council Member Kitchen presented a fair summary of the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Water and Sewer Fixed Fees Increase.

- For **Fixed Water Fees**, Water In Town, the increase is \$7.47 per quarter per year for each of the next 7 years. In Fiscal Year 2024 the charge would go from \$15 per quarter to \$22.47 per quarter. Water Out of Town, the increase is \$11.19 per quarter per year for each of the next 7 years. In Fiscal Year 2024 the charge would go from \$22.50 per quarter to \$33.69 per quarter. These increases will generate an increase of \$58,000 in Revenue in the first year and each year thereafter. The current ratio of \$15 and \$22.50 for In Town and Out of Town respectively is maintained throughout the 7-year plan.
- The **Fixed Fee Sewer** numbers are as follows: the increase is \$5.37 per quarter per year for each of the next 7 years. In Fiscal Year 2024 the charge will go from \$55 per quarter to \$60.37 per quarter. That increase will generate an increased revenue of \$37,000 in the first year and every year thereafter.

Council Member Kitchen stated that the last increases were in Fiscal Year 2018 and in order to meet the current Budget cycle, they are recommending implementing year one of the plan in Fiscal Year 2024 to increase the Fixed Fees for Water and Sewer as previously noted. He stated as an example, an In-Town customer Water Fixed Fee increases by \$7.47 and the Sewer Fixed Fee increases by \$5.37 for a total increase on the bill of \$12.84 per quarter, or \$4.28 a month, and no other increases in Fiscal Year 2024. Boonsboro Municipal Utilities Commission Assistant Chairman Shanaberger stated that the increases will help the Water and Sewer Funds become more solvent.

Mayor Long opened the floor for public comment. No citizen comments were received.

Hearing no further comments, **Motion** by Assistant Mayor Nally, second by Council Member Hollingshead to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:39PM. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Miller  
Office Manager