

mind, the lien attaches to the property so if you buy property from someone who doesn't use a title company, you end up with "their" lien and become liable for its payment. Some unfortunate owners ended up in that situation, but I worked with them to create a payment schedule that fit their budget. Filing a lien is necessary when owners are not acting responsibly. *A lien is over twice the cost of the annual dues, so it's always boggled my mind why someone would want to have that added expense instead of working with me to pay \$60.*

It's imperative that the treasurer keep the members accountable for paying their dues. It's the primary responsibility of the treasurer. Every delinquent account affects YOUR association.

#### **Vandalism**

- For those people who have vandalized the headquarters' shower house and/or other association property, or other owner's property – I say to you: you are simply causing more money to be taken out of your own pockets. All vandalism doesn't hurt the board members or the officers, it hurts the association which is you.
- Every time the board has to pay for fixing damage that's caused by its own members or strangers, the money comes out of your pockets. So, I plead to every member to keep your eyes and ears open to protect the property that belongs to YOU.

This is another reason why we keep reminding those who are going to sell their property to pass on the gate key to the new owner. Previous owners do not have the right to keep their keys or use the headquarters and there have been rumors that some previous owners may have taken advantage of the shower house and/or the use of the well water.

#### **Financial Statements**

- More detail has been provided on the annual financial statements with every year I've been on the board. This detail is intended to help everyone understand what the expenses are for and what income we've received. Examples are:
  - Showing the detail of how your \$60 is spent
  - Breaking out the road expense by the type of work (e.g., grading, plowing) and, after member input, by the area (i.e., Cape Labelle vs Lyman Lake).
  - Breaking out the headquarters/shower house expense

#### **In Summary**

My deepest sympathies go to those very few people within the association who are treating the current board with disrespect and the next election as though it's some sort of witch hunt. I would simply say "Karma can be unforgiving".

*To all the amazing owners of this association that I've built friendships with, I will miss talking with you and helping answer the questions you had. Thank you for putting your trust in me.*

*Jolene Metcalf*