

## **Sewer and Water Committee Meeting Minutes 08/04/2014**

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

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

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

### **Discussion Points:**

- The D. O’Connell account which is approximately \$720.00 past due was discussed and it was recommended that the Supervisor proceed to 97<sup>th</sup> Court – Small Claims Court to pursue a “Judgment” in the TWP’s favor. The County Sheriff will serve the papers.
- Ray Satio from the County Road Commission indicated that the County Commission could install a double walled, 18” dia., 30 foot long culvert at the Green Acres Road location for \$570.00 dollars, ≤ \$150.00 what it would cost the TWP to go buy the culvert and install. The County Rd. Commission doesn’t black top behind their installations. The Comm. made a recommendation to the Bd. that County installation would be advised at this Green Acres Road location.
- Portage Plaza leaking water service was discussed - The Plaza owners have agreed to pay half of the installation costs. There is no easement for the hydrant that is on the Plaza’s 1.90 acre property that this 2” dia. service line comes off of the base of the hydrant.. The “curb-stop” is down by the highway on the 6”dia. line leading to the hydrant, well away from the service line leading to the building. After a lengthily discussion the Committees recommendation to the Board is not to fund any of the water service line repair.
- Base rate changes for both Portage and Dakota Heights Sewer were discussed. USDA R.D.’s Duane Reid recommends an increase of \$2.50 in both enterprise fund accounts. The recommendation emanating from the Committee to the Board will be to raise each Base Fee account by \$2.50 which according to R.D. will over time, given no more winters of 2014, should balance our those two enterprise fund accounts.

>> Adjourned by Peggy at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce Petersen  
Township Supervisor