

**MARKEY TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, November 14, 2011**

Special meeting of the Markey Township Board called to order at 2:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Supervisor Kortge, Clerk Tussey, Treasurer Bell, Trustees Ciaramitaro and Fullmer.

Motion by Tussey, seconded by Ciaramitaro to approve agenda. All in favor. MC.

Public Comments:

Tom Burge thinks the refund should be given to the present owners.

Mike Cool of Baird, Cotter, and Bishop, P.C. explained that there are approximately 1142 valid parcels. He has created a color coded spreadsheet that indicates that a majority has clear ownership and the claim process should be simple, but there are others that are more difficult and some that may require legal advice.

Ron Meiring, Attorney, worked with Trustee Fullmer and Treasurer Bell in developing a claim form. It is a work in progress and will be changed as needed.

There is no set statutory requirement in terms of number of publications. He suggests we publish it one time at the onset.

It was agreed on that notices would be, 1) sent out with the 2011 Winter tax bills in December, 2) printed in the upcoming Newsletter (also to be sent with the tax bills), 3) published in the Houghton Lake Resorter, 4) posted at the township, 5) posted on our Website, which is www.markeytownship.org, 6) and published again some time later in the Houghton Lake Resorter.

The earliest start date that was determined was September 24, 1979 and the latest end date was January 31, 2007. On February 1, 2007, everything was then turned over to the Houghton Lake Sewer Authority. This is based on usage charges and not connection fees.

Sewer Ordinance #15 took effect February 11, 1978. Mike Cool explains that when you have a sewer that goes in, people have a certain amount of time before residents have to connect and that would account for the time lapse between the effective date of the ordinance and when there is actual usage.

The refund is a base per diem for the number of days one was connected plus interest over time based on historical data for a six-month CD based on the Federal Reserve rate. Interest rates are figured per year.

Based on the amount of \$1,150,000 being refunded, owners would get approximately 3 ½ cents per day plus interest. The remainder of the money will be for Administrative Costs and cover contingencies involved in returning the money.

Residents will need to submit a claim form and a W-9 form and allow 60 days for processing.

Frequently Asked Questions

Public Comments

Motion by Kortge, seconded by Fullmer to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. All in favor. MC.

**Sheryl J. Tussey, Clerk
Approved by Board**