

**ROSS TOWNSHIP  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING  
ROSS TOWNSHIP ROAD IMPROVEMENTS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE ROSS TOWNSHIP,  
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on the motion of the Township Board, as authorized by PA 188 of 1954, as amended, (Public Act 188) the Township Board proposes to improve nearly all of the public roads within the Township, pursuant to proposed Plans describing the road improvements and locations, so as to improve the overall quality of public roads within the Township (the "Improvements") and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of part of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited, which District will be known as the Ross Township Road Improvements Special Assessment District No. 1 (the "District"). The Ross Township Board has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to undertake the Improvements and to create the District.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the District within which the Improvements are proposed to be made and within which a portion of the costs thereof are proposed to be specially assessed are more particularly described as follows:

All parcels in the Township excepting those parcels located in the Village of Augusta, on M-89, on M-96, that are land locked, and those otherwise exempt by law from Public Act 188 special assessments.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Township has received a study of road conditions and recommended improvements which had been undertaken by the Kalamazoo County Road Commission utilizing nationally accepted road rating and improvement standards. That study assisted the Township in developing the proposed Plans. The Township Board has received the proposed Plans for the Improvements, together with an estimate of the cost of the Improvements in the amount of \$6,009,343.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that pursuant to the Plans the Township Board proposes to recover a part of the costs through a special assessment on those parcels within the District on a per-parcel basis estimated at \$2,400 per improved parcel and \$1,200 per non-improved parcel. The annual special assessments are proposed to be \$160 per year for improved parcels and \$80 per year for non-improved parcels, all plus interest (including administrative fees), payable over a period of fifteen (15) years.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Ross Township Board will hold a public hearing at a meeting of the Township Board on August 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at the Kellogg Biological Station Auditorium-MSU, 3700 East Gull Lake Drive, Hickory Corners, MI 49060 within the Township, to hear and consider any objections to the proposed Plans, Improvements, District and all other matters relating to said Improvements and the District.

At the hearing, the Board will consider any written objections and comments to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Clerk at or before the hearing, and any objections or comments raised at the hearing; and at the hearing (or any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice), the Township Board may revise, correct, amend or change the Plans, cost estimates or special assessment district. All interested persons are invited to be present at the hearing at the aforesaid time and place in person or by representative and to submit comments concerning the foregoing.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that if written objections to the project are filed with the Township Board at or before the hearing, signed by the record owners of land constituting more than 20% of the total frontage within the proposed special assessment District, then the Township Board may not proceed unless petitions in support of the Plans, signed by record owners of more than 50% of the total frontage to be made into a special assessment District, are filed with the Township. Written comments or objections may be filed with the Township Clerk at the address below.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that if the Township Board determines to proceed with the special assessment, the Board will cause a special assessment roll to be prepared and another hearing will be held, after notice to record owners of property proposed to be specially assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessments. Appearance and protest at such public hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 35 days after the special assessment roll is confirmed.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the proposed Plans and estimates of cost for the Improvements are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

**PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESMENT DISTRICT AND THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF COST SHALL NOT BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 10% WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.**

ROSS TOWNSHIP will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon four (4) days notice to the Ross Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Clerk, Monica Markillie at the address or telephone number listed below.

Monica Markillie, Clerk  
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12086 M-89  
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