

**GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP HELD A SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2009 AT 11:00 A.M.**

Board in attendance were J. Peek, J. Clark, R. Baldwin, D. MacFarlane, G. Todd,  
N. Stephan, B. Waldron-absent

The meeting was call to order by Supervisor B. Baldwin who led the board with the  
pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

This meeting was called review the Green Charter Township sewer budget/rates.  
We still do not know where the township is at with the City of Big Rapids rates.  
The supervisor reported in reviewing the current cost of the sewer system, there is a need  
for an increase of \$9.00 per quarter, (from \$74.00 current rate increased to \$83.00 per  
quarter. The supervisor presented the following component report.

*New Data Rates 9/29/09*

*Green Twp Sewer User Charge Rate per Unit*

**Components:**

*IPP \$1.67 per Unit*

*Upgrade Chg. \$10.13 per Unit*

*Debt Chg. \$4.50 per Unit*

*Demand Chg. \$66.70 per Unit*

***New Charge Rate per REU = \$83.00***

*Base Total Expense \$ 79,075.54*

*Projected Flow 10,762,000 gallons*

*REU = 239*

*Working with City's Frozen Rates of 2006*

There was a discussion, expressing the township needs to be upfront with the customers,  
informing them of the issues.

1. Number of customers is down to 239 from 277 in March 2008.
2. Rates may increase due to plant upgrade.

The draft letter of explanation for sewer rate adjustment prepared to send to the residents  
of Green Charter Township sewer utility system was reviewed and edited.

There was a discussion that the increase was required to cover the current charges to  
operate the system.

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve the increase in the  
quarterly demand charge for the sewer customers of Green Charter Township to \$83.00  
per quarter, per REU (Residential Equivalent Unit) from \$74.00 REU, beginning October  
1, 2009. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes.** Stephan, Todd, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark,  
Peek, Waldron-absent

**CONTINUED USERCHARGE RATE NEGOTIATIONS**

The email correspondence from attorneys J. White and E. Williams were distributed to  
the board for review. (Sept. 24, 25, & 28) Also distributed for review was the report  
from our township auditor in reviewing the allocation of costs in the Big Rapids Sewer  
system.

The discussion from the board was that the township needs to stand firm on contesting on  
the township's cost sharing of the fines from the DEQ.

**CHARLIE BROWN PARK**

J. Peek brought it to the attention of the board that one of the trees near Charlie Browns  
Park needs to be taken down. This will be addressed.

**MOTION** was made by J. Clark and supported by G. Todd to adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Janet Clark, Clerk  
Green Charter Township

