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Macomb Board: 'No Water Rate Increase'

Township Board Votes to Keep Water Rates the Same

Macomb Township, Mich., – While everything else we pay for continues to increase, Macomb Township residents won't see an increase in their water bill this year.

For the second year in a row, the Macomb Township Board of Trustees has voted to keep water rates the same.

One reason for the stability of water rates is the Board's adamant stance against paying the Highland Park water debt. Previously, the Great Lakes Water Authority passed on Highland Park's \$54 Million to residents of Macomb Township and other GLWA communities.

During the Board of Trustees meeting on April 6, the Board voted to withhold the portion of the township's water bill that paid for Highland Park's debt. While the Township is legally required to collect the entire water bill from you, that portion was to be held in escrow until the issue is resolved.

GLWA backed down, allowing the Township to adjust rates and avoid a rate increase for residents.

"The Board never stopped fighting for you," said Supervisor Frank Viviano. "Our residents paying for Highland Park's debt was unfair and unjust. We are proud to be able keep extra money in the pockets of our residents."

The pandemic and supply chain issues also pushed improvement projects back to this upcoming fiscal year, which was another factor in keeping water rates from increasing.

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