
Rate hike? Any way you cut it, it's a tax increase

Everyone should call Mayor DiGirolamo's office to complain about the new Aqua Water Co. 34 percent rate increase. While you have the mayor on the phone, ask him why the rate increases for commercial and industrial water service is lower!

Since he sold the water department apparently to build a fund to borrow from each year to keep our taxes down, we've been paying through the nose for our water. We're now forever at the mercy of a money-grubbing corporation. I believe the rates have increased at least 40 percent since it was sold and now another 34 percent. My math results in a 74 percent increase in rates for what is typically a township service.

No matter how you cut it, this is a tax increase.

Sure, the mayor and council brag about keeping taxes down at election time, and you elect them, but our water, sewer and trash services cost more and more each year. The township has millions from the sale of the water department $\frac{1}{2}$ which was built with our tax dollars $\frac{1}{2}$ and he and council use the money to offset tax increases and get re-elected, and we pay more each year for all the services we need which the township doesn't provide.

Doesn't anybody get it? He's using our money, which will eventually run out, but it probably won't happen until after he's gone!

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