



RESOLUTION No. 06-13-17-1

A RESOLUTION FORMALLY OBJECTING TO THE RATE INCREASE REQUEST BY
AQUA ILLINOIS TO THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Aqua Illinois is the private water and wastewater utility company that has been providing water distribution and sewer service to the Village of Hawthorn Woods since 2003; and

WHEREAS, through this relationship, Aqua Illinois presently services the subdivisions of the Hawthorn Woods Country Club, Countryside Meadows, Hawthorn Ridge, Hawthorn Trails, the Commons of Hawthorn Woods, and Hawthorn Hills and provides bulk water to Lake County government to service the Glennshire Subdivision, thus representing approximately 40% of the homes and 50% of the businesses in the Village of Hawthorn Woods; and

WHEREAS, Aqua Illinois was granted substantial rate increases in 2008 and 2012, thus making another substantial rate increase unaffordable for most customers, especially those living on fixed incomes or those who have been negatively impacted by the downturn in the economy or the threat of foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, the Hawthorn Woods residents have already paid for the infrastructure premiums for their local system; and

WHEREAS, if the rate increase is granted, the average monthly residential wastewater bill (4,500 gallons) would increase by \$2.72, (\$0.09 per day) to \$68.68, and the average monthly residential water bill (4,500 gallons) would increase by \$14.05 (\$0.47 per day) to \$95.34; and

WHEREAS if approved by the ICC, the changes for all classes of water and wastewater services statewide would result in an increase to base rates of \$11,999,981.00; and

WHEREAS, customers can take action by requesting that the ICC hold a public hearing related to the Aqua Illinois' rate request.

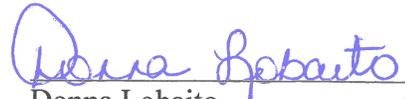
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees, on behalf of the residents of Hawthorn Woods, do hereby object wholeheartedly to the requested rate increase by Aqua Illinois pending before the Illinois Commerce Commission, as any such increase will negatively impact the financial well-being of the residents and business owners of this community as well as inhibit economic growth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this 13th day of June, 2017 that the Village Clerk is hereby instructed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to the Illinois Commerce Commission requesting their denial of the proposed rate increases.

The foregoing resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, Illinois on June 13, 2017.



Joseph Mancino
Mayor



Donna Lobaito
Village Clerk