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Town of Oakesdale

NEWSLETTER

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NEW WATER RATES ON THE JAN. 31st BILL

The new base water rate of \$29.82 per month will show on your January 31, 2020 billing statement. Council members passed an Ordinance increasing the basic water rates by 2% over the next 5 years beginning in 2016. You have been paying \$59.91 per month for the minimum water and sewer rates plus tax. The new monthly bill is now \$60.57 which includes the minimum water rate increasing from \$29.23 per month to \$29.82 per month, sewer and taxes. You receive 4,125 gallons or 550 cubic feet of water for the basic rate. If you should go over the allotted gallons or cubic feet, the cost remains the same at \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons. The late fee remains at \$25 for any unpaid balance on your account of \$10.01 or greater after the due date. There is a \$15.00 fee for any returned checks.

2020 DOG TAGS

Dog tags are required on all dogs residing in our city limits each year. The annual tags must be purchased by January 31, 2020 to avoid late fees and penalties. Dog tags that are purchased after the due date will incur a \$5 late fee making the dog tag cost \$12.50 for a spayed/neutered dog or \$15 if they are not spayed/neutered during the month of February. The late fees apply each month that the tag(s) are not purchased per dog. **REMEMBER...it is a state law and a Town Code that all dogs must be vaccinated for Rabies. Before a tag can be issued, we must have the Rabies tag number, expiration and veterinary that issued the tag.** *Please do not include the cost of your dog tag on your water bill. Payment for dog tags must be separate.*

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

In 2018, the Town was approved for a \$25,000 loan from Department of Health to have a Small Water System Management Program completed and approved by DOH. This plan is a requirement of DOH to be eligible for any future funding needs for our water system. On July 16, 2019, DOH approved our Small Water System Management Program making us eligible for grant and loan funding on our water system. In November 2019, the Town submitted an application for funding to DOH in the amount of \$2.63 million to replace 11,000 linear feet of water mains, install new water service lines, replace existing lead goosenecks and components, install a SCADA system and upgrade fire hydrants. This upgrade would cover about half of the Town. We are still waiting to see if our application will be funded or not.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Town Council Meetings for February will be on Monday, February 3rd at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00 p.m. Due to the Presidents' Day Holiday on Monday, February 17th, our Council Meeting happens on the day following the holiday.