

VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT

The Village Council has requested that our residents receive this announcement.

For the first time in 17 years the Village Council will consider raising water rates.

In an effort to offset the cost of state mandated improvements to our water system, we will be considering an incremental increase to your water **Ready to Serve** rate and water **cost per 1000 gallons** of use.

How will this affect your bill?

Residents could see an increase in the **Ready to Serve** rates as follows:

(Current Rate) **\$9.58 + \$2.40 = \$11.98 (new 2025 rate)**

(New 2025 Rate) **\$11.98 + \$1.79 = \$13.77 (new 2026 rate)**

Commercial businesses will also see an incremental increase in their costs.

How many thousands of gallons of water do you use each month?

Residents could see an increase in the **cost per 1000 gallons** used as follows:

(Current Rate) **\$2.95 + 1.00 = \$3.95 (new 2025 rate)**

(2025 Rate) **\$3.95 + .70 = \$4.65 (new 2026 rate)**

Fun Fact: a 24-pack (16.9oz) of Ice Mountain water, or 3.16 gallons, cost \$7.49 at the store. ***In comparison, the same amount of drinking water (3.16 gallons) cost Village residents less than 3 cents.***

State mandated improvements are resulting in massive one-time water rate increases for communities throughout Michigan. We do not feel this is in the best interest of our residents and businesses; therefore, we are taking an incremental approach intended to avoid an abrupt increase in rates that could otherwise be detrimental to those residents living on a fixed income.

Therefore, the Village Council at their regularly scheduled meeting of May 19, 2025 @ 5:30 pm. will consider a vote on the two changes to your water bill.

Please do not hesitate to send us an email suttonsbay@suttonsbayvillage.org or letter with any comments you may have.

For more information, please visit our website <https://www.suttonsbayvillage.org>

Questions, concerns? Feel free to contact our office: 231-271-3051.

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