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Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Executive Director:

2005-00036

I recently received a letter from the Lewis Sanitation Company stating that the following rates are proposed for the Garden Heights sewer system in 2005:

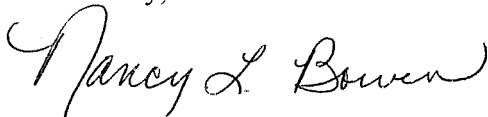
<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>% increase</u>
\$11.00	\$16.96	54.2%

I find this to be a very excessive rate increase. I do not believe that the general public should have to pay for homeowners/renters who did not have either septic tanks or sewer lines put in when they built their homes. A few of my neighbors say that homes on Wilson Lane in Masonville (Utica mailing address) and other streets have this problem. I consider this to be a homeowner's problem. According to neighborhood sources, these homeowners who are now asking that sewers be put in were given the option of either paying for them when their homes were being built or putting in septic tanks at that time. They evidently did not do either.

If this rate increase is due to the general maintenance of all current sewer lines to prevent major problems later, then I agree we should have an increase. However, I do not agree with this much of an increase. Surely, an increase of 10% - 25% should be sufficient.

I have given the number of the owner, John Lewis, (270) 684-1098, to several other parties in the hope, that they too will complain and make known their views on this subject.

Sincerely,



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