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Clarion Borough Stormwater Authority
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STORMWATER BILLING ON HOLD

The first bills for the stormwater fee in Clarion Borough are on hold for now.

The Clarion Borough Stormwater Authority had planned to send out its first bills for the fee in April, but because of the hardships and uncertainties of the Coronavirus pandemic, the bills will wait.

The bills were expected to be sent out in April but the Authority decided to postpone billing to avoid imposing any additional financial burden on homeowners and businesses during a challenging time.

Concerns also extend to having staff in place to administer billing while facing the uncertainty of the spread of the Coronavirus.

The April bills would have covered the second quarter of 2020 – April, May and June – and the postponement means that no fee will now be charged for the second quarter. Bills could be issued in July to cover the third quarter of 2020.

The stormwater fee is charged to all property owners in the borough and is based on the square footage of impervious area (IA) on each property. IA includes roofs, open decks, and pavements such as driveways, private sidewalks and patios.

Fee rates are set up in tiers and can range from \$0 per quarter for properties with less than 500 square feet of IA, to \$36 for an average residential property to more than \$60 per quarter for properties with large amounts of IA.

Funds are used to repair and upgrade the borough's deteriorating stormwater management system.

To protect the public as well as the Stormwater Authority board and staff, Chairman Jason Noto has cancelled the Authority's next monthly meeting, originally set for April 9.

Dates for future meetings will be announced to the media, at clarionboro.org and on the Clarion Borough Stormwater Authority Facebook page .

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