

Sewer and Water Committee Meeting 03/19/2014

Where: Township Office

When: 11:00A.M.

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

Discussion Points:

>> Green Acres Road sewer project 7 options were discussed in great depth. The USDA – RD will take the median household income for the population served and multiply it by 1.5% = approximately \$50.68 per month. That would be the approximate basic amount that the RD would base their 75 X 25% grant/loan rate on. Chris identified the ‘recommended’ options 2 & 4 as servicing the smaller area and options 5 & 7 as servicing a larger area. The four best options on the spread sheet supplied used both gravity as well as low pressure smaller dia. systems that outletted either at a city manhole or at the Dodgeville lift station. A small addition was suggested off Green Acres road plus extending the service area down to the Misty Mountain Rentals. Chris will confirm the “minimum rate” of \$50.68 with Duane at RD. plus he will add in the two additional small service area inclusions and modify the supplied spread sheets. Once that is done a public meeting will be scheduled.

>> The setting of a maximum “cap” for reimbursement to people that can prove that their services were frozen under the county road was discussed. The Comm. will look at every submittal for reimbursement on a situation by situation scenario.

>> The costs for thawing water/sewer lines under the county road will remain in the respective water/sewer funds and not be drawn from the “general fund”.

>> Patty Abb who resides at 47825 McClellan St. sewer from 78’ from her trailer. Thus the blockage was under the county road and the committee agreed to reimburse her for her sewer line thawing.

>> The Committee thought that we should, in the near future, review and update the TWP’s freeze up policy that went in to affect in November of 2008.

>> The Frank Jackovich water spike for one month was reviewed – the Comm. decided to bill him for a 4 month preceding average plus the monthly base fee. He would then receive a reimbursement of \$240.00 from his original charge of \$301.15 that he paid.

>> Genevive Stone on Lincoln Street consumed 388,300 gallons of water after a frozen line burst and was not caught over a lengthy period. The meter was read twice to make sure that the consumption was correct. The water ran down from the first floor and out a shower stall thus getting in to the City of Houghton’s treatment system. The total bill was in the neighborhood of \$5,242.05 for the consumption and treatment of the water due to the weather related break. The Comm. wanted her to make a homeowner’s claim for the bill as well as her water related damages.

>> Lastly, The Committee wanted to provide comments about the 2008 vintage Twp. Personnel Manual earlier than June or 2014. Andrew and Peggy will read and comment on the dated Personnel Manual.

>> Adjourned by Peggy at 12:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce Petersen
Township Supervisor