

## **Sewer and Water Committee Meeting Minutes 05/10/2017**

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

**When:** 10:00 A.M.

**Who Present:** Bill Bingham, Peggy Anderson and Bruce Petersen

### **Discussion Points:**

- Discussed Jason Koski water billing - Upon purchase of house, the committee felt that he should have informed the Twp. of the new billing and address. The billing continued to be sent to the original owner. The base fee and penalties should be levied. Only if you remove the water-meter does the base fee or the “readiness to serve” fee is stopped. If he has concerns with this decision he can be told to bring it before the Board at the June 12, 2017 monthly meeting.
- Discussed the Keweenaw Chevrolet water and sewer billing. Since the water meters installation in March of 2016 by the City of Houghton, the meter has been read by the City but the Township, who supplies the water has not been getting reimbursed from the City of the water portion of the billing. The present water billing is for \$591.84 → this does not include the prorated out base fees for 14 months. At the old base fee rate of \$19.75 the total should be \$118.50 for those prorated months and for the present base fee rate of \$20.75 for Portage Water the prorated months total would be \$145.25. SO: the total bill, with the prorated monthly base fees added to the water consumption should total \$855.59. Thus \$263.75 needs to be added to this month’s bill to properly adjust for the base fee’s not being added to the bill since the dealership’s opening in the early spring of 2016. This bill should be handled the same as the Tractor Supplies billing. The Twp. will read the meter (Cu. Ft.), we will then send the bill down to the City who will then reimburse us for both the monthly base fee as well as the water consumption portion of the bill.
- Lastly, the White Pine Lane water line extension was quickly discussed – The Twp. will dig a waterline in to Derek Bustos property line from the Green Acres Road mainline at his cost. He then will be responsible to run a water service line from the “curb stop” valve to his proposed new home. He could have either a private contractor do this or he could employ the Twp. DPW to do this. He will need to provide the size of the water line needed to service his new home to whomever he chooses to dig it in. The USDA -RD funded sewer line on Green Acres Road will not be built until the mid to latter part of 2018, thus he will have to deal with the Western UP Health Department concerning his short-term sewage situation.

There were no public comments – none present.

First – Peggy and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill - Adjourned by at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce Petersen  
Township Supervisor