

Water and Sewer Committee Meeting 06/04/2013

Where: Township Office

When: 10:00A .M.

Who Present: Andrew Kemper, Peggy Anderson & Bruce Petersen

Discussion Points:

>> UPPCO damage to our manhole that allowed a tremendous amount of spring snowmelt runoff infiltration and subsequent treatment costs from the City of Houghton. Discussed the April 2013 City of Houghton Bill. Total gallons treated 2,693,100 totaling \$17,612.87. The additional charge of \$29,944.11 was for the eight days (April 22,25,26,27,28,29 & 30, 2013) that the Township exceeded the 100,000 gals per day limit were the treatment costs are elevated and there are penalties levied. Historically, the Township would expect a bill in the range of \$12,000 to \$13,000 for the high runoff month of April. **SO:** with the normal usage, 8 days above 100,000 gallons plus the penalty the Twp. bill was \$47,556.98 going thru the Hurontown flo-dar meter. It was decided to send UPPCO a revised bill for \$34,500.00 to cover the Twp. cost for treatment that was caused by the manhole damage and subsequent Spring runoff that entered the sewage system.

>> The CM Morris water break under their concrete apron was discussed. They had paid their full bill and were reimbursed the sewage treatment portion of the bill based on the preceding three months average water bill. The assumed overage, the volume above their 3 month average that did not get in to the sewer system, those sewer charges were forgiven. That procedure for incidences like this was approved at the May 13, 2013 board of trustees meeting.

>> Discussed the Makkinon flood claim that occurred in January of 2013. The latest letter from Nick Daavettila was read. Discussed possible future safeguards that might lessen the potential for this happening again. The Twp. owns 1.78 acres at the tank and there is 260 plus feet along the road starting from the engineering firms south west property corner. The Twp. could either divert the water directly into the roadside ditch at the top of the hill, which would remove any potential for this occurring again **or** put the overflow water in to the other channel immediately northeast of the historic channel, were the floor drain outlets from the tank base. That would place the water further to the east away from the existing channel where it now flows in. Will look at the feasibility of each and decide on the best course of action – the DPW staff will then implement the best method.

>> Adjourned at Adjourned 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bruce Petersen
Township Supervisor