REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARINGS OCTOBER 11, 2011

A Regular Meeting and Public Hearings of the Town Board of the Town of Somerset, County of Niagara and the State of New York were held at the Town Hall, 8700 Haight Road, Barker, New York on the 11th day of October 2011.

Present: Richard J. Meyers ----- Supervisor

Randall J. Wayner ----- Councilman Daniel E. Engert ----- Councilman Gary R. Alt ----- Councilman Robin R. Jansen ----- Councilman

Rebecca A. Connolly ----- Clerk

Kenneth J. Bigelow ----- Supt. of Highways

Melvin H. Denny ----- Supt. Water/Sewer/Grounds

Morgan L. Jones Jr. ----- Counsel Randy D. Roeseler ----- Engineer

Attended by: Approximately 7 people and 7 BCS students

Supervisor Meyers called the meeting to order at 7:00PM with the Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC HEARINGS -

- 1. Proposed Local Law 2011- Slope of Yard
- 2. Proposed Local Law 2011- Use of Public Sewers
- 3. Rate Schedule for all Water Districts
- 4. Rate Schedule for the Somerset-Barker Sewer District

Notice of said hearings was duly published in the <u>Lockport Union-Sun & Journal</u> on September 30, 2011 with same notice being posted at the Town Hall on the same date. Supervisor Meyers opened the public hearings at 7:01PM.

Clerk Connolly read notice of hearings and stated the Niagara County Planning Board was notified of said hearing on the Slope of Yard Law.

1. SLOPE OF YARD

Supervisor Meyers asked for comments on the Slope of Yard Law.

With no one desiring to be heard, Supervisor Meyers closed the hearing at 7:05PM.

2. USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS

Supervisor Meyers opened the hearing on Use of Public Sewers Law at 7:05PM and asked for comments.

With no one desiring to be heard, Supervisor Meyers closed the hearing at 7:06PM.

3. RATE SCHEDULE FOR ALL WATER DISTRICTS

Supervisor Meyers opened the hearing on the proposed Rate Schedule for all Water Districts at 7:06PM and asked for comments.

Councilman Engert thanked Superintendent Denny along with Attorney Jones and Tracy Carmer for organizing the schedule of rates and said it will make it clearer for the community when asking what the rates are.

With all persons desiring to be heard, Supervisor Meyers closed the hearing at 7:07PM.

4. RATE SCHEDULE FOR SOMERSET-BARKER SEWER DISTRICT

Supervisor Meyers opened the hearing on the proposed Rate Schedule for the Somerset-Barker Sewer District at 7:07PM and asked for comments.

Councilman Engert stated that there is no increase in rates for either proposal and thanked Superintendent Denny, Tracy Carmer, Attorney Jones and Randy Roeseler for organizing the schedule.

James Hoffman asked if the Sewer District debt is retired.

Supervisor Meyers stated yes.

With all persons desiring to be heard, Supervisor Meyers closed the hearing at 7:08PM.

REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Meyers opened the regular meeting at 7:08PM.

RESOLUTION 112-2011

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion of Councilman Alt, seconded by Councilman Wayner, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Meyers, Wayner, Engert, Alt, Jansen

Nays 0

Resolved the minutes of the previous meetings are approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION 113-2011

APPROVAL OF SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

On a motion of Councilman Engert, seconded by Councilman Jansen, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Meyers, Wayner, Engert, Alt, Jansen

Nays 0

Resolved the Supervisor's Monthly report be accepted as submitted.

MONTHLY REPORTS RECEIVED AND FILED:

Code Enforcement reports for August and September

Police Department

Dog Control Officer

HELIPAD UPDATE

Code Enforcement Officer and Fire Chief Randy Hildebrant stated the helipad is 99% done. He said he worked on painting the markings over the weekend, the foundation has been taken out, the landscaping has been done and the windsock needs to be put up. He said he is checking on prices for a solar panel that will light the sock. He stated the dedication is scheduled for October 15th at 10:00AM. He stated they are still working with National Grid regarding marking the electrical lines.

VANDALISM

Police Chief Annable reported the vandals that tipped over the monument at the Veterans' Park have been apprehended. He requested an Executive Session about the options available for prosecution.

Supervisor Meyers thanked Brigden Memorial for coming out to put the monument back up for no charge.

Superintendent Denny stated they will be back because the monument has not come clean. He said Brigden Memorial will come out to power wash the stone and there will be a charge.

Chief Annable reported the West Somerset Cemetery vandalism has been turned over to the Niagara County Sheriff's Department.

ASSESSOR QUARTERLY REPORT received and filed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITATIVE (RGGI)

Clerk Connolly said a letter has been received from the Town of Union stating the initiative was referred to the Supervisor.

Clerk Connolly stated a copy of a letter was received from Assemblyman Hawley that he sent to Governor Cuomo asking for immediate work on mandate relief.

Clerk Connolly reported a communication has been received from Time Warner Cable regarding channel changes.

RESOLUTION 114-2011

SLOPE OF YARD LAW SEQR

On a motion of Councilman Engert, seconded by Councilman Jansen, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Meyers, Wayner, Engert, Alt, Jansen Navs 0

Resolved the Town of Somerset Town Board names itself Lead Agency and declares the adoption of the Local Law regulating Slope of Yard will not negatively affect the environment.

Clerk Connolly reported comments from the Niagara County Planning Board on the Slope of Yard Law have not been received.

RESOLUTION 115-2011

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #6-2011 – USE OF PUBLIC SEWERS

On a motion of Councilman Jansen, seconded by Councilman Engert, the following resolution is

ADOPTED by Roll Call Vote Supervisor Meyers Aye Councilman Wayner Aye Councilman Engert Aye

Councilman Alt Aye

Councilman Jansen Ave

Resolved Local Law #6-2011 entitled Use of Public Sewer is approved as follows:

A Local Law Entitled "Amendment to the Code of the Town of Somerset"

Be it Enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Somerset as follows:

To Amend the Code of the Town of Somerset as follows:

Chapter 152, Article II – Use of Public Sewers Required §152-4 is amended by adding new subsection C. as follows:

C. Sewer billing begins when the building is erected and connection to the sewer system is made, and ends only when the building is demolished and the sewer is capped off.

Article X, §152-30. Rate schedule, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following Chapter 152-30 entitled Rate Schedule:

A. The rate schedule is established so that sufficient revenue is collected to meet the debts presently incurred or to be incurred by the Somerset-Barker Sewer District. The rate schedule, as amended from time to time by resolution of the Town Board, is on file with the Town Clerk.

B. Billing:

- 1. The Indirect Benefit Charges, the Direct Benefit Charges and Unit Charges shall be billed via the County and Town tax bill and shall be payable herewith.
- 2. The User Charges shall be billed quarterly via the Town of Somerset billing system and shall be payable within thirty (30) days of the date of billing. Past due amounts shall receive a surcharge of 10% added to the following quarterly bill and every past due unpaid balance thereafter. Any unpaid user charges on or before October 1st, shall be assessed against the user's property on the next current Town tax bill.
- 3. All rates shall be reviewed annually. User Charges shall provide sufficient funds for continued operation and maintenance of the publicly owned treatment works. Unexpended revenue shall be transferred to the budget established for the following year.
- C. An Indirect Benefit Charge shall be levied on all parcels within the Sewer District which do not have sanitary sewers directly available for use.
- D. The Direct Benefit Charge shall be levied on all parcels within the Sewer District which have sanitary sewers directly available for use, whether or not the owner has made connection to the sewer.
- E. The Unit Charge and User Charge shall be levied against property owners that have made connection to the sewer.

F. The first repair of a vent pipe in the town-owned portion of a sewer service connection shall be free per homeowner per parcel. Subsequent repairs shall be \$50.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

RESOLUTION 116-2011

ADOPTION OF RATE SCHEDULE FOR ALL WATER DISTRICTS

On a motion of Councilman Engert, seconded by Councilman Wayner, the following resolution is

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Meyers, Wayner, Engert, Alt, Jansen Nays 0

Resolved the Rate Schedule is approved for all Water Districts. (Attachment 1)

RESOLUTION 117-2011

ADOPTION OF RATE SCHEDULE FOR SOMERSET-BARKER SEWER DISTRICT

On a motion of Councilman Engert, seconded by Councilman Alt, the following resolution is

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Meyers, Wayner, Engert, Alt, Jansen Nays 0

Resolved the Rate Schedule is approved for the Somerset-Barker Sewer District. (Attachment 2)

RESOLUTION 118-2011

AMENDMENT TO LOWER LAKE ROAD BRIDGE AGREEMENT

Superintendent Bigelow stated the Supervisor and Attorney need authorization to sign the document regarding the construction of the Lower Lake Road Bridge.

On a motion of Councilman Wayner, seconded by Councilman Alt, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Meyers, Wayner, Engert, Alt, Jansen Navs 0

Resolved that Supervisor Meyers and Attorney Jones are authorized to sign Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with NYS Dept. of Transportation for the Lower Lake Road Bridge Project.

RESOLUTION 119-2011

FENCE FOR PARK

Superintendent Denny asked permission to purchase fencing for the park to replace existing fencing and presented a procurement for fencing as follows:

Name and Address of Vendor
City Fence Inc.
Price
\$ 3,820.35

3893 Walden Ave., Lancaster, NY 14086

Fox Fences \$ 4,166.21

2637 Lockport Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14305

Classic Fence and Lumber Co., Inc. \$ 5,216.08

3030 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst, NY 14228

Superintendent Denny recommended the lowest quote be accepted.

On a motion of Councilman Alt, seconded by Councilman Jansen, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Meyers, Wayner, Engert, Alt, Jansen

Nays 0

Resolved Superintendent Denny is authorized to purchase fencing for the park from City Fence Inc., 3893 Walden Ave., Lancaster, NY 14086 for \$ 3,820.35 as stated on the procurement.

RESOLUTION 120-2011

UNPAID WATER AND SEWER BILLS PLACED ON TAXES

On a motion of Councilman Alt, seconded by Councilman Jansen, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Meyers, Wayner, Engert, Alt, Jansen

Nays 0

Resolved that any unpaid water and sewer bills be placed on the county taxes for 2012.

2012 BUDGET HEARING/CHANGE OF REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Meyers set the public hearing on the 2012 Budget Items for Monday, November 7, 2011 at 7:00PM with the regular meeting for November to be held following the public hearings.

RESOLUTION 121-2011

AUDIT OF CLAIMS

On a motion of Councilman Wayner, seconded by Councilman Alt, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Meyers, Wayner, Engert, Alt, Jansen

Navs 0

Resolved the bills, having been reviewed by the Town Board, are authorized for payment in the following amounts:

General Fund No. 352 through No. 392 \$ 43,321.43 Highway Fund No. 119 through No. 136 \$ 358,823.69 Sewer Fund No. 126 through No. 136 \$ 8,462.72 Water Fund No. 114 through No. 122 \$ 42,515.26 TOWN BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2011 PAGE 7

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Hoffman addressed the Board regarding the following:

- 1. Thanked Superintendent Bigelow and his crew for the cleanup at the intersection of Hartland and Lake Roads. He said you can see the cars coming.
- Questioned the status of the Somerset windmills. Supervisor Meyers said they are to be erected October 17th and they will be turned on immediately. Superintendent Denny said nothing has been done as of yet.
- 3. RGGI He said that he has contacted Senator Maziarz and Assemblyman Hawley regarding what they are doing to alleviate the problems that RGGI is creating. He said Senator Maziarz has contacted the Governor but was received lukewarm. He said he has not heard back from Assemblyman Hawley. He said he feels that the Legislators are not supporting the effort.

Councilman Engert stated that the New Jersey Director is back in town with the Taxation without Representation tour. He said they taped a cable program and the next step is a petition that is being circulated by Americans for Prosperity. He stated that he is aware that there may be sponsors in both the Assembly and Senate for appeal legislation. He said the Attorney General answered the lawsuit and a rebuttal has to be filed by January. He said that he is encouraged by the grassroots response, however there is a lot of opposition in the special interests area especially NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Agency).

<u>Rutger Moeller</u>, a BCS student, asked what RGGI stands for and what does it promote. Councilman Engert explained the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and the impact that it has upon the AES Power Plant and the community as taxpayers. He said AES is being taxed to subsidize other industries.

Councilman Wayner said the program was never debated by the Legislature so there was never a chance for comments. He said that it was implemented by the Governor by Executive Order and that is taxation without representation.

James Hoffman said it (RGGI) affects our pocket books in the county as AES most recently had to pay a \$10 Million fine called a carbon tax and that is why AES wanted the PILOT reopened.

Supervisor Meyers clarified the PILOT was not reopened due to RGGI but due to the market conditions, however it was a contributing factor.

Discussion ensued regarding the RGGI program.

RESOLUTION 122-2011

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Councilman Alt, seconded by Councilman Jansen, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Meyers, Wayner, Engert, Alt, Jansen

Nays 0

Resolved the Board enter into an Executive Session at 7:50PM to discuss a criminal investigation.

RESOLUTION 123-2011

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

On a motion of Councilman Alt, seconded by Councilman Jansen, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Meyers, Wayner, Engert, Alt, Jansen

Nays 0

Resolved the Board return to Regular Session at 8:13PM.

2012 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Police Services

Mayor Meyer presented three scenarios regarding hourly police services. Extensive discussion ensued regarding what services would be provided if the Board chose to go to this option.

Councilman Engert will obtain prices from the Sheriff's Dept. to provide police coverage and the Town Board will review all options.

Justice Request

Judge Martineck stated that he had requested training for a part-time Clerk in his budget request, however, that was not addressed at the previous meeting. He said he would like to have someone available in case the Court Clerk becomes unavailable.

Extensive discussion ensued regarding the request.

It was the consensus of the Board not to include the request in the budget.

Assessor Budget

Councilman Wayner stated it is apparent that there is support to include the additional hours of pay in the budget, but he wants it to be clear that funds budgeted are not the same as funds spent. He said there needs to be tight audits before allocating funds for this special project (revaluation) and compensation for additional hours.

Robert Glidden, Assessor, said he will give monthly reports on the status of the project.

Extensive discussion ensued regarding the costs of doing the revaluation and what happens after the update is done.

Councilman Wayner stated that justification has to be made to the taxpayers of the money spent.

Robert Glidden stated he over figured high for budgetary purposes.

Supervisor Meyers said the project plan and the monthly report will be a good system for follow through.

Town Clerk Budget

Clerk Connolly said that she refigured the Deputy Clerks' hours and allocated \$1,000 more to Dog Control and took the same amount from Records Management to more accurately reflect the job duties and no further funds are required for budgetary purposes.

The overall budget was reviewed with the budget being acceptable to the Town Board as revised except Police Services needing to be included.

RESOLUTION 124-2011

SALE OF TRUCK

Superintendent Denny asked permission to scrap the 1998 Chevrolet 2500 4-wheel drive truck as it has a blown engine and will cost \$2,000 for a new engine.

Discussion ensued regarding the sale of the truck.

On a motion of Councilman Engert, seconded by Councilman Alt, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Meyers, Wayner, Engert, Alt, Jansen Nays 0

Resolved Superintendent Denny is authorized to obtain prices of what the truck is worth at the scrap yard, set a minimum bid on the truck and offer the truck for sale "as is" via the bid process, with bids to be opened on November 3, 2011 at 11:00 AM.

On a motion of Councilman Engert, seconded by Councilman Jansen, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33PM. Carried unanimously.

Rebecca A. Connolly, MMC Town Clerk

ATTACHMENT 1 - Water Rate Schedule:

Service Classification No. 1

(Rates for water used by owners of property within the District and paying taxes therein, or not paying taxes but making annual payments in lieu of taxes, and their tenants.)

For Water Use:

1. Quarterly (Domestic and small consumers)

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Minimum Charge - 1^{st} 8,000 gallons/quarter = $14.20/quarter

Next 12,000 gallons/quarter = $1.40/1,000 gallons

Next 80,000 gallons/quarter = $1.30/1,000 gallons

All over 100,000 gallons/quarter = $1.20/1,000 gallons
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2. Monthly (Industrial and large consumers)

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Minimum Charge - 1^{st} 2,600 gallons/month = $4.74/month

Next 4,000 gallons/month = $1.40/1,000 gallons

Next 33,400 gallons/month = $1.30/1,000 gallons

All over 40,000 gallons/month = $1.20/1,000 gallons
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3. Churches \$1.40/1,000 gallons billed quarterly. No minimum charge.

Penalty: 10% of total bill for non-payment after thirty (30) days.

Service Classification No. 2

(Rates for water used by owners of property within the District but not subject to the payment of taxes and not making annual payments in lieu of taxes, and their tenants; and by consumers outside the District, or by consumers qualifying as temporary services.)

For Water Use:

 Quarterly (Domestic and small consumers- including Yates residents who live on Countyline Road from Townline Road north to (but not including) 1917, and north of Roosevelt Highway (Lake Road.))

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Minimum Charge - 1^{st} 8,000 gallons/quarter = $28.60/quarter

Next 12,000 gallons/quarter = $3.20/1,000 gallons

Next 80,000 gallons/quarter = $2.45/1,000 gallons

All over 100,000 gallons/quarter = $1.95/1,000 gallons
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2. Monthly (Industrial and large consumers)

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Minimum Charge - 1^{st} 2,600 gallons/month = $9.52/month

Next 4,000 gallons/month = $3.20/1,000 gallons

Next 33,400 gallons/month = $2.45/1,000 gallons

All over 40,000 gallons/month = $1.95/1,000 gallons
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3. Churches \$2.80/1,000 gallons billed quarterly. No minimum charge.

- 4. Yates (Countyline Road from 1917 north to Roosevelt Highway (Lake Road); Roosevelt Highway from Countyline Road east to 10565; Millers Road from Countyline Road east to 10228; All of Payne Avenue)
 - a. Residential customers are billed according to a rate schedule established by the Town of Yates and they make their payments directly to the Town of Yates.
 - b. Somerset bills the Town of Yates by voucher on a quarterly basis according to the following schedule:

Customers using 4,000 gallons or less: \$11.42/customer
 Customers using over 4,000 gallons: \$2.85/1,000 gallons
 Churches: \$2.80/1,000 gallons

4. Water samples (usually 3 samples/quarter): per Niagara County charge (as of 9/13/11 the charge is \$35/sample)

5. Final readings based on usage

6. Meter repairs current cost of replacement

Penalty: 10% of total bill for non-payment after thirty (30) days.

Service Classification No. 3

(Rates for water used by trailer parks or campsites serviced through a master meter, and where at least one permanent structure exists.)

For Water Use through Master Meter:

Quarterly:

Minimum Charge - 1^{st} 8,000 gallons/quarter = \$14.20/quarter Next 12,000 gallons/quarter = \$1.40/1,000 gallons Next 80,000 gallons/quarter = \$1.30/1,000 gallons All over 100,000 gallons/quarter = \$1.20/1,000 gallons

Penalty: 10% of total bill for non-payment after thirty (30) days.

Hydrant Use:

Agricultural Use

(Water used for purposes of spraying, irrigation and uses related to the growing only of commodities for human and animal consumption.)

Minimum Charge: \$50/year

\$1.15/1,000 gallons (irrigation use) billed monthly

\$1.75/1,000 gallons (agricultural) Meter Charge as per fee schedule

Penalty: 10% of total bill for non-payment after thirty (30) days.

Residential Use

(Water used by residents from the hydrant for pool fills, etc.) Only 3/4" meter

Minimum Charge: \$50/year

\$1.75/1,000 gallons billed upon project completion

Meter Charge as per fee schedule

Penalty: 10% of total bill for non-payment after thirty (30) days.

Commercial Use

(Water used for other than agricultural.)

Minimum Charge: \$50/year

\$1.75/1,000 gallons billed annually or upon project completion

Meter Charge as per fee schedule

Penalty: 10% of total bill for non-payment after thirty (30) days.

Installation of Service

Service Connections (Permanent)

Rates:

Service Classification No. 1:

Three quarter inch (3/4") Tap- \$465.00 per service (including meter)

One inch (1") Tap- \$601.00 per service (including meter)

Larger than one inch (1"), up to two inches (2"), Tap- Materials cost plus \$200.00

Larger than two inch (2") Tap – All labor, materials and installation costs plus

engineering fees and inspector fees

Pit meters (up to 1") are an additional \$30.00 per meter

Pit meters over 1" need to be located in a building (or hot box) at the user's expense

Service Classification No. 2:

Three quarter inch (3/4") Tap-\$665.00 per service (including meter)

One inch (1") Tap-\$801.00 (including meter)

Larger than one inch (1"), up to two inches (2"), Tap- Materials cost plus \$400.00

Larger than two inch (2") Tap – All labor, materials and installation costs plus

engineering fees and inspector fees

Pit meters (up to 1") are an additional \$30.00 per meter

Pit meters over 1" need to be located in a building (or hot box) at the user's expense

Fees

Meters:

Hydrant meters three quarter inch (3/4") - \$35.00

Hydrant meters one inch (1") - \$40.00

Hydrant meters over one inch (1") - \$66.00

Meter Repairs:

Damaged meters due to freezing, hot water, or other causes, will be replaced and charged back to the property owner at the current cost of replacement (quote will be obtained from our current meter supplier.)

Final billing and backflow preventer inspection:

The first inspection is free. A charge of \$50 will be charged to the homeowner if a second inspection is necessary.

Reinstate water billing:

If a homeowner will not be using water for more than one year and wishes to be removed from the billing system, they will incur a fee of \$65 when being placed back into the billing system.

Charges appearing on tax bill:

Somerset Water 2	WD381	.15/1,000	(Direct Benefit)
Somerset Water 2a	WD382	.03/1,000	(Indirect Benefit)
Som Water District	WD385	.11/1,000	(Church)

Any unpaid user charges for Town of Somerset residents as of October 1st shall be levied against the property owner's next current Town tax bill.

ATTACHMENT 2 - SEWER RATE SCHEDULE

User Charge – Gravity \$2.25/1,000 gallons of metered water usage

(There shall be a minimum charge based

On 8,000 gallons per quarter)

User Charge - Grinder Pump \$2.25/1,000 gallons of metered water usage –

(There shall be a minimum charge based homeowner pays electric charges

On 8,000 gallons per quarter)

Industrial User Established by individual contract

Tap fee for Gravity Sewer \$1,200.00 Grinder Pump Unit \$5,000.00

(Includes tap, setting of pump, testing, Inspection and preventive maintenance) The cost of repairs and replacement are the expense of the homeowner.

Sewer Vent Pipe Repair First repair free, per homeowner, per parcel

(as of May 2010); each repair thereafter is \$50

Misuse and Abuse Time and materials cost

Seasonal Fee for Startup/Shutdown \$10 for startup (Grinder Pump) \$10 shutdown

Final Billings:

When a sewer inspection occurs for a final reading, the first inspection is free. There will be a \$50 charge if we have to go back for a second inspection. This includes having to do a second inspection if we find a violation.

Summer Credit:

A formula is used to determine each resident's expected usage for the summer months. If the usage is exceeded, a credit will appear on the resident's quarterly bill for the 2nd and 3rd quarters for the excess usage due to summer activities.

Charges appearing on tax bill:

Somerset Sewer SD390 (Unit Charge - Direct) \$120/unit

Somerset Sewer SD390 (Direct and Indirect Charge) .23/1,000 (Assessed Value)

Som Sewer<300' SD391 (Direct Charge) .20/ft Som Sewer >300' SD392 (Direct Charge) .02/ft

Som Sewer-nonuser SD393 (Per contract) Som Sewer-nonuser SD394 (Per contract)

Note: These rates may be adjusted periodically to reflect change in costs to the district.