

**NOVEMBER 9, 2016
PUBLIC HEARING**

2017 Water Rate

7:05 P.M.

Present: Supervisor Post
Deputy Supervisor Underhill
Councilwoman White
Councilwoman Michalak
Councilman Zambito

Others Present: Town Clerk Morasco
Mike Pettinella, The Batavian Reporter
8 Constituents

Supervisor Post called the Public Hearing to order at 7:05 P.M. and opened the meeting for public comment on the 2017 Water Rate as published in the Daily News.

Barbara Jordon, who is considering moving into the Town of Batavia questioned why the water rates are going up. The Supervisor Greg explained that every year the cost to provide public water is evaluated. The factors used to calculate the water rate are material, equipment, fuel, service costs and the estimated total gallons that will need to be purchased. Costs have increased. Another factor that can drive the cost up is if a big user closes and no longer is in business, less gallons will be purchased.

Maureen Soccio asked what the rate is and if there is a commercial water rate. The proposed rate is \$5.10, which is up fifteen cents from last year. There is no commercial rate but there is an Agricultural rate. Some agricultural constituents contributed to the construction of the infrastructure and agricultural use is less likely to need service.

Supervisor Post declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:19 P.M. as no one else spoke for or against the 2017 Water Rate.

Respectfully submitted,

Teressa M. Morasco
Town Clerk