

Charter Township of Portage
Special Board of Trustees Meeting
May 17, 2019
Township Hall
47240 Green Acres Road
Houghton, MI 49931
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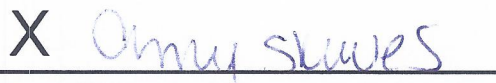
Special Board of Trustees Meeting to review the water treatment bills from the City Of Houghton.

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm. Those in attendance were Supervisor Bruce Petersen, Clerk Amy Skewes, Treasurer Betsy Smith, and Trustees Peggy Anderson, Bill Bingham, and John Ollila. Absent: Trustee, Bill Fink
2. Review the waste water treatment agreement and the City of Houghton Bills for March and April 2019.

The township has received massive penalties from the City of Houghton for waste water treatment during the months of March and April 2019. The township and city have a contract (most recently signed 9/30/2009) for 41 years for sewer treatment of 100,000 gallons per day (anything over that, the rates are doubled for each additional 25,000 increment) the township received penalties 19 days in March and 30 days in April. Total bill amount for portage sewer customers was \$148,010.46 for the Month of April. The Board discussed our options with this massive bill.

1. Petersen will go to the City of Houghton and ask if they could charge us a base rate on gallons used (no penalty rate)
2. Send the DPW Maintenance crew to knock on doors to check basements for illegal sump pump usage and deliver a letter stating there will be a \$300.00 fine for illegal sewer dumping. We will shut off water unless we can inspect and verify no use of sump pump out-letting into commercial sewer on premises.
3. Public Comments. No comments.
4. Adjourn : Ollila motioned to adjourn at 3:45, seconded by Smith. All in favor

X 
Bruce Petersen
Supervisor

X 
Amy Skewes
Clerk