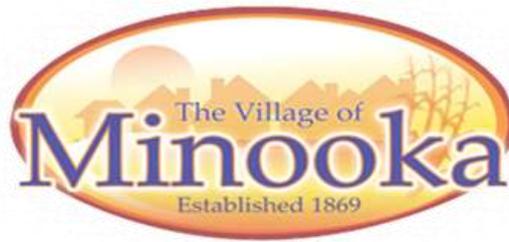


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The Village of Minooka draws its groundwater supply from four deep wells and one shallow well located throughout the Village. In 2021, the Village held several open houses to show residents the results of a study from the Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS), stating the sandstone aquifers in Northeastern Illinois have decreasing groundwater levels. Additionally, based on updated modeling completed in 2018, the aquifer supplying Minooka's wells was estimated to be depleted by 2050.

The Village performed an analysis of alternative sources of groundwater in 2021, and determined that participating in the Grand Prairie Water Commission (GPWC) was in the community's best interest in securing a future water supply. The GPWC will build a pipeline from Lake Michigan and will service six communities (Channahon, Crest Hill, Joliet, Minooka, Romeoville & Shorewood).

To assist with Minooka's capital cost associated with obtaining Lake Michigan water the following steps are being implemented:

- Effective January 1, 2023, the Village will add a \$25 per month account maintenance fee on all Village water accounts, to pay for the future capital costs.
- Sprinkler system accounts (fire suppression) will not be charged the monthly fee.
- The water bill will be charged based on actual usage. The Village will no longer bill a 2,000-gallon minimum usage bill.
- The water rate per 1,000 gallons will be \$5.39 on January 1, 2023 and will increase to \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons on January 1, 2024.
- The water rate will increase annually on January 1<sup>st</sup> based on capital and operational needs of the water system.
- The sewer rate per 1,000 gallons will be \$6.06 on January 1, 2023 and will increase by 3% every January 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Village of Minooka has taken these steps to identify a future safe and reliable source of drinking water and to ensure sustainable growth and economic prosperity.