

The Board of Commissioners, at its January 4, 2010 Reorganization Meeting, will be voting on the following proposed ordinance. If approved, effective February 1, 2010 (the January 2010 sewer billing), the monthly sewer rate will increase from \$39.75 per equivalent domestic unit (EDU) to \$42.00 per EDU. The sewer rate is increasing to reflect increases to Operation and Maintenance costs for our sanitary sewer system and treatment plants needed to maintain the current level of service. Costs are associated with the \$2.4 Million Sewer Revenue Fund Budget and are reflective of today's economic conditions. Much of these increases are due to the recent deregulation of electric rates in Pennsylvania.

Sewer Rates are not increasing as a result of two new general obligation bonds totaling \$7.9 Million issued this year to finance the EPA mandated upgrades to the Highspire and Middletown Waste Water Treatment plants. This new debt service is being essentially offset by existing debt service that is being retired.

It is the hope of the Board of Commissioners and the Municipal Authority that this rate of \$42.00 an EDU will be sufficient for several years. It is also the hope of the Board of Commissioners and the Municipal Authority that as the economy improves, Lower Swatara Township will once again experience the growth necessary to maintain reasonably stable rates into the future.

To our customers who participate in the automatic payment withdrawal, effective February 1, 2010, you will no longer receive a sewer bill through the mail from the Municipal Authority.

ORDINANCE NO. 520

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP, AMENDING THE CODE
OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOWER SWATARA
NO. 448, AS AMENDED, SEWAGE DISPOSAL, SETTING THE
USER CHARGES AT \$42.00 PER EDU PER MONTH EFFECTIVE
FEBRUARY 1, 2010.**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of Lower Swatara Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ordained and enacted as follows:

SECTION I.

The Code of Ordinances of the Township of Lower Swatara, No. 448, as amended, CHAPTER 18, SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL, PART 5, USER CHARGES, §18-503. **Applicability**, 1.A. shall be amended to read as follows:

1. User charges applicable to any improved property constituting a dwelling unit or large consumer shall be calculated, imposed and collected on the basis of one of the following methods in the sole discretion of the Township:

A. Flat Fee Basis. The annual flat rate user charge payable per equivalent dwelling unit shall be \$504.00 per year (\$42.00 per month) as of February 1, 2010, and thereafter.

The remainder of § 18-503.1.A shall remain as previously adopted.

SECTION II.

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 4th day of January, 2010.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LOWER SWATARA TOWNSHIP

By: _____
Frank Linn, Sr., President

ATTEST:

Ronald J. Paul, Secretary