

**Water and Sewer Committee**  
**Thursday, June 26, 2008**  
**4:30 PM**

**Committee Members**

**Present:** Darlene Neitch  
Charlie Clark (*arrived at 4:40 p.m.*)  
Marvin Perry (*arrived at 4:55 p.m.*)

**Staff Members**

**Present:** Mike Carter Ed Whitmore  
Amber Johnson Charlie Atkins  
Jeff Campbell Scott Simpson

The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:37 p.m.

There were 9 citizens present on behalf of the Kelly Hill Road area requesting water. Jennifer Ball spoke on behalf of the group explaining how the water is needed. She has been in contact with Mr. Simpson. Gary Thomas also expressed his concern for water. Mr. Simpson addressed their request. This is included in the Hutton Branch Phase II project which would be funded by various grants, loans and County funds. He will keep in touch with the citizens as to its status.

Brenda Waddell spoke before the committee for updates on water in the Mulberry Lane area and sewer along Highway 11 in Atkins and Groseclose. Mr. Simpson also addressed her questions. Mulberry Lane is included in the Hutton Branch Phase II project. The sewer is also under review with the next round of grant and loan funding.

Mr. Simpson briefly explained to the committee that a new landowner just beyond the eastern end of the Allison Gap sewer project is interested in the sewer. Mr. Simpson will investigate into an extension to this property at the owner's expense.

The committee reviewed the following summary of the proposed rate structure.

**Smyth County**  
**Summary of Proposed Rate Structure**

***Water Rates - Residential***

<b>Current Rates</b>		<b>Proposed Rates</b>	
0 - 3,000 gallons	\$20.00 minimum bill	0 - 1,000 gallons	\$15.00 minimum bill
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons	1,001 - 6,000 gallons	\$6.50 per 1,000 gallons
		6,001 and over	\$8.00 per 1,000 gallons

***Water Rates - Commercial***

<b>Current Rates</b>		<b>Proposed Rates</b>	
0 - 4,000 gallons	\$25.00 minimum bill	0 - 4,000 gallons	\$35.00 minimum bill
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons	Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$8.00 per 1,000 gallons

***Water Rates –Industrial***

<b>Current Rates</b>		<b>Proposed Rates</b>	
0 – 25,000 gallons	\$100.00 minimum bill	0 – 25,000 gallons	\$162.50 minimum bill
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons	Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$8.00 per 1,000 gallons

***Sewer Rates – Residential***

<b>Current Rates</b>		<b>Proposed Rates</b>	
0 – 1,000 gallons	\$12.50 minimum bill	0 – 1,000 gallons	\$15.00 minimum bill
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons	1,001 – 6,000 gallons	\$6.50 per 1,000 gallons
		6,001 and over	\$8.00 per 1,000 gallons
Residential Flat Rate	\$20.00 per month	Residential Flat Rate	\$28.00 per month

***Sewer Rates – Commercial***

<b>Current Rates</b>		<b>Proposed Rates</b>	
0 – 3,000 gallons	\$50.00 minimum bill	0 – 4,000 gallons	\$35.00 minimum bill
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons	Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$8.00 per 1,000 gallons

***Sewer Rates -Industrial***

<b>Current Rates</b>		<b>Proposed Rates</b>	
0 – 3,000 gallons	\$50.00 minimum bill	0 – 3,000 gallons	\$50.00 minimum bill
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$6.00 per 1,000 gallons	Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$8.00 per 1,000 gallons

***Sewer Rates –Industrial Enterprise Zone***

<b>Current Rates</b>		<b>Proposed Rates</b>	
0 – 3,000 gallons	\$40.00 minimum bill	Discontinued	Discontinued
Each additional 1,000 gallons	\$4.80 per 1,000 gallons	Discontinued	Discontinued

Upon motion of Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Perry, and carried by the committee, these proposed rates are recommended to the Board for public hearing. Before the next regular Board meeting on July 8, 2008, Mr. Simpson will know more on the required advertisement schedule for a rate change.

Mr. Clark inquired about the Fox Valley Road water project. Mr. Simpson commented that it is planned but not funded.

Mr. Carter mentioned the recent memo mailed out with the CCR reports asking water customers to conserve water. He explained that he has been approached by a fire department on their filling swimming pools. They asked if the county would prefer they draw water from hydrants in these cases. After discussion, upon motion of Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Clark and carried by the committee, they recommend to the Board that this service discontinue. Fire Departments should go to other sources that are not in conservation mode.

