

Cheaper Cleaner Water

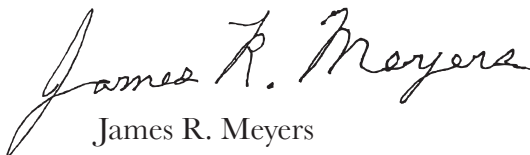
May 13, 2009

Dear Millcreek Neighbor,

When we moved from East to West Millcreek, our water bill almost doubled! We had owned one of the 10,000 Millcreek homes served by the Erie Water Works and now own one of the 7,000 homes served by the Millcreek Water Authority, which buys that same water from the Erie Water Works, mixes it with well water, and resells it at a huge markup. At the time, Township Supervisor Sue Weber was working to eliminate the Millcreek Water Authority so every Millcreek resident would pay the same low rates. When she became Controller, Larry Curtis made a campaign pledge to complete her project. For two years, Curtis was constantly asked to keep his promise. He didn't, so Sue Weber formed the Cheaper Cleaner Water Task Force, a group of business owners and residents who pay the higher Millcreek rates, and I joined.

For 18 months our Task Force did research and met with the Supervisors and the Millcreek Township Water Authority. Curtis told us the Supervisors liked having their own water authority and people did not mind paying more for water. **Frustrated, we threatened legal action, forcing the Supervisors to ask the Erie Water Works for a proposal to lease the Millcreek system and cut our rates.** Meanwhile, Curtis also wined and dined with the Millcreek Township Water Authority, using your water bill payments to pick up the tab. You have paid **\$11,683.81** for these dinners over the last three years.

Since 2006, Sue Weber has spent hundreds of hours working to get our water bills cut in half. Ironically, she has the cheaper water at her home. Curtis' salary has increased nearly **\$14,000** during his first term in office. He pledged to work to lower your water rates and was paid to do that. Meanwhile, Weber, free of charge, did all the work to make it happen. **My wife and I are voting to return her to the office of Millcreek Supervisor on May 19, 2009.** Now that Millcreek finally has the proposal from the Erie Water Works, we need her at Millcreek Township to finish the job or it will never get done.


James R. Meyers

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\$7,746,043.86*

has slipped through your fingers.



*Over the last five years, nearly 7,000 Millcreek Township Water Authority customers would have realized this amount of savings had they been afforded the opportunity to be included with the other 10,000 Millcreek Township residents who are direct Erie Water Works customers.

Current MTWA Customers:

“Our home is only a few years old. However, we don’t drink the water because of the well mixture from the Millcreek Water Authority. It tastes terrible. So, my wife and I buy the service with the large jugs for us to drink and we have to buy bottled water with fluoride in it for our toddlers.”

– A Millcreek Township Dentist

“I wish we could relocate our business. Not only is the cost of Millcreek Township Water Authority water way too high compared to water in the areas of Millcreek served directly by the Erie Water Works, the well water has cost us thousands of dollars because it has caused problems with our machinery and equipment.”

– Owner of a large business located in Millcreek



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per 1000
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