



**Town of Williamsport
Mayor & Town Council
Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2026 Utility Rates
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2025**

On May 5, 2025, the Mayor & Town Council for the Town of Williamsport held a Public Hearing for the purpose of obtaining public input for the Fiscal Year 2026 Operation Budgets for the General Fund, Electric Fund, and Water/Sewer Fund. Those members of the elected body who were present included Mayor William Green, Assistant Mayor Dennis Grove, Councilman William Ball, Councilman Jim Braswell, Councilman Charles Brown, Councilman Earle Pereschuk, and Councilman Tinsley. Town employees in attendance were Chad Rooney, Town Manager, and Ed Kuczynski, Town Attorney.

Mayor Green called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Mayor Green led the meeting presenting the proposed rates for water and sewer consumption.

The Certificate of Notification was presented as Exhibit 1 by the Town Attorney, and the proposed rates were presented as Exhibit 2 by the Town Manager.

Mayor Green explained Hagerstown City will be raising their rate for the town by 14% as explained previously when the town entered into the budget preparations for Fiscal Year 2025 and Washington County is proposing a 3% increase in sewer processing costs.

Dwane Kenna, resident, requested an explanation for the increase; Mayor Green explained the city and county use the increase to pay for future infrastructure projects including plant improvements.

Cindy Brown, resident, asked for consideration to eliminate the minimum usage charges. Chris Simms, a contractor for the town, explained the purpose of this policy is the result of their being fees incurred even if water is not being transported to a particular property and this fee ensures that the Water/Sewer Fund is sufficiently funded for annual operating costs and future projects.

Mayor Green asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Tinsley made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing; Ball seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully Tendered,

Chad P. Rooney
Town Manager