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Water Works Rate Policy

On September 29, 2025, Council established a policy to replace the June 25, 2024 waterworks rate policy.

Under this current waterworks rate policy, the rates for 2025, 2026, and 2027 as follows:

Monthly Water Rates		Monthly Sewer Rates		
Effective January 1, 2026				
Residential	\$ 55.00	Residential	\$ 30.00	
Commercial	\$ 55.00	Commercial	\$ 30.00	
Hotels	\$110.00	Hotels	\$ 60.00	
Schools	\$660.00	Schools	\$360.00	
Effective January 1, 2027				
Residential	\$ 60.00	Residential	\$ 30.00	
Commercial	\$ 60.00	Commercial	\$ 30.00	
Hotels	\$120.00	Hotels	\$ 60.00	
Schools	\$720.00	Schools	\$360.00	
Effective January 1, 2028				
Residential	\$ 65.00	Residential	\$ 30.00	
Commercial	\$ 65.00	Commercial	\$ 30.00	
Hotels	\$130.00	Hotels	\$ 60.00	
Schools	\$780.00	Schools	\$360.00	

Our mission is to work towards waterworks revenues that cover waterworks operating costs with appropriate increases in fees, and have a consistant surplus retain in reserves for future upgrades.

Council will closely monitor waterworks expenditures and inform the residents and businesses so they can be prepared for any increases. Effective September 29, 2025, the above increase was adopted through Bylaw 2025-05 and will be communicated to the residents of the Village of Marengo via a mail-out to all residents sent on October 2, 2025.

The above rates were chosen and determined to be acceptable rates for residents and businesses to ensure that the Marengo water system will be kept up to date and provide safe water for the community.

The water revenue in the past years from 2014 to 2016 did not cover the operating expenses, upgrade costs and assessments fees as indicated below. The Village of Marengo was able to incur a surplus from 2017 to 2021:

2014	Revenue 36,502.90	Expenses 37,438.50	Difference (935.60)
2015	Revenue 35,683.00	Expenses 45,632.00	Difference (9,949.00)
2016	Revenue 37,898.00	Expenses 40,946.00	Difference (3,048.00)
2017	Revenue 77,588.00	Expenses 33,286.00	Difference 44,301.00 (includes \$35,830 CWWF Grant)
2018	Revenue 259,013.00	Expenses 59,624.00	Difference 199,389.00 (includes \$215,793 CWWF grant)
2019	Revenue 50,624.00	Expenses 37,238.00	Difference 13,386.00
2020	Revenue 49,358.00	Expenses 49,327.00	Diffrerence 37.00
2021	Revenue 58,251.00	Expenses 47,121.00	Difference 11,130.00
2022	Revenue 43,850.00	Expenses 64,958.00	Difference (21, 108.00)
2023	Revenue 47,425.00	Expenses 33,992.00	Difference 13,433.00 with Amortization \$1,621.90
2024	Revenue 46,989.00	Expenses 57,612.90	Difference (10,623.08) Amortization included as required.

Balance of the Water & Sewer reserve is \$160,366.00 as of December 31, 2024.

The objective of the water works rate policy is to cover the day-to-day operational expenses of the waterworks. Waterworks operating costs include salaries, certified operator contract, power, heat, chemicals, repairs, maintenance, supplies, assessment fees, postage, fee for water samples.

The waterworks rate policy will ensure safe water for the Village of Marengo. In addition, the current water works revenue should reduce the need to supplement the waterworks through property tax dollars; this is important as not all taxpayers are connected to our waterworks.



This waterworks rate policy was established on September 29, 2025 by resolution of Council.

Water works Capital Investment Strategy

The objective of the waterworks capital investment is to maintain the water works structure and be able to upgrade when necessary.

In the future the water rate increases will cover the waterworks costs and Council will retain any surplus funds to build reserves for upgrades.

Our capital investment strategy will ensure that safe drinking water will be provided.



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