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**The sanitary sewer rate will increase to \$109.91 per REU
(residential equivalent unit) per quarter, effective January 1, 2018.**

When does this take effect?

The new rate is effective January 1, 2018. They will show on the sewer bills mailed in mid December 2017.

Why is this needed now?

This is a significant increase, but it is necessary for treatment costs and maintenance projects. Over \$3.3 million in sanitary sewer improvement and maintenance projects have been identified for the next two years. In the long-run, it is cheaper than not performing the necessary maintenance and repairs.

How will these projects be paid?

The Township has about \$1.5 million already saved for these projects. In late 2017, the Township will issue bonds to finance the remainder.

What do you mean “cheaper in the long run?”

One of the projects is to line approximately 5,500 feet of a major sewer interceptor at a cost of about \$400,000. This will prevent further corrosion of the pipe and give it structure to keep it from collapsing. By comparison, a single emergency repair to fix a collapsed pipe this spring was over \$200,000 plus the hassle and nuisance of having construction and road detours in that neighborhood.

When were rates last raised?

The Township last raised rates five years ago in April 2013.

What about future rates?

The Township Board of Trustees plans to review the rates as part of its annual budget process.

How do I find out more?

More information on the maintenance projects is on the Township website www.bathtownship.us.

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