


**Village of Oak Park
Department of Public Works
Administration
MEMORANDUM**

October 18, 2019

TO: Cara Pavlicek, Village Manager
FROM: John P. Wielebnicki, Public Works Director
CC: Steve Drazner, Chief Financial Officer
RE: Proposed 2020–2024 Water & Sewer Rates



In December 2014 the Village Board approved Water & Sewer rates for 2015 through 2019. These rates were based on a Water & Sewer Rate Study that was completed at the time. This fall, staff has been working with Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers, a local professional engineering firm that specializes in planning, design and construction of water & wastewater facilities, to complete another five year Water & Sewer Rate Study.

The Water & Sewer Rate Study provides a five year view of the projected Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund. The projection includes the current position of fund balance as well as the proposed revenues and expenditures, including the Capital Improvement Program. Rates are based on the volume of water used (metered) per 1,000 gallons plus a fixed monthly charge for the size of water meter the customer has on their premises.

Attached to this memo is an Executive Summary of the Draft report from Baxter & Woodman. This Draft report provides two options for proposed rates for 2020-2024 based on project costs for operating and capital needs. The report also tracks the anticipated fund balance and shows how the Village rates compare to other communities.

Staff and representatives from Baxter & Woodman will be available at the Thursday, October 24th Finance Committee meeting to discuss this item in more detail.