



To All Utility Customers,

As previously communicated during a townhall meeting held May 17th at the Lena Community Center, our Village has identified the following priorities in need of investment:

Storm Water/Flooding Issues

- **Sewer Pipe Reline** – Reline miles of pipe under the Village to prevent stormwater infiltration during major rain events that overwhelm the system and cause it to back up into residents' basements.
- **Townline Road Flooding** – The road will be torn up and lowered to allow spillover. The culverts under the road will be resized to handle additional flow. The path of water south of Townline Road will need to be rerouted and expanded to handle additional flow. This will need to be routed under the service entrance to the Waste Treatment Plant and be diverted around the plant to the east.
- **Sherwood/North Freedom Street** (The Lena Drive Inn parking lot) - Replace the undersized drainage pipe through the Lena Drive Inn and out to Lake Road.

Waste Treatment Plant Issues

- **Influent/Screening** – The screening, flow metering, pumps, and building structure need to be repaired/replaced.
- **Clarifier** – The clarifiers need new equipment and the actual concrete holding tanks need modification.

What this means

This infrastructure investment totals about \$7.7 million dollars for the items listed above. This will impact two capital fees on your utility bill. The Storm Drainage Fee labeled (SD) will go up \$4.00 per month and the Sewer Capital Fee labeled (CS) will go up \$25.00 per month for a total increase of \$29.00. This is to pay for the 20-year loan needed to make these improvements. You will see these rate increases on the January 2024 utility bill.

We understand that this is a very significant increase, however, our sewer and drainage infrastructure has degraded and has not been adequately invested in over the years. Residents should expect the Village to work on their behalf to mitigate flooding issues and to have a safe sanitary sewer system for our community. This investment puts us on the right path so that Lena continues to be a great place to live.

Slides from the May 17th meeting can be found on the Village website under village information or at the link below: <https://www.villageoflena.com/about/village-information/>