

## **Sewer and Water Committee Meeting Minutes 05/18/2016**

**Where:** Township Office – 47240 Green Acres Road, Houghton, MI 49931

**When:** 9:00 A.M.

**Who Present:** Andrew Kemper, Peggy Anderson and Bruce Petersen

### **Discussion Points:**

- There has been one large water/sewer bill that a landlord was forced to pay because the tenant skipped town that instigated this discussion. That landlord has been receiving sewer/water billings as well as the tenant but he contends that the Township should have shut her off sooner. Ultimately, the landlord must go to small claims court to excise the money that he is forced to pay for on behalf of the delinquent tenant.
- At one time the TWP had in excess of \$20,000.00 in owed water and sewer bills – we are down to approximately \$7,000.00 now. There will be 33 shutoffs going out this billing cycle.
- A \$150.00 total past due sewer and water bill account and or 2 billings cycles were discussed as a basis for shutoff. Some water bill are for only \$12/15 dollars so these people could ride along for almost a year whereas others may have a water bill in excess of \$200.00/month – that is why there must be a dollar amount and or two billing cycles used as the shutoff criteria. It was also decided after the shutoff notice is affixed to the door that the homeowner/tenant/business would have seven working days to pay the sewer/water bill in full. This discussion and points will be brought to the Board of Trustees at their next regular monthly meeting scheduled for June 13, 2016
- A short discussion followed about the claimed need to have additional assistance for water billing – especially during the busy periods like the end of each billing cycle.

There were no public comments – none present.

First – Peggy and 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew - Adjourned by at 9:25 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce Petersen  
Township Supervisor