

May 15, 2014

LAPEER TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Lapeer Township Offices and Community Building
1500 Morris Road, Lapeer Township, Lapeer County, Michigan

BOARD Clerk Dawn Walker, Supervisor Scott Jarvis, Treasurer Lori Ann Taylor, Trustees
PRESENT: Phil Thick and Bill Blaine.

RESIDENTS Per sign in sheets:
PRESENT: Greg & Kathy Moore, 2123 Forest Drive
Robin Check, 2146 Forest Drive
Don Swindell, 2122 Forest Drive
Bill Valley, 1321 Blooming Fields Drive
Sally Miller, 2090 Forest Drive
Rick Beebe, 2090 Forest Drive
Jim Grossbauer, 1329 Maple Grove Road
Scott & Brenda Bessette, 1257 Sugarbush Drive
Dave Frisch, 2135 Forest Drive
Kelli Kuhn, 2075 Forest Drive
Curt & Bev Seddon, 1200 Sugarbush Drive
James Shenck, 2110 Forest Drive
Debbie Keast, 2063 Forest Drive
Chris Geroux, 1309 Blooming Fields Drive
Edwin Barber, 1296 Sugarbush Drive
Kurtis Rose, 1295 Sugarbush Drive
Kim Novak, 2134 Forest Drive
Don & Lori Peacock, 2080 Forest Drive
Jim & Cheryl LaDuke, 2099 Forest Drive
Julie & Darrell Hagen, 2147 Forest Drive
Ryan Doyle, Lapeer County Road Commission

Supervisor Jarvis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Blooming Fields Estate Special Assessment District

Supervisor, Scott Jarvis stated that he had received petitions from residents interested in road improvements in their subdivision consisting of properties on Blooming Fields Drive, Sugarbush Drive and Forest Drive. Based upon the interest shown by property owners' road construction and improvement plans along with cost estimates for the project were procured from the Lapeer County Road Commission. A special assessment district is being considered for the recovery of costs associated with the project.

Clerk, Dawn Walker reported that proper notice of the hearing has been published in the Lapeer County Press newspaper on May, 4, 2014 and in the LAView newspaper on May 8, 2014. Notices were mailed by first-class mail to each property owner within the proposed assessment district as shown on the current tax rolls of the Township on May 1, 2014. The public hearing notice was also placed on the website, effective May 1, 2014.

Supervisor Jarvis asked the public if there were any corrections, additions or changes to any information on the public notice. Costs would only be charged to the parcels included in the proposed district that would benefit from the proposed project. He also stated that there are four (4) additional metes and bounds parcels added to the district as they receive a benefit from the proposed project.

Clerk Walker explained that it is important to realize that if a special assessment district moves forward; each platted parcel would be responsible for an equal share of the assessment. Therefore, if you own 1 ½ parcels, or 2 or 3 parcels, you would pay the special assessment on each platted parcel.

Public Hearing:

Supervisor Jarvis opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.
Questions and comments received from the residents included:

- How does work commence, please explain the procedure?
- What is the meaning of the amounts of money in the public hearing notice?
- How thick is the proposed paving?
- Why can't we do this project ourselves since we are paying for it?
- Will the proposed work correct the drainage problems?
- We want it done, but done right.
- Is there a warranty on the projected work?
- Have a certified engineer review the plans and drainage.
- Are the driveway culverts being replaced?
- Will the Township help pay any of the expense?
- We need more information.
- How soon can it be completed?

Many comments were received in regard to the cost of the road project being higher than anticipated. A price was received from residents privately. This price came in cheaper than the bids received from the Lapeer County Road Commission on the proposed project.

Lapeer County Road Commission representative, Ryan Doyle explained to residents the process of submitting a bid for road projects. He stated that this project was put out to bid with specifications for the proposed job. In this way everyone is bidding on the same plans and specifications. He answered questions in regards to the height of the road. The project as they bid it out. He discussed drainage issues in the subdivision with residents. Ryan also stated that he is a certified engineer. There is no need to pay another engineer when the Road Commission does this already.

Township Attorney, Brian Garner explained the process of Public Act 188 and the purpose of holding public hearings. He explained the monetary amounts mentioned in the public hearing notice. He also explained the process needed to move forward with the project. The project can move forward with township board approval unless the owners of more than 20% file written objections at or before the first public hearing.

Treasurer Taylor explained that a special assessment is a tax added to the tax roll. If it is not paid, your property could go into foreclosure.

Trustee Thick added to the discussion in explaining about the public bid process as some confusion seems to exist in regards to this.

Residents noted that they would like the Road Commission to reassess the project and ensure that all drainage issues are being addressed within the scope of the proposed work.

The public hearing was recessed at 9:03 p.m. until further work estimates in regards to drainage are explored and costs relayed by the Lapeer County Road Commission.

Adjournment: *The meeting was unanimously adjourned (at 9:03 p.m.).*

Dawn M. Walker

Dawn M. Walker, CMC
Lapeer Township Clerk