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Jamestown BPU Adopts 2017 Solid Waste Budget with No Rate Increase

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) today approved the 2017 Solid Waste budget, with no rate increase in the coming year.

Within the 2017 budget, BPU Solid Waste customers who recycle still will pay \$10.50 a billing cycle while those who do not recycle will pay \$21 per billing cycle. In effect, customers who recycle will continue to receive a rebate of \$10.50 on the \$21 rate.

Customers who recycle through the Residential Recycling Credit Program continue to pay less than the \$12.10 billing period rate of 2010-2014. The current \$10.50 rate was actually the Solid Waste rate in 2006.

In the approved 2017 solid waste budget, operating expenses are expected to increase by \$60,430 compared to the 2016 financial plan. Budgeted increases in the coming year include labor costs, recycling transportation costs, workers' compensation expenses, landfill tipping fees and the associated costs for the new Integrated Voice Recognition phone system.

The capital budget for 2017 includes a new packer truck at a cost of \$195,000; dumpsters at \$15,000; general recycling aids (\$5,000) and tools and safety (\$3,500).

"The BPU is pleased to maintain 2017 Solid Waste rates at the same level as in 2016," stated BPU General Manager David L. Leathers. "This Division historically works within a very tight budget but efforts, again this year, to contain costs have brought positive results. In addition, I'd like to recognize the hardworking Solid Waste Division employees who are fully committed to serving our customers and who do a great job every day throughout the year."