

TOWN OF GROTTOES



To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Jeff Nicely, Town Manager
Date: 5/08/2017
RE: FY18 Budget Narrative

Executive Summary

Enclosed is the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 budget for the Town of Grottoes. The budget totals \$ 2,979,382 for all daily operations, personnel expenses, capital expenses, and debt service figures. The budget is balanced in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws. The proposed budget total illustrates a 4.7% increase over the FY17 budget.

Reflected in the budget is the Town's desire to provide quality and affordable services. In comparison to neighboring communities we continue to accomplish this goal effectively. The budget was composed based on a conservative spending initiative, prior year analysis, and individual department needs. The budget does not propose any increases in real estate or personal property taxes. The proposed budget does include increasing to sewer base rate by \$6.20 for the first 2000 gallons of usage. For usage above the base amount of 2000 gallons, there is an increase per 1000 gallons of usage of \$0.04 for water and \$0.07 for sewer. The budget also includes increasing water standpipe fees \$0.24 per load. With these increases, the Town continues to maintain very reasonable rates compared to other municipalities in our area. In addition to the costs for the waste water treatment plant improvement project, the Town also needs to continue planning and construction of capital improvement projects to maintain and replace our aging water and sewer facilities.

FY 2018 Budget Highlights:

- 2% pay increase for full-time employees that are not at the top of their pay scale.
- .25 cent/hour increases for part-time employees.
- New Town and Grand Caverns Websites.
- Replacing water line in 4th Street from Birch Avenue to dead end near Broad Alley.
- Continue payment of \$129,360 per year on the 20 year loan for WWTP Improvement project.
- Continued capital savings for expected new Grand Caverns pool liner in 1-2 years.
- Town paid health insurance for employees, premium increase 8.5%.

A summary of the proposed FY 2018 Budget follows: