

Resolution # ___14___ 2024

The Town Board of the Town of Watson revising the Water Rate Fee Schedule for District #4 Extension #1 – Watson, Outside Water District User and Lowville Water District.
Document to be reviewed annually.

All water rates, fees, and charges shall be as per the latest fee and rate schedule approved by The Town Board.

To be excepted by the Town Board of the Town of Watson that the following Water Rate Fee Schedules are now approved by the Town Board.

**Town of Watson
Lewis County, New York
Water Rate Fee Schedule
District #4 Extension #1 Billed Quarterly
Town of Watson Board — Revised 10/01/2024
Document to be Reviewed Annually**

All water rates, fees, and charges shall be as per the latest fee and rate schedule approved by The Town Board.

Debt Service*: \$107.50/EDU per quarter
*Repayment of loan from USDA Rural Development
***EDU — Equivalent Dwelling Unit**

Usage Rate — Minimum Water Charge
0 – 5,000 gallons Usage Rate \$27.50 (flat fee)

Usage Rate – Additional Water:
5,001-15,000 gallons \$3.00/1,000 gallons
15,001-30,000 gallons \$2.50/1,000 gallons
30,001 gallons and above \$2.25/1,000 gallons

Operation and Maintenance Fee: \$20.00 per quarter

Water bills are due 30 days' net.

Penalties added on past due accounts: 10% after 30 days
Interest on any unpaid balance: 1% per month until paid
Re-levee Fee: \$25.00/yearly each account

Any bill remaining unpaid as of the fifth day of November of each year shall be added to the tax rolls of the Town for collection.

Replacement of water equipment due to neglect or misuse: Cost of Equipment and labor
Service/Labor rates to replace equipment: Regular Hours \$75/hour
Overtime \$112.50/hour
Seasonal Shut-Off/Turn On: \$25 Off/\$25 On

<u>New Hook-up Fee without Meter Pit:</u>	Cost of Equipment/ Plus Labor
<u>New Hook-up with Meter Pit:</u>	Cost of Equipment/ Plus Labor
<u>Final Reading Fee/Termination:</u>	\$25.00

All charges and fees will be sent to the property owner for payment.

The customer/property owner shall notify the Town Clerk, in writing, of any change in occupancy. No adjustment of bills will be made by the district as between owners unless 10 days' notice, in writing, prior to change of occupancy has been given to the Town Clerk.

The Town of Watson will always bill the property owner regardless of the situation, because unpaid water and sewer charges are re-levied as taxes on the actual parcel of property. The owner is always responsible for payment. Any arrangements made with a tenant are strictly between landlord and tenant. The Town of Watson cannot put the bill in a tenant's name or mail them the bill.

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For Your Information:

- 1 Cubic Foot Equals 7.48 gallons
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- A 1/8" leak wastes 296,000 gallons in a three-month period
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Metered service bills are rendered at the scheduled district rates at three-month intervals, January, April, July and October.

They are payable at the Town of Watson office with the Town Clerk. Bills can be paid cash, check, money order or online using www.townofwatsonny.com website. To pay online, click on Quick Links, Pay Taxes/Water Bills, Choose #2 - **Pay Watson EDU/Water Payments**, click PAY HERE and complete the information. If paying online there is a minimum fee charged to you of \$1.50 or 2.65% for credit/debit cards, and \$1.50 fee for E-Checks for online payments.

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Effective: 01/01/2025

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Lewis County, New York
Water Rate Fee Schedule

Outside Water District User - Billed Quarterly

Town of Watson Board will review annually

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<u>Outside Water User Fee:</u>	\$107.50/ per quarter
<u>Water Usage Rate — Minimum Water Charge</u> 0 – 5,000 gallons of usage	\$27.50 (flat fee)

<u>Additional Water Usage Rate</u>	
5,001-15,000 gallons	\$3.00/1,000 gallons
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<u>Final Reading Fee/Termination:</u>	\$25.00
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Town of Watson
Lewis County, New York Water Rate Fee Schedule
Lowville Water District User - Billed Bi-Annual (May and November)
Town of Watson Board —
Document to be Reviewed Annually

All water rates, fees, and charges shall be as per the latest fee and rate schedule approved by the district.

Lowville Water User:

Water Usage Rate — Minimum Water Charge

0-1,000 Cubic Feet (1 Cubic Foot Equals 7.48 gallons) \$85.25 (flat rate)

Additional Water Usage

1,001-8000 Cubic Feet \$3.51 per cubic foot after 1,000

Additional Water Usage - District #2 – Crestview Drive

1,001-8,000 Cubic Feet \$4.61 per cubic foot after 1,000

Additional Fees:

Maintenance Fee \$35.00 bi-annual

Administration Fee \$25.00 bi-annual

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Re-levy Fee: \$25.00/yearly each account

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Effective: November 1, 2024

Town Board members voted as such:

Jeffrey Hoch AYE

Jeff Lyng AYE

Vicki Roy Absent

Shawn Freeman AYE

Steve Stogsdill AYE

Ayes 4 Nays 0

RESOLVED, authorizing the paying of listed monthly bills prior to the monthly meeting, DULY ADOPTED by the Town Board of the Town of Watson at its regular meeting held on the 11 day of September , 2024 , at which meeting a quorum was present.

Motion made by Jeff Lyng and seconded by Shawn Freeman to pass the resolution.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Carried



Michelle Ward, Town Clerk

 September 11, 2024
Date

