

## **Sewer and Water Committee Meeting Minutes 10/05/2015**

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

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

**Who Present:** Andrew Kemper, Peggy Anderson, Bruce Petersen, Chris Holmes (UPEA)

### **Discussion Points:**

- Chris passed out three Green Acres road 8” dia. sewer pipe extension scenarios along M-26 → (1) to Superior Service, (2) to Somero’s and (3) to Kinnunen’s. (See Sheets) The longest pipe run would be to Somero’s. Somero’s are at the high elevational point and there would have to be a lift station/grinder pump adjacent to Huuki’s body shop to bring the effluent back up the hill running north. The Committee reviewed all three extension scenario’s with Chris. Once you add in the additional users being picked up along the M-26 West corridor, receiving a 75% grant from the USDA – Rural Development, the 40 year life of the loan it would only cost **15 cents** on top of the existing project costs per month per average individual household to extend the sewer pipe to any one of the three scenario’s. Given that cost on a monthly basis, the Committee thought it was a no brainer to go ahead and make the USDA Rural Develop application service area to include Somero’s along the M-26 corridor.
- Lastly, the discussion turned to the wording for an annual rate increase incorporated in to our sewer/water rate schedule found in our Sewer and Water ordinance. If a 3% rate was used, based on the cost-of-living rate, a \$30.00 bill would only go up .90 cents. The Committee didn’t think it was worth all the cost and paperwork needed to modify our ordinance to include an annual rate increase of 3% or less. Most generally the rate would probably be in the 1 to 2 percent range making the increase even less. The Committee thought that the adequacy of our enterprise funds funding levels should be looked at yearly and then adjusted as needed.

>> Adjourned by Peggy at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce Petersen  
Township Supervisor