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Dear Hedley Residents:

As we are all acutely aware, the cost of living and inflation has risen in all aspects of our lives.

Thus, the HID board has had to make the difficult decision to increase both the Parcel Tax and Water Tolls by around 14%. Parcel Tax will be going up from \$240.00 a year to \$300 due November 1st and Water Toll will increase from \$570.00 to \$600.00 due April 1st.

To explain, EVERY property owner has to pay the Parcel Tax regardless of his/her water use. This **TAX** pays for the water system – the reservoir, piping structure, pumps, and hydrants. This is due yearly on **NOVEMBER 1st** and can be paid by Cheque, Certified Cheque, E-Transfer, or in person with CASH, Cheque, Debit (NO Credit Cards) It can also be PRE-PAID.

The Water Toll: is paid by those properties that have a water connection on April 1st of every year. This **TOLL** pays for the water use and the Administration of the HID office. This can be paid by Cheque, Certified Cheque, E-Transfer, or in person with CASH, Cheque, Debit (NO Credit Cards) It can also be PRE-PAID.

As an example for the increase, there has been a significant rise in the cost to buy and maintain the town's fire hydrants. A new hydrant is around \$10,000 and exercising these is about \$500.00 or more. As we all can agree, these play a vital part in our town's fire safety plan.

Moreover, these funds are necessary to maintain the water system as we all want our water to be safe and available, but there is a cost associated with this situation. Like all other water structures, ours needs to be upgraded and monitored, so if an emergency happens there is a swift reaction and solution.

Sincerely,

HID Staff and Trustees