

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE

BY-LAW NO. 3766-2020

BEING a by-law to establish and regulate the installation, maintenance and access to water meters and sewer services and to establish the rates and other service charges for the use of water and sewer services;

WHEREAS pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, a municipality may impose fees and charges on persons for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS Section 12 of Ontario Regulation 244/02 establishes the terms and conditions under which a municipality may impose fees or charges for the use of a water system or the consumption of water;

AND WHEREAS the municipality has met all conditions listed in Section 12 of Ontario Regulation 244/02;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Montague deems it necessary and desirable that water meters be installed on all residential, industrial, commercial and institutional establishments serviced by municipal water and to set rates and other charges for the use of water and sewer facilities by those establishments;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Montague deems it necessary and desirable to regulate the installation, maintenance and access to water meters and sewer services and the billing and collection of charges for water and sewer usage and the penalties for offences related to usage;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended allows the municipality to add unpaid fees and charges to the taxes for the property and collect them as if they were outstanding taxes;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended gives authority to municipalities for the establishment of various policies and procedures for the operation and maintenance of the water system;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Montague enacts as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

- a) "Base rate" shall mean the minimum water/sewer service rate per independent residential unit or independent non-residential unit per specified time period and may include a minimum amount of water to be provided by the water works. The base rate charge shall be based on a 1" or less size water meter.

- b) "Building" shall mean a structure supplied with potable water and/or sewer services by the Corporation.
- c) "Clerk" shall mean the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Montague.
- d) "Consumer" shall mean the owner of a property which is serviced by, connected to, and/or takes water from the Corporation's water distribution system.
- e) "Contractor" shall mean a person, partnership, or corporation who contracts to undertake the execution of work commissioned by the Corporation to install and/or maintain water meters and other related appurtenances.
- f) "Corporation" shall mean the Corporation of the Township of Montague.
- g) "Council" shall mean the elected Municipal Council of the Township of Montague
- h) "Duplex" shall mean a residential building containing two separate dwelling units each served by an individual water service connection from the Corporation's water works.
- i) "Dwelling" and "dwelling unit" shall mean a building, room or rooms intended to be used for human habitation, and occupied by not more than one family and in which separate kitchen and sanitary facilities are provided for the exclusive use of such a unit, with a private entrance from outside the building or from a common hallway or stairway inside the building.
- j) "Flat rate" shall mean a single charge per specified time period for the provision of water and/or sewer services.
- k) "Independent non-residential unit" shall mean a single commercial, institutional or industrial unit which is freestanding, or attached to a main building which is serviced by, connected to, and/or takes water from the Corporation's water distribution system.
- l) "Meter" shall mean a municipal water meter, register and remote readout unit, which is of a type approved by the Corporation.
- m) "Multiple residential units" shall mean a single building containing independent residential units, including apartment buildings, which is serviced by, connected to, and takes water from the Corporation's water distribution system.
- n) "Municipality" or "Township" shall mean the same as Corporation.

- o) "Municipal meter" shall mean the water meter, register and remote readout unit owned by the Corporation to measure the quantity of water used by the consumer.
- p) "Occupant" shall include any lessee, tenant, owner, the agent of a lessee, tenant or owner, or any person in possession of a premises.
- q) "Owner" shall include any person or any firm or corporation that is the registered owner of the property under consideration or any agent thereof, a person entitled to a limited estate in land, a trustee in whom land is vested, a committee of the estate of a mentally incompetent person, an executor, an administrator and a guardian.
- r) "Potable water" shall mean water that is fit for human consumption.
- s) "Premises" shall mean the property being supplied or to be supplied with water.
- t) "Private water system" shall mean a source of water other than the Corporation's water distribution system.
- u) "Remote read-out unit" shall mean the device installed at a separate location from the water meter and used to provide electronic access to the register on the meter.
- v) "Sanitary sewer works" shall mean the publicly owned sanitary sewer system located on publicly owned land, public right-of-ways, and easements with right of public entry and shall include but not be limited to any public works for the collection, transmission, treatment or disposal of sewage, or any part of any such works.
- w) "Shut-off valve" shall mean the valve on the Corporation's water service connection owned and used by the Corporation to shut off or turn on the water supply from the Corporation's water distribution system to any premises.
- x) "Single detached dwelling" shall mean a single independent residential unit which is freestanding, separate and detached from other main buildings which is serviced by, connected to, and takes water from the Corporation's water distribution system.
- y) "Taking of water" shall mean the unauthorized use of the Corporation's water works such as the taking of water from outlets other than those regulated by the Township and paid for by the individual(s) in question.
- z) "Undeveloped land" shall mean land that is free of structure.
- aa) "Unit" shall mean either an independent residential unit or an independent

non-residential unit, as applicable.

- bb) "Water/sewer service rate" shall mean the volumetric or measured period charges for the capital cost and the operating and maintenance costs of the Corporation's water and sanitary sewer works, and shall be comprised of a base rate and a metered water/sewer service rate.
- cc) "Water service connection" (lateral) shall mean the pipes and fixtures used for the purpose of supplying any premises in the Municipality with water from the Corporation's water distribution system that is located between the Corporation's water main in the street and the street property line abutting the premises so supplied.
- dd) "Water treatment system" shall mean any system designed to treat, condition, or otherwise modify the naturally occurring properties of water
- ee) "Water distribution system" shall mean the publicly owned water system, including wells, pumps, reservoirs, and pipe distribution network, located on publicly owned land, public right-of-ways, and easements with right of public entry and shall include but not be limited to any works for the collection, production, treatment, storage, supply or distribution of water or any part of any such works.

2. WATER/SEWER RATES

- 2.1 A water/sewer service rate is hereby imposed upon the consumers of water from the Corporation's water distribution system within the limits of the Township in accordance with the provisions of this by-law.
- 2.2 All such consumers shall pay water/sewer service rates in accordance with this by-law and Schedule "A" attached hereto.
- 2.3 The owners or occupants of unserviced lands within the Township shall not be liable to pay water/sewer service rates.

3. APPLICATION FOR WATER/SEWER SERVICE

- 3.1 Before water/sewer service is supplied to any premises or a new account is to be opened for an owner or occupant, the owner or occupant shall apply to the employee responsible for that service.
- 3.2 Prior to the commencement of water/sewer services being provided to any premises, a meter and related appurtenances shall be installed by a contractor or other person authorized to do so by the Township. The meter and related appurtenances shall become the property of the Township.
- 3.3 The consumer shall be liable to pay for the water supplied as indicated by the meter at the rates established herein.

- 3.4 The size of the lateral shall be assessed to be the effective minimum internal pipe size diameter of the lateral, measured in inches as determined by the employee responsible for that service.

4. WATER WORKS CONNECTION & REQUIRED WATER METER

- 4.1 All premises serviced by the water distribution system are required to be connected to the municipal water works. All premises which are serviced by, connected to and/or take water from the Corporation's water distribution system as of July 1st, 2009, or are subsequently connected, shall remain connected unless otherwise authorized by the Municipality.
- 4.2 All premises which are serviced by connected to and/or take water from the Corporation's water distribution system as of July 1st, 2009, or are subsequently connected, shall be equipped with a meter(s) installed by a contractor or other person authorized by the Corporation to install such meter(s).
- 4.3 All water supplied by the Corporation through water/sewer service connections for use on premises located within the serviced area shall pass through a municipal meter approved by the Corporation, for use upon such premises and the rates charged shall be those fixed from time to time by the Corporation.

5. WATER METER INSTALLATION

- 5.1 All municipal meters and related appurtenances shall be supplied and installed by a contractor or other persons authorized by the Corporation for that purpose and shall be installed to Township standards. The cost of supplying and installing the meters shall be paid by the Township of Montague. The cost shall be charged as an expenditure of the water system. All meters shall become the property of the Township.
- 5.2 A meter shall be placed on each service lateral that is connected to the Corporation's water distribution system to the satisfaction of the employee responsible for that service and the plumbing shall be so arranged that all water used on such premises shall pass through such meter and the consumer shall be held liable for all water/sewer service rates or charges.
- 5.3 For a building with a single water service lateral feeding multiple independent residential units or multiple independent non-residential units or combination of the two and where i) the units are under separate ownership, and ii) the units are without a governing operating agreement, the owners shall be allowed one meter per unit provided that the owner can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the employee responsible for that service, that the water services are fully separated. For each unit which does not

have a separate service and meter, a minimum flat fee per unit per month in accordance with Schedule "A" attached hereto shall apply.

- 5.4 For a building with multiple residential units and/or multiple non-residential units which are not separately metered, the owner shall be responsible for the payment of the water/sewer service rate.
- 5.5 There shall be no direct or indirect connection between water lines which are part of a private water system and water lines which are part of the Corporation's water distribution system.
- 5.6 Owners who have installed a private water system or any water treatment system, which is directly or indirectly connected to the Corporation's water distribution system shall immediately install an approved backflow prevention device and alter piping in a manner that prevents cross-contamination of the system to the satisfaction of the employee responsible for that service. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the immediate disconnection of the water supply from the Corporation's water distribution system and may be considered an offence pursuant to the provisions of this by-law.
- 5.7 The Corporation may conduct periodic inspections and testing of the back-flow prevention devices.
- 5.8 The approved back-flow prevention device shall be supplied, installed and maintained by the owner and the costs associated therewith shall be the sole responsibility of the owner.
- 5.9 Any person authorized by the Corporation for the purpose of inquiring into the compliance with the provisions of this by-law shall have free access at all reasonable times to premises and lands to which water is supplied and under no circumstances will any owner, occupant or other person refuse such access to such authorized person.
- 5.10 Every meter shall be placed in such location as the persons authorized by the Corporation shall direct. The meter shall be installed in a location which is satisfactory to the employee responsible for that service or in a meter pit if required by the Corporation.
- 5.11 The location of a meter once installed to the standards of the Corporation shall not be changed by any person except by persons authorized by the Corporation.
- 5.12 The Corporation may enter into agreements with others to provide for the installation of water services or meters in any manner satisfactory to the Corporation.

- 5.13 The owner of premises to which water service is supplied shall provide sufficient convenient and safe space, free of charge or rent, for the installation and maintenance of municipal meters, pipes and related appurtenances on said premises. No person, who is not authorized by the Corporation or otherwise lawfully entitled to do so, shall be permitted to install, remove, inspect, repair or tamper with any of the said equipment or related appurtenances.
- 5.14 The owner of the premises to be supplied with water shall provide appropriate heat in any premises in which water meters, pipes and related appurtenances are located in order to prevent damage due to frost or otherwise. Any costs related to damage caused to meters, pipes and related appurtenances as a result of the failure to comply with the provisions of this by-law shall be the sole responsibility of the owner of such premises.
- 5.15 The owner or occupant of premises shall provide ready and convenient access to the meter and related appurtenances in said premises so that the meter may be frequently read and/or examined by persons authorized by the Corporation for that purpose.

6. WATER METER REPAIRS

- 6.1 *Defective Municipal Meters:* Should a municipal meter be found to be mechanically defective, the cost of repair shall be paid by the Corporation, but if the meter is damaged or found to be defective as a result of any act or failure to act of any person other than an employee or agent of the Corporation, the owner of the premises shall pay to the Corporation the cost of making the necessary repair to such meter. Any shared assessment of cost to repair the defective municipal meter shall be determined by the employee responsible for that service in his/her sole discretion. The Corporation shall contact the owner and/or renter of the premises to set up a time and date to replace the defective meter. In the event that the owner and/or renter does not respond to the Corporation in regards to the replacement, there will be charges of \$200 per month applied to the bill and/or the water will be shut off at the cost of the owner of the property.
- 6.2 Any leak that may develop at a meter must be reported immediately to the Corporation. The Corporation shall not be held responsible for any damages resulting from such leaks.
- 6.3 All water passing through any water meter shall be charged to the consumer, whether used or wasted.

7. WATER METER TESTING

- 7.1 *Requested Accuracy Testing of a Municipal Meter:* A municipal meter will be removed and tested by the Corporation upon a written request from the

consumer or the owner and the payment of a meter accuracy testing fee, as set out in Schedule "B" of this by-law, for completion of the test.

(a) Should a meter, when tested, be found to register correctly or not in excess of three per cent (3%) in favor of the Corporation, the meter accuracy testing fee shall be applied towards the cost of the test and any additional expense incurred in removing, testing and reinstalling the meter will be paid for in full by the consumer/owner requesting such test.

(b) Should a meter, when tested, be found to register in excess of 3% in favor of the Corporation, a refund will be made to the consumer/owner of an amount equal to such excess percentage of the water/sewer service rate paid by such consumer/owner the previous four (4) months prior to the testing. In addition, the meter accuracy testing fee shall be returned in full, without interest.

Notwithstanding the above, no reduction shall be made which will reduce the water/sewer service rate below the minimum water/sewer service rates fixed by Council.

7.2 The Corporation reserves the rights to test all meters being supplied with water from the Corporation's water distribution system.

7.3 Where the meter is equipped with a remote read-out unit of any type and a discrepancy occurs between the reading at the register of the meter and the reading on the read-out device, the Corporation will consider the reading at the meter to be correct.

7.4 No reduction or refund shall be made to a consumer/owner under Section 7, if there has been non-compliance with the provisions of this by-law.

8. BILLING & COLLECTION OF CHARGES

8.1 The water/sewer service rates charged by the Corporation for water supplied through the water service connection shall be those set out by this by-law and attached schedules unless the same is changed from time to time by by-law of the Council.

8.2 The Council may from time to time change said water/sewer service rates without notice to any person taking a supply of water from the Corporation.

8.3 Payment to the Corporation of accounts for the supply of water shall be made in accordance with this by-law. Rates for water supply shall be due on the date specified in the billing invoice.

8.4 Billing invoices shall be rendered bi-monthly for residential consumers and monthly for non-residential consumers or on any other basis at the discretion of the Corporation. If meters are for any reason not read bi-monthly or monthly, as applicable, an estimate may be used for billing and

the account will be adjusted within six (6) months of the billing after the next reading of the meter.

- 8.5 Should any meter fail to register or cannot be read, the consumer shall be charged a water/sewer service rate for the pertinent period as determined by the Corporation as per "Schedule "A" Water and Sewer Service Rate(s).
- 8.6 In the event there is an apparent significant anomaly in the volume of metered water, the consumer may apply for a rate review by the employee responsible for that service or his/her delegate and an estimate may be used by the Corporation for billing and the account shall be adjusted, if applicable, upon completion of the rate review.
- 8.7 In the event of a default of payment by the consumer of the water/sewer service rate, the Corporation may restrict or shut off the supply of water but the amounts owed remain a debt to the Corporation.
- 8.8 In the event of a default of payment by the owner or occupant of any amounts owing for the costs relating to the installation and maintenance of a water meter, such amount shall become a charge against the property and shall be collectable in the same manner and priority as property taxes.
- 8.9 No charge for water supplied, for any type of service, shall be less than the base rate fixed by the Corporation as set out in Schedule "A" and any other charges as set out in this by-law.
- 8.10 The water/sewer service rates shall be as set out in Schedule "A".
- 8.11 In the event that an owner refuses to have a meter placed or repaired on his/her property, the Township reserves the right to install a meter pit at the property line with all costs of said installation charged to the owner.
- 8.12 Connection to the Township's water distribution system only or sanitary sewer works only shall be permitted as follows:

In the event that the owner of a property is connected to the Township sanitary sewer works but is on private water system, a monthly water/sewer service rate of 2/3 of the rates on Schedule "A" shall apply per unit and such sewer rate shall be paid by the consumer.

In the event that the owner of a property is connected to the Township water distribution system but is on private sanitary sewer system, a monthly water/sewer service rate as set out in Schedule "A" shall apply and such water/sewer service rate shall be paid by the consumer.
- 8.13 Notwithstanding anything contained herein, the Township shall be entitled to set the water/sewer service rate for any particular use and in respect of any

particular premises based on the amount of service required or on any other relevant factor which the Township, in its sole discretion, deems just.

9. OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

- 9.1 Should a deposit or an account remain unpaid fifteen (15) days after the due date, a Final Notice may be sent by mail to the consumer, reminding the consumer of the outstanding amount.
- 9.2 Should a deposit or an account not be paid in full on or before the due date, a late payment charge of eight percent (8%) of the current charges owing on the due date shall be added to the amount owing.
- 9.3 Should a deposit or an account not be paid in full within thirty (30) days of the due date, a monthly interest charge of 1.25% (15% per annum) shall be added to the outstanding account until such time as the account is paid in full.
- 9.4 Should a deposit or account remain unpaid thirty (30) days after the billing due date, a Notice of Disconnection may be delivered by the Corporation to the consumer or any other interested party, advising the consumer or other interested party that unless payment is received within seven (7) days, the water service may be restricted or disconnected.
- 9.5 Should the Corporation be required to deliver a Notice of Disconnection, a charge shall be applied to the outstanding account. The rates for the Notice of Disconnection charge are set out in Schedule "B" of this by-law.
- 9.6 Accounts relating to the installation and repair of meters or service pipes shall be payable by the owner of the property. If the owner of any premises omits, neglects or refuses to pay any invoice rendered, whether for water, service pipes, meter, service charge or any other monies to which the Corporation may be entitled in respect to such premises, the Corporation may at its discretion shut off the water to the premises and such charges shall remain a lien on the property and may be collected in the like manner as taxes. The invoice shall be deemed to be served upon the owner if it is delivered or sent by mail to the premises supplied.
- 9.7 In accordance with Section 9.4, the Corporation may, in default of payment of any deposit or account, shut-off the supply of water to the premises. The Corporation shall not be liable for any damages to property or injury to persons by reason of shut-off of water supply.
- 9.8 In case there are any arrears of water/sewer service rates, or any other rates or charges owing to the Corporation under this by-law, charged against any property, the water shall not be turned on for service of such premises until all such arrears are paid, but the Corporation reserves all right to collect the charges for water supplied, and all other charges owing to

the Corporation. If unpaid after 120 days, the amount will be added to the tax roll in accordance with section 398(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

- 9.9 Any payment received shall be applied firstly to outstanding interest and secondly, to outstanding charges under this by-law.
- 9.10 Where it has been necessary to discontinue service as a result of non-payment, a reconnection charge will be levied against the delinquent account, in addition to the applicable Notice of Disconnection charge. The reconnection charge rate shall be paid by the owner or occupant, in advance, and shall be in the amount set out in Schedule "B" of this by-law.
- 9.11 A record shall be maintained in the offices of the Corporation, which shall contain the assessment number, street number and location of premises from which the water supply has been turned off for non-payment of accounts and the sum remaining unpaid. Such records shall be maintained for inspection by any person or persons considering the purchase of any property, for the purposes of informing said person or persons of the status of the account.

10. OTHER CHARGES

- 10.1 Service charges for inspecting connections to the water system or the sanitary sewer system shall be paid as set out in Schedule "B" of this by-law for each connection and shall be payable as invoiced or at the time building permit fees are required to be paid, whichever is the sooner.
- 10.2 Service charges for the provision or discontinuance of water service shall be paid as set out in Schedule "B" of this by-law in each instance.
- 10.3 All construction work within a public road right-of-way shall require a locate of service by the employee responsible for that service and any work within ten (10) meters of Township water distribution system or sewer works shall require a Construction Permit with a deposit of not less than \$1,000. Upon completion of the work, the private contractor shall request inspection of the work by the Township. The private contractor shall have seven (7) days to make good any remedial work required by the Township Inspector. At the end of the seven (7) days, the deposit shall be firstly used to correct any remedial work with the balance returned to the private contractor. The Construction Permit shall be valid for a period of sixty (60) days at which time it shall be used to carry-out any outstanding work with the balance returned to the private contractor. The period of validity of the permit may be extended at the sole discretion of the employee responsible for that service.

11. REGULATIONS & PENALTIES FOR OFFENCES

- 11.1 Every person who,
- (a) willfully hinders or interrupts, or causes or procures to be hindered or interrupted, the Corporation or any of its officers, contractors, agents, servants or workman, in the exercise of any of the power conferred by the *Municipal Act, 2001*;
 - (b) willfully lets off or discharges water so that the water runs waste or useless out of the water distribution system;
 - (c) being a tenant, occupant, lessee, owner, the agent of a lessee, or any person in possession of any house, building or other premises supplied with water from the water works, improperly wastes the water or, without the consent of the Corporation, lends, sells or disposes of the water, gives it away, permits it to be taken or carried away, uses or applies it to the use or benefit of another, or to any use and benefit other than his own;
 - (d) without lawful authority willfully opens or closes any valve or hydrant, or obstructs the free access to any hydrant, shut off valve, valve, chamber or pipe by placing on it any building material, rubbish or other obstruction;
 - (e) throws or deposits any injurious, noisome, or offensive matter into the water distribution system, or in any way fouls the water or commits any willful damage or injury to the water distribution system, sanitary sewer works, pipes or water, or encourages the same to be done;

- (f) willfully alters any meter placed upon any service pipe or connected therewith, within or outside any building or other place, so as to lessen or alter the amount of water registered;
- (g) lays or causes to be laid any pipe or main to connect with any pipe or main of the Corporation's water distribution system, or in any way obtains or uses the water without the consent of the Corporation;
- (h) willfully installs or operates a water source heat pump;
- (i) participates in the unauthorized operation of a fire hydrant or "taking of water" from the Corporation's water works;
is guilty of an offence.

11.2 (a) Any person violating any of the provisions of this by-law is guilty of an offence and, on conviction, shall be liable to a penalty pursuant to the Provincial Offences Act, as amended.

- (b) Set fines may be established for certain offences contained in this by-law. Such set fines shall be established pursuant to the Provincial Offences Act and shall become effective upon the approval of the same by the Chief Justice of the Provincial Offences Court.

11.3 In addition to other sanctions and remedies provided in this by-law, the Corporation may turn off or restrict the supply of water to any consumer where such consumer has violated any of the provisions of this by-law, and may refuse to restore normal service until the violation complained of has been terminated or remedied. The Corporation will not be liable for any damage to property or injury to persons by reason of shut-off of water supply.

12. SCHEUDLES

12.1 The following schedules are attached and form part of this by-law:

- Schedule "A" – Water & Sewer Service Rates
- Schedule "B" – Additional Charges

13. SHORT TITLE

13.1 This by-law shall be cited as the "Water & Sewer Rates By-law".

14. GENERAL PROVISIONS

14.1 That By-law No. 3710-2019 is hereby repealed.

14.2 Where any by-law, passed prior to this by-law, conflicts with the terms of this by-law, this by-law shall prevail.

14.3 That this by-law shall come into effect on January 1, 2020.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND & THIRD TIME & PASSED, SIGNED & SEALED THIS 3RD
DAY OF MARCH, 2020.**

REEVE

CLERK

SCHEDULE "A"
to By-law No. XXXX-2020

WATER & SEWER SERVICE RATES

Effective January 1st, 2020;

BI-MONTHLY BILLINGS		
37RC	Sewer Only - Connection	\$ 10.19
37RS	Sewer Only	\$ 99.30
AWM	Atironto - Water Metered *	\$ 86.22
		\$ 2.048
ASM	Atironto - Sewer Metered *	\$ 89.42
		\$ 2.120
RBW	Rideau - Base Water *	\$ 127.47
		\$ 1.723
RBS	Rideau - Base Sewer *	\$ 132.50
		\$ 1.791
RCON	Rideau - Connection	\$ 9.28

MONTHLY BILLINGS		
COM3A	Commercial - Water *	\$ 72.84
	annual consumption up to 15,000 m3	\$ 2.609
	annual consumption above 15,000 m3	\$ 1.732
COM4A	Commercial - Sewer *	\$ 75.71
	annual consumption up to 15,000 m3	\$ 2.710
	annual consumption above 15,000 m3	\$ 2.001
CON1A	Connection	\$ 6.96
CON2A	Connection	\$ 5.56

Note:

(A) A minimum charge, equal to the applicable base rate(s), shall be charged to any property connected to the system.

(B) In the event that any meter fails to register or cannot be read, the consumer shall be charged a water/sewer consumption (m3) equal to the average of the previous six (6) billings (12 month period) of the meter. The account will be adjusted to actual once the consumption information is collected and reported to the Corporation from Neptune (supplier of the meters).

* for meter size of 1" or less

SCHEDULE "B"
to By-law No. XXXX-2020

ADDITIONAL CHARGES [1]

1. Rate for water from hydrants – Township of Montague Fire Department emergency use – Fire Chief is to ensure that the Treasurer is aware of any and all fill ups or loads taken. The Township will be charged a fee of \$35.00 per load. This will be allocated to revenue under the Water/Sewer Budget.
2. Larger meters and non-standard meter installations shall be billed to the owner. Definition of non-standard installation and associated costs shall be at the sole discretion of the employee responsible for that service.
3. Owner requested municipal meter accuracy testing - \$50 per test
4. Disconnection & Reconnection Charges:
 - a) Disconnection charge due to non-payment - \$100 per occurrence
 - b) Reconnection charge due to previous non-payment - \$100 per occurrence
 - c) Owner requested disconnection - \$35 per request
 - d) Owner requested reconnection - \$35 per request
5. Inspection of water or sewer connection - \$50 plus costs
6. Water account confirmation - \$15 per year, per account
7. Water Arrears:
 - a) Late payment penalty - 8% of unpaid billing when not paid by due date
 - b) Interest – 1.25% per month on overdue account balances
8. Meter replacement - \$50 plus cost to the Township *
9. Meter/Reader repair - \$50 plus cost to the Township *
10. Requested water/sewer connection - \$5,000 deposit **
11. Duplicate Water Bill - \$7.70 per bill
12. Non Compliance to contact Township to set up a time and date to change meter - \$200 per month

* The water operator/staff have the discretion to waive or modify the charge related to the repair and/or replacement of meters subject to the inspection and condition of the water meter/reader.

** The deposit collected for the provision of the requested water/sewer connection shall

cover all costs to the municipality related to connecting the subject property to servicing. Any unused portion of the deposit collected will be returned by the municipality, without interest, once the requested work has been completed.

[1] plus applicable taxes