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**TO: Sewer Commissioners**  
**FROM: Stephen Barrett, CPA**  
**DATE: July 16, 2015**  
**RE: FY 2016 Sewer Operation + Maintenance Rate Recommendation**

**FY 2016 Sewer Operation + Maintenance Rates**

Staff has developed a recommendation for the Sewer Commissioners to review concerning FY16 Sewer Operation & Maintenance rates. The rates voted will be in place throughout FY16. To that end, Staff presents the following:

- 1) Our monthly budgeted costs remain stable (FY16 \$66,209 versus FY15 \$65,739) and our new winter water usage readings, as expressed in cubic feet per month are up slightly, (FY16 536,677 versus FY15 522,462).
- 2) Based upon our cost and usage estimates for FY16, and thirteen years of successful operational experience, we are recommending that the following rates be approved (**unchanged from FY15**) for FY16 by the Sewer Commissioners:
  - Residential - \$.1215 cents per cubic feet
  - Commercial - \$.1727 cents per cubic feet
  - Industrial - \$.1727 cents per cubic feet
- 3) With your approval, you will be reducing the average annual single family residential sewer bill 1.1% from \$810 in FY15 to \$800 for FY16. This continues our recent trend of lower average annual single family residential sewer O+M bills, FY14 \$853 and FY13 \$861.