



# Town of Felton

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From The Desk of the Town Manager  
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## 2015 Council Election – Filing Deadline is January 16, 2015

There are two Council positions available each having a three year term. To be qualified to run for Felton Town Council you must be 21 years of age, be a citizen of the United States, have been a bona fide resident of the Town of Felton for one year prior to election day and have never been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude.

To declare candidacy submit a signed and dated letter requesting that your name be added to the 2015 Council Election ballot with a Town of Felton Affidavit of Qualification (available at Town Hall, by mail, fax or email) and State Campaign Finance Certification of Intention Form (also available at Town Hall or online at [www.elections.delaware.gov](http://www.elections.delaware.gov)).

## Water Rate Structure Proposed Change

The Town is reviewing our current water rate structure. Currently everyone is given a flat rate of \$38 per quarter for 15,000 gallons of water. The Mayor and Council will be reviewing a rate structure that each resident will pay for actual water used. The Quarterly Statement would have a Customer Charge and a Usage Charge. The Customer Charge would include Debt Service (loan payments) and a repair charge (unbudgeted water repairs), this amount would remain the same each quarter. The Usage Charge would be the charge per 1,000 gallons used for each property. The Mayor and Council will be discussing the rates at the January 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. There will also be special meetings for the public and each resident will receive a letter with dates and times of the meetings along with how this rate change will affect their quarterly bill.

The reason for the rate change is because the Water Department is supposed to be self-sustaining and at this time it is currently running approximately \$54,000 short to cover all water expenses. Instead of changing the flat rate for all residents the new rate structure will have each resident pay only for the water they are using at their home or business.

## General Up-Dates

- Delinquent tax statements will be mailed the second week of January.
- Town Hall hours are Monday thru Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm.
- **The Town offers a discount to Senior Citizens for their property taxes. You must be 65 years old by June 30<sup>th</sup>, the property must be your primary residence and your name must be on the deed. If you are eligible please bring your driver's license to Town Hall by May 31, 2014 to receive the discount. The discount last year was 50%.**