



Office of the Village Clerk  
Amanda Kolb  
April 12, 2024

**Subject: Public Meeting Notice - Water Upgrade Project**

Dear Resident,

We are writing to inform you about an upcoming public meeting regarding the upgrade of our current water treatment plant and the costs associated with the project.

As you may be aware, our current water treatment facility has reached the end of its usable life and is prone to catastrophic failures and outages like what was experienced in July 2022. The system cannot support our village, a fire emergency or even proper maintenance in its current state. We are also in violation of our discharge water into the Illinois River with the IEPA and have been fined as a community for not meeting those standards. If not addressed soon, we risk more fines in the future.

To address these issues and more, we are planning a water treatment plant upgrade. This project includes the installation of new treatment facilities, a discharge filter, drilling of a new well, and construction of a new water tower. These upgrades are essential to meet IEPA standards, enhance efficiency, and improve our emergency preparedness, particularly in the event of fires or pump failures. It also ensures that proper maintenance can be done to help prevent the premature deterioration of our water mains and lines.

It is important to note that funding for this project will require a significant increase in our water rates to you, the user. This increase is necessary to secure the loan required for the upgrade project. While we understand that this may cause concern, ensuring the long-term viability of our water infrastructure is crucial for the well-being of our community.

We invite you to join us for a public meeting to learn more about the water treatment plant upgrade project, ask questions, and share your feedback. Your input is important as we work together to address these challenges and ensure a sustainable water supply for generations to come.



**Date:** April 23, 2024

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Location:** Longman Hall, 1216 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Chillicothe

Longman Hall is located behind St. Edward's Church. Parking is available in the church lot, or on the street.

We look forward to your participation and engagement in this important community initiative.

Sincerely,

Amanda Kolb

*Village of Hopewell Clerk*

*On behalf of the Board of Trustees*