

Sebewaing Light & Water

100 Years Old Serving Sebewaing Since 1911



Day current for washing and ironing was furnished each Monday and Tuesday from 6 am to 12 noon. In the event of rain on Monday, the service was advanced to Tuesday and Wednesday. For the convenience of people owning vacuum cleaners, there was service from 8-10 am each Friday, the housewife's traditional cleaning day. Increasing use of electric home appliances hastened the need for continuous service. This was started in August, 1916.

In the summer of 1912, the Board of Light Commissioners set a charge of 50¢ an hour against persons desiring current furnished after midnight. These included social parties, operators of dances, and the like. Subsequently, the charge was increased to 75¢ per hour, the extra quarter going to the night engineer as remuneration for the extra time he served.

From "History of Sebewaing" By Herman G. Millerwise, 1953

The Good News, The GREAT News is that these two systems complement each other!

By working together, and sharing the staff of 12 dedicated people, Sebewaing Light and Water operates at considerably less cost than if there were no combined operation. ANOTHER benefit for residents of the Village of Sebewaing.

An Electric System that's owned by Sebewaing Village Resident's that provides service and reliability to the community!

Sebewaing Light & Water has 12 generating units, in 2 separate power plants. There are 25 miles of power lines in the village, and last year the Department delivered about 40 MILLION Kilowatt Hours and is capable of generating 15,000 Kilowatts per hour (also named 15 Megawatts). That's a far cry, from those early days when no street lights were used on moonlit nights to save electrical energy.

and a Locally-Owned Water System

Last year the Department provided approx. 75 million gallons of water, from 3 village wells, pumped through 17 miles of underground mains, and passed through 2 elevated storage tanks. Well maintenance, tower maintenance and distribution replacement are all part of the departments 5 year maintenance plan. Cost of operating the Water Department is approximately \$250,000 before depreciation, which is far less than if the Water and Light Departments were operated separately.

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