

*Excerpts of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Township Board of Ross Township held at 2372 Tabernacle Street Hickory Corners, MI 49060 within the Township on Tuesday October 10, 2017, commencing at 7:00pm.

New Business:

Supervisor Moore stated:

With regard to the Township Road Improvements project, the Township has been discussing this matter at Township Board public meetings for over a year. We have held two noticed Town hall public meetings and noticed a hearing to establish the district. The special assessment district was then established on September 12, 2017. The Township has prepared the assessment roll, indicating the properties that are in the district and the amount that each property will be assessed. The purpose of this public hearing is to hear any objections to the assessment roll, whether there is an objection to the amount to be assessed or the property's inclusion on the roll. We are not here to argue the merits of whether to move forward with the project. That has already been decided. The Township has prepared the roll and the roll is here for examination.

The total project amount is \$6,009,343 and the total amount which is to be raised by special assessment is \$5,461,912. The amount to be assessed against each improved parcel is \$2,362.00 and the amount to be assessed against each unimproved parcel is \$1,187.00, which amounts will be paid over a 15 year period with interest. The assessments will begin with the Winter 2017 tax bill and will be billed each year thereafter in the same manner.

If any interested person wished to protest the amount of the special assessment and has not previously done so in writing, he or she must do so prior to the close of this public hearing and tonight's meeting in order to preserve the right to take an appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Please remember that the special assessment project has already been approved, so the issue for this meeting is whether a property is properly included on the roll and the amount of the proposed assessment. If there is anyone here who wishes to protest, please indicate your protest. If you do not want to speak but still register your protest, you can sign on to the protest sign-up sheet located at both entrances.

The Township Board can amend, correct or revise the assessment roll based on comments at this meeting. The Township Board may consider revising the roll to reflect parcels that have been joined together prior to this meeting. The assessment amounts under this revised roll are \$2,380.00 for improved parcels and \$1,190.00 for unimproved parcels.

Clerk Kellogg stated:

Notice of the public hearing was published in the Kalamazoo Gazette on September 29, 2017 and October 5, 2017 and was mailed by first class mail to each property owner within the proposed special assessment district as shown on the current tax rolls of the Township on September 29, 2017.

Motion to open the public hearing was approved. See remaining Board Minutes.

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