



Town of Clayton
Sewer/Stormwater Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday October 3, 2023
Town Hall, 414 Main Street, Clayton

Attendance: Chairperson: Mr. Flatter
Committee Members: Mr. Paisley
Mr. Burnett

Councilors:

Staff: Robert Cote, Town Manager
Melissa Knight, Recording Secretary

Guest:

Absent: Mr. Carrow
Mr. Pedigo

1. Call to Order

Mr. Flatter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Town Manager informed Mr. Flatter that Mr. Burnett is running late. No discussion was conducted until the arrival of Mr. Burnett. The meeting continued after Mr. Burnett arrived.

2. Old Business

3. New Business

a. 2024 Sewer Rate Structure

Mr. Flatter turned the meeting over to the Town Manager to discuss the proposed 2024 Sewer Rate Structure to the Chairman and Committee Members. As you can see from the email correspondence (document attached), Kent County raised their sewer rates from \$83.25 to \$91.01 per EDU, which is a 9.32% increase from 2023 to 2024. The new rate increase took effect on July 1, 2023. Kent County fiscal year runs July 1st to June 30th. The Town of Smyrna also raised their sewer rates from \$2.58 to \$2.84 per 1,000 gallons, which is a 10.08% increase. The average sewer increase for

Kent County and Town of Smyrna is 9.70%. The Town of Clayton is currently absorbing the increase until the end of the year.

The proposed 2024 Sewer Rate Structure document illustrates the current sewer rates, usage and examples. The 2023 Sewer Rate Structure is \$10.57 minimum charge; \$6.50 per 1,000 gallons. The following are the examples given in figure 1:

	Usage (Gallons)	Billed
Example 1	2000	\$23.57
Example 2	5000	\$43.07
Example 3	10000	\$75.57
Example 4	14000	\$101.57

The proposed 2024 Sewer Rate Structure in figure 2 shows the average increase of 9.70%. The minimum charge increases to \$11.60; \$7.13 per 1,000 gallons. The following are the examples given in figure 2:

	Usage (Gallons)	Billed	Increase
Example 1	2000	\$25.86	\$2.29
Example 2	5000	\$47.25	\$4.18
Example 3	10000	\$82.90	\$7.33
Example 4	14000	\$111.42	\$9.85

The majority of the resident's in the Town of Clayton sewer usage is 1,000 to 9,999 gallons.

The proposed 2024 Sewer Structure, if approved by Council, would go into effect on January 1, 2024 billing cycle.

Mr. Paisley for the record in lieu of a vote recommends to Council to accept the 2024 Sewer Rate Structure as presented, Mr. Burnett accepted the recommendation.

4. Scheduling of Next Meeting

No meeting scheduled at this time.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Flatter adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.