

Bloomfield Borough Water Authority

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Rate Increase

Starting the 3rd quarter of 2011 the final planned rate increase will be in place. The rates will be as follows:

\$73.00 Basic Charge – First 4000 gallons used.

\$7.30 Usage Charge – per 1000 gallons used above the basic 4000 gallons.

Ground Water Rule

The Water Authority was required to install additional contact pipe in the system in order to comply with EPA & DEP Ground Water Rule regulation. This regulation required chlorine to be in contact with water for a specified time in order to deactivate viruses and bacteria. Under the old rule, it was possible for some viruses to pass through the disinfection process. With the addition of contact pipe to the system, 99.99 % of viruses and bacteria are deactivated.

This project involved installing 24 inch diameter pipe at both Fenicle Hill and Perry Village Treatment Plants. Perry Village plant required 45 feet of pipe and Fenicle Hill had 98 feet of pipe installed. Total costs to complete these upgrades were approximately \$50,000.00.

New Well Development

A test well was drilled in the fall of 2010 on a parcel of land owned by Nancy Schannuer. This parcel is located in a field on the west side of Juniata Lumber. Results of test well were satisfactory to proceed with purchase of 3.6 acres for development of well site. Presently, costs to date for this project are \$57,627.00 for drilling well and purchase of land.

Future plans for this project involve redrilling well to create a production well, construction of a treatment plant plus another water storage tank. Unfortunately all of this will not happen quickly; engineering, state permitting and funding will take time. The Authority recently learned that a Pennsylvania H2O Grant was denied that would have paid for a substantial part of this project. Project has an estimated cost of 1.3 million dollars. When completed, this well will fulfill short comings during droughts and allow for future water needs of the town.

Annual Water Quality Report

The report for 2010 is now available on the Borough's website www.bloomfieldboro.org then click on the "Services" link to find the 2010 Water Quality Report. A copy can also be obtained by calling Mike at 717-582-3382.