



**Town of Gordonsville, Virginia  
Agenda Item Summary  
October 19, 2020**

<p><b><u>AGENDA ITEM 12b</u></b> New Business</p> <p><b><u>AGENDA TITLE:</u></b> Consideration of Proposed 2020 Water Rate Adjustment scenarios.</p> <p><b><u>PRESENTER:</u></b> Mayor Robert Coiner</p>	<p><b><u>DISPOSITION:</u></b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Required    <input type="checkbox"/> For Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda    <input type="checkbox"/> Closed Session <input type="checkbox"/> Informational</p> <p><b><u>ATTACHMENTS:</u></b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes                    <input type="checkbox"/> no</p>
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**BACKGROUND:**

Gordonsville purchases water from the Rapidan Service Authority (RSA). The water that RSA sells to the Town is part of what they purchase from the Town of Orange. RSA has notified Gordonsville of a water rate increase that will take effect with the November water billing (see attached letter). This rate increase, according to RSA, reflects the \$0.208 per thousand-gallon increase being imposed on RSA by the Town of Orange. Because Gordonsville pays RSA for water, this rate increase must be passed along to Town water customers.

Enclosed for Council’s consideration is a water rate calculation sheet [*Sheet 1*] that shows two rate adjustment scenarios. Scenario #1 shows the new Town of Gordonsville water rate structure if the Town’s rate is increased to maintain the current profit margin of 34.3%. Scenario #2 shows what the rate structure would be if the Town did a direct rate increase of \$0.21, which would reduce the profit margin to 33.1%. The second sheet [*Sheet 2*] enclosed with this package shows examples of how each scenario would impact a variety of water users.

Staff has placed this item on the agenda for authorization to schedule a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed rate adjustment.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that Council schedule a public hearing for November 16, 2020 to receive public comment on the proposed water rate adjustments outlined in Scenario [1 / 2], as presented.

**MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:**

“Motion to schedule a public hearing for November 16, 2020 to receive public comment on an amendment to Town Code Section 23-50 establishing an increase to the Town of Gordonsville water rates based on scenario [1 / 2], as presented.”

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*Serving the Counties of Greene, Madison and Orange*

September 9, 2020

Ms. Deborah Kendall  
Town Manager  
P.O. Box 276  
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Dear Ms. Kendall:

RSA is notifying the Town of Gordonsville that its water rate will increase from \$5.60 per thousand gallons to \$5.81 per thousand gallons effective October 15, 2020. This increase reflects the \$0.208 per thousand gallon increase from the Town of Orange to RSA.

If RSA may be of any additional service, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Trace Gaskins  
Manager of Financial and Administrative Services

## Water Rate Calculations

*Rate calculation based on an increase to the In-town Residential/commercial rate.*

*All other rates are calculated from that increase.*

**Based on new RSA rate of \$ 5.81**

	Current Rate	Scenario 1 Percentage Markup	Scenario 2 Direct Mark Up
In-town BASE rate- Residential/Commercial 1st 1,000 gallons	\$23.62	\$23.91	\$23.83
In-town UNIT rate - Residential/Commercial consumption > 1,000 gallons	\$7.52	\$7.80	\$7.73
Out-of-town BASE rate - Residential/Commercial 1st 1,000 gallons	\$37.62	\$38.05	\$37.94
Out-of-town UNIT rate - Residential/Commercial consumption > 1,000 gallons	\$11.27	(1.5 * in-town rate) \$11.70	\$11.59
In-town BASE rate - Industrial 1st 1,000 gallons	\$28.62	\$28.91	\$28.83
In-town UNIT rate - Industrial consumption > 1,000 gallons	\$7.52	\$7.80	\$7.73
Out-of-town BASE rate - Industrial 1st 1,000 gallons	\$46.86	\$47.22	\$47.12
Out-of-town UNIT rate - Industrial consumption > 1,000 gallons	\$9.39	(1.25 * in-town rate) \$9.75	\$9.66
RSA meter BASE rate 1st 1,000 gallons	\$37.62	\$38.05	\$37.94
RSA meter UNIT rate consumption > 1,000 gallons	\$11.27	\$11.70	\$11.59
GPS quarry water agreement BASE rate (20% of the out-of-town Industrial base rate) [GPS pays for 8,000,000 every month whether or not water is used]	\$9.37	\$9.44	\$9.42
GPS quarry water agreement UNIT rate (20% of the out-of-town Industrial unit rate) [GPS pays for 8,000,000 every month whether or not water is used]	\$1.88	\$1.95	\$1.93
GPS water agreement 1st reserve BASE rate (out-of-town industrial base rate--1 <sup>st</sup> 1,000 gallons)	\$46.86	\$47.22	\$47.12
GPS water agreement 1st reserve UNIT rate (out-of-town industrial unit rate--consumption >1,000 gallons)	\$9.39	\$9.75	\$9.66
GPS 2nd reserve (0 - 3,000,000 gallons per month) (Town's mark up to the out-of-town industrial rate) [GPS pays for 3,000,000 every month whether or not water is used]	\$3.79	\$3.94	\$3.85
GPS 2nd reserve (3,000,001 - 6,000,000 gallons per month) (RSA rate - GPS typically does not exceed 3,000,000)	\$5.60	\$5.81	\$5.81

Consumer Impact on monthly bill

	Impact Scenario #1	Impact Scenario #2
Res/Com 1,000 g.p.m. - In Town	\$0.29	\$0.21
Res/Com 1,000 g.p.m. - Out of Town	\$0.43	\$0.31
Res/Com 2,000 g.p.m. - In Town	\$0.58	\$0.42
Res/Com 2,000 g.p.m. - Out of Town	\$0.86	\$0.63
Res/Com 5,000 g.p.m. - In Town	\$1.44	\$1.05
Res/Com 5,000 g.p.m. - Out of Town	\$2.16	\$1.57
Res/Com 10,000 g.p.m. - In Town	\$2.88	\$2.10
Res/Com 10,000 g.p.m. - Out of Town	\$4.32	\$3.15
Restaurant - 35,000 g.p.m. - In Town	\$10.07	\$7.35
Restaurant - 35,000 g.p.m. - Out of Town	\$15.11	\$11.02
Industry - 375,000 g.p.m. - In Town	\$107.94	\$78.75
Industry - 375,000 g.p.m. - Out of Town	\$161.90	\$118.12
<b>G.P.S. - 1st reserve (based on monthly avg of 800,000)</b>		
	\$287.83	\$210.00
<b>G.P.S. 2nd reserve [GPS pays for 3,000,000 every month whether or not water is used]</b>		
	\$449.36	\$157.50
<b>G.P.S. quarry [GPS pays for 8,000,000 every month whether or not water is used]</b>		
	\$ 359.79	\$262.50
<b>Total monthly impact on G.P.S.</b>	<b>\$1,096.98</b>	<b>\$630.00</b>

