



# City of Mosinee

**January 2024**

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Jeff Gates, City Administrator

In lieu of having to complete significant necessary upgrades (contractor bid cost was approximately \$7.5 million) to the City's former Fremont Street wastewater plant, the City joined the Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District (RMMSD) in October 2011 for the purpose of treating of our municipal wastewater. After thorough consideration, it was concluded that opting to join the regional RMMSD facility offered the most advantageous long-term solution for treating our municipal wastewater, rather than rehabbing the City's existing wastewater treatment plant. The major benefit of participating in the regional treatment facility is that the municipal members of the RMMSD share the cost of operating and maintaining a single wastewater treatment plant, which is much more economical than each community operating their own facility individually. The RMMSD currently consists of the following five (5) municipalities: the Village of Weston, the Village of Rothschild, the Village of Kronenwetter, the Village of Rib Mountain and the City of Mosinee. The City began sending our municipal wastewater to the RMMSD treatment facility which is located across the Wisconsin River from the Weston Power Plant in October 2012.

The Rib Mountain Metropolitan Sewerage District is now planning to begin an estimated \$22 million upgrade to their treatment facility this spring. This project entails the replacement of treatment equipment that is reaching the end of its designed "life" and the integration of new treatment technology to help comply with environmental standards, including the removal of phosphorus.

As a direct result of this project, the City will need to increase our sewer utility service rates to cover our share of the debt service expenses for the RMMSD facility upgrade project. We are anticipating that the City's sewer utility rates will be increasing by 20% effective with the February utility billing period. For a family of four that uses 4,000 gallons of water per month, the sewer portion of your monthly city utility bill will increase approximately \$7.64 as a result of the sewer rate increase.

Due to significant inflationary expenses (e.g.: chemical cost increases) related to the City's water utility system, the City is also anticipating that the water utility service rates will be increasing by 3% effective with the May utility billing period. For a family of four that uses 4,000 gallons of water per month, the water portion of your monthly city utility bill will increase approximately \$1.40 as a result of the water rate increase.

The City's water and sewer utility rates were last increased in April 2022.

I would like to encourage all residents and businesses to play an active role in your community by discussing any matter you feel should be addressed by your local government, with the Mayor, a City Council member or myself. Please do not forget to visit your local government web site ([www.mosinee.wi.us](http://www.mosinee.wi.us)) and our City of Mosinee Facebook Page, for additional information and updates pertaining to your local government.



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## STREET PARKING RESTRICTED

Parking is not allowed between the hours of 2:00a.m. and 6:00a.m. on any street or highway from November 1 to April 1 in the City of Mosinee. For more information, please contact the Mosinee Police Department – 715-693-2000

## NOTICE – DOG/CAT OWNERS

Dogs and Cats are required to be licensed by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The license period runs from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. State law requires that all dogs must be licensed yearly AND City ordinances require cats to be licensed yearly. Before a license can be issued, you must furnish a rabies vaccination certificate to show proof of vaccination against rabies.

## WATER LEVELS ON THE MOSINEE FLOWAGE

From time to time, Ahlstrom – Mosinee mill needs to lower water levels on the north side of the Mosinee dam to make repairs to the dam. Ahlstrom – Mosinee mill has established an email list to notify residents when this will occur. Any residents wishing to be included in the email notification list may email Andy Cychosz at: [andy.cychosz@ahlstrom.com](mailto:andy.cychosz@ahlstrom.com).

## Recycle Christmas Lights



Habitat for Humanity of Wausau is collecting Christmas lights. Every year tons of light strings are thrown away and end up in landfills across the country. Habitat for Humanities collects all kinds of light strings – old or new, working or not. Worn out extension cords are also collected. Habitat for Humanities recycles the copper and plastic from the strings and uses the proceeds to assist low-income families in our community. **A drop box is available at City Hall – 225 Main Street.** For more information please call City Hall – 225 Main Street or HFH at 715-848-5042.