

Village of Cambridge

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Press Release

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VILLAGE OF CAMBRIDGE WATER RATE INCREASE

The reconstruction of Well #3 in the Village of Cambridge has been in the planning phase for years, with construction taking place over the last year. During this time there have been numerous public meetings at the Water and Sewer Committee, the Village Board and the Public Service Commission.

While Well #3 had been operational, there were no treatment capabilities. Well #3 should be completed and fully operational by the end of summer. This well will have a larger capacity than our current well, Well #2, and will have all of the same treatment capabilities. When completed we will have two fully operational wells providing treated water, meeting the demands of our growing community.

The Village has received a Safe Drinking Water Loan to complete this project. In the State of Wisconsin, the Public Service Commission makes the final decision on rates for water utilities. They look at the cost of the project, the financing, as well as ongoing maintenance of the system and the utility as a whole. While the Village had requested a lower rate increase, after a public hearing, the Public Service Commission made the final determination of an average 68% increase for the water portion of residential bills. This rate schedule has been posted at the Village Hall. These rates went into effect on May 1, 2024. May water usage will be reflected in the new rates, which will show on the June utility bill. This rate increase is only for the water portion of the utility bill and does not affect the sewer rates.