

Charter Township of Portage
Special Board of Trustees Meeting
March 27, 2019
Township Hall
47240 Green Acres Road
Houghton, MI 49931
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Special Board of Trustees meeting to review the water and sewer rates.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Bruce Petersen. Those in attendance were Clerk Amy Skewes, Treasurer Betsy Smith and Trustees Peggy Anderson, Bill Bingham, Bill Fink and John Ollila. Absent: Supervisor Bruce Petersen
2. Adams Township increased their wholesale water rates to the Township by 21%. Discussion ensued. The last rate increase the Township had was in September 2016. There continues to be elevated City of Houghton sewage treatment cost due to illegal Sump pump outletting into the sewers.

A motion was made by Ollila and seconded by Smith to increase water/sewer rates as follows

Portage Township Rates

Water increase \$1.00 per 1000 gallons to \$5.00 per 1000 gallons and \$20.75 base fee (unchanged)

Sewer \$7.50 per 1000 gallons (unchanged) and increase the base fee \$1.25 to \$33.75. We are also eliminating the first 500 gallons of sewer being included in the base fee.

Naumkeg Shores Rates

Water increase \$1.00 per 1000 gallons to \$5.00 per 1000 gallons and \$13.00 base fee (unchanged)

Sewer rates – no changes

Dakota Heights rates (800)

Water increase &1.00 per 1000 gallons to \$7.00 per 1000 gallons and \$16.00 base fee (unchanged)

Sewer – no changes

Woodland Road (200) + Peepsock – No changes

Motion was made by a roll call vote.

Aye: Anderson, Bingham, Fink, Ollila, Petersen, Skewes, Smith. **Nay:** none

A motion was made by Ollila, seconded by Anderson to Increase the meter fees as follows.

Meter Fee increasing \$25.00 to \$200.00

Turn on fee increasing \$50.00 to \$100.00

Turn of Fee increasing \$50.00 to \$100.00

Garden Meter increasing \$15.00 to \$100.00

Private Home hook-up fee increasing \$200.00 to \$1400.00

Private home sewer hook-up fee increasing \$200.00 to 1400.00

Commercial water hook-up fee increasing \$200.00 to \$1700.00 + additional supplies

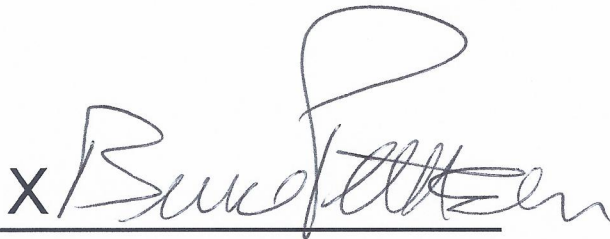
Commercial sewer hook-up fee increasing \$200.00 to \$1700.00 + additional supplies.

This motion was carried by a roll call vote.

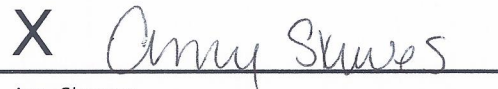
Aye: Anderson, Bingham, Fink, Ollila, Petersen, Skewes, Smith. **Nay:** None

Public Comments: None

A motion was made by Smith at 3:46 seconded by Skewes to Adjourn. All in favor

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Bruce Petersen
Supervisor

X 

Amy Skewes
Clerk