

Sewer and Water Committee Meeting 12/19/2012

Where: Township Office

When: 7:00 P.M.

Who Present: Eic Waara (UPEA), Andrew Kemper, Peggy Anderson & Bruce Petersen

Discussion Points:

>> Discussed Tuesday nights (Budget hearing) meeting about the high cash inflow derived from the Portage Sewer fund billing and the deficit in the Portage Water fund.

>> Based on the above two comparisons it was decided to move approximately \$30,000.00 revenue out of the sewer fund in to the water fund.

>> A basic computation of charges was completed given the customer numbers of:

Portage Sewer = 326

Portage Water = 434

A rate change of approximately - \$7.50 in Portage Sewer and a + \$5.76 would be required to largely balance the funds.

>> The base fee should be altered to assure that \$30,000.00 flux of money from one fund to the other.

>> Could roll back the \$4.50 rate increase from the sewer charges that was done in March 2011.

>> Ultimately, the Committee decided to increase the base fee for water **\$6.00** and decrease the base fee **\$4.50** for the sewer.

>> It was discussed that Adams Township will be raising their water rates again in 2013.

>> Discussed the reallocation of employees Health Insurance and the equipment payments between the sewer and water funds based on dollars expended. If we took this approach for the re-allocation of the approx. \$30,000.00 it would require a reduction of **\$4.50** from the Portage Sewer base fee and an addition of **\$4.00** to the Portage Water base fee. (This will be discussed with Debbie Bradford as to how best to accomplish this.)

>> Adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce Petersen
Township Supervisor