

Sewer and Water Committee Meeting Minutes 10/29/2014

Where: Township Office – 47240 Green Acres Road, Houghton, MI

When: 4:00 P.M.

Who Present: Andrew Kemper, Peggy Anderson, Bruce Petersen

Discussion Points:

- Updated/reviewed sewer and water hookup fees in Ord. 141. Changed Private Home Sewer & Water hookups to \$1,200.00, Comm. Sewer and Water hookups to \$1,500.00 and the Turn On/Off fees to \$50.00 apiece. Discussed the need to have all our sewer and water policies pertaining to any kind of charge placed in ordinance 141. Will add: Initial Hookup Policy, Keep Run Policy, Frozen Pipe Policy and Sump Pump Discharge in Sewer Policy plus give the Township the discretion to accept partial payments on sewer and water bill past due bills.
- Reviewed ordinance 141 for any further needs that were outlined at the Trustees meeting held on October 13th at the Doelle Sr. Citizens Center.
- Committee would recommend to the Board of Trustees to accept the verbal offer from UPPCO to forget our manhole displacement claim against their private contractor. The TWP wanted to use last year's winter snowfall runoff as a benchmark for our claim against UPPCO for the treatment costs for the water that was allowed to run in to our commercial sewer system. The amount of last years spring runoff plus the way it reacted due to the extremely deep frost levels really could not be used as a good average benchmark.
- The Genevieve Stone unpaid water/sewer bill was discussed. Committee thought it prudent to contact the insurance carrier Northern Mutual Insurance and see where we stand with the claim.
- The Supervisor has asked a series of health insurance providers to give us quotes for the 2015 budget year which is on the calendar year. We are presently with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Brian Miller with Superior Health and Life will supply the committee with a health insurance quote from Consumers Mutual home based in Lansing, MI on Friday September 30. The Supervisor has also asked Burnham and Flower to supply the Township with a Health Ins. Quote.

>> Adjourned by Peggy at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce Petersen
Township Supervisor