



Twisp Utility Rates

2021

Update on your Water/Sewer investment

by Andrew Denham

Water

Your dollars at work; The final phase of a 4-year water system improvement project is being designed and will be constructed on Twisp Ave in 2021. Recent rate increases have largely gone to fund this Town wide system improvement, which cost a total of \$2,592,000.

Investing into the reliability of our infrastructure is an investment into the health and safety of all residents and businesses in Twisp. I commend Town officials for their continued commitment to this critically important work.

Water system projects completed in 2020;

Well pump control and SCADA system upgrade project. These combined projects improve the reliability of reservoir level control, as well as saving pumping energy.

Meters that had not been replaced within the past 3 years in the water system were replaced in 2020.

Northtown reconstruct and water system improvement.

The 2021 residential base **water** rate will be **\$57.86/month** plus tax, an increase of 1.5% \$.86/month.

REMINDER* Winterize your pipes to prevent freeze ups.

Sewer

Major sewer construction project kicks off in 2021 on the Town's sewer collection system, costing \$3,455,000 and will be completed in 2022. A grant of 75% and loan of 25% has been awarded to the Town by USDA and CDBG. This work will include improvements to all failing sewers, upgrade of one lift station, and new solids handling at the wastewater treatment plant. The Town is very fortunate to be recipients of such an outstanding funding package, which minimizes the impacts to all rate payers.

Wastewater Treatment Plant improvement design to start in 2021.

The Town is committed to providing quality services at an affordable rate. In keeping with that commitment, I recommended a minimal increase of 1.5% to Council for 2021.

The 2021 residential base **sewer** rate will be **\$58.10/month** plus tax, an increase of 1.5% \$.86/month.

The total utility increase for 2021 is \$1.72/month for Water and Sewer, which brings the 2021 utility base rate to **\$115.96 plus tax. (\$126.40 with tax)**



Water system improvements

August 2020 Northtown Improvement Project, phase three of four water system improvement projects funded by USDA.



PW staff assisting contractor

September 2020 water system improvements.