

Utilities, Sewers & Streetlights Committee Meeting
June 26, 2025 3pm

Attending were members: Lynn Sylvain, Jody Donsbach and Martha Frantz
Employees: Kristel Beyer, Fiscal Officer; Chad Beyer, Village Administrator
Also in attendance were Mayor John Berry, Council member Rick Tolles and Peggy Seab village resident

Information regarding the rate hikes by Suburban Natural Gas and First Energy Electric was shared.

We had received a letter from Suburban regarding the changes to come. Mr. Joe Pemberton, CEO and President of Suburban was contacted via phone and email. He answered questions about when we could expect to see the changes. He said it takes about a year or less as there are several steps in the process. He also explained the "riders" asked for by Suburban to adjust for costs of growth, infrastructure repair, inflation, etc. Suburban then must file an application with the PUCO for approval. The utilities' application's must be supported by financial and operational information from a 12-month period, October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

Victor Coleman from First Energy shared the website containing information about the upcoming rate hikes. The site has information about how to read the bill, how to conserve energy through the hotter summers we are experiencing, and the services of which consumers may not be aware. There is also information regarding EVs. Mr. Coleman, through an email, relayed that "only one more verification is needed; when that is completed, there will be more information about streetlights to follow."

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Frantz