



PENN TOWNSHIP SEWER RATE UPDATE

WHY RATES ARE BEING REVIEWED

Operating and capital costs have exceeded revenue. The sewer system must remain financially self-supporting. Increased treatment costs, regulatory requirements, and significant maintenance needs have driven expenses higher. The wastewater treatment plant was constructed in 1964 and expanded in 1977, with the last upgrade in 2011. While upgrades continue, the aging facility requires ongoing repairs and compliance improvements. Aging sewer laterals throughout the Township require continued repair and replacement.

HOW SEWER FUNDS ARE USED

100% legally restricted to sewer operations.
Cannot be used for police, roads, parks, or other services.
Funds treatment, pump stations, maintenance, capital improvements, and compliance.

RATE HISTORY

2009: \$53.00 Base Rate
2019: Increased to \$55.00
No base rate increases since 2019. ONLY \$2 INCREASE IN 17 YEARS.

PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

The proposed quarterly base rate increase is \$12.00 per quarter.
This adjustment would bring the base rate from \$55.00 to \$67.00 per quarter, helping to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the sewer system.
This is the first proposed rate increase since 2019.

LOCAL MUNICIPAL COMPARISON

Municipality	Base / Flat Rate
McSherrystown (No Plant Operation)	\$42.10 + usage
West Manheim (No Plant Operation)	\$78.14
Hanover Borough (Manages Plant Operation)	\$71.28 Base / Quarter
Littlestown (Manages Plant Operation)	\$111.00
Jackson Township (Manages Plant Operation)	\$225 / Quarter

The proposed new rate will be considered for approval at the Board of Commissioners Meeting on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 7 p.m. If approved, the new rate will take effect beginning with the October quarterly billing cycle.

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