

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ORION BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TOMMY’S LAKE WATER QUALITY CONTROL SAD #5 – COST ESTIMATE
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES, MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER. The Charter Township of Orion Board of Trustees held a Public Hearing on Monday, June 18, 2018 at the Orion Township Hall, 2525 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, Michigan. The Public Hearing was held to provide an opportunity for members of the public to offer comments related to the Tommy’s Lake Quality Control SAD #5 – Cost Estimate.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Barnett, Penny Shults, Brian Birney, Julia Dalrymple, Mike Flood & John Steimel

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Donni Steele (*with notice*)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rick Arnett	Dan Dewey	Julie Savard	Bob & Toni Watros
JoAnn VanTassel	Erick Hunter	Chris Hagan	Joe Calahan
Brian Hearn	Lil Hutchison	Charles Thompson	David Ostertag
Aaron Whatley	Alana Hart	Chip Taylor	George Hanley
Sandra Young	Sandra Barr	Thomas Flack	Chuck Hold
Elaine Brophy	Carol Lopp	Joe Mastromatteo	Melissa Berwick
Gary Roberts	Gearldine Fletcher	Jerry Richards	Mario Izzi
James Critchley	Neil Matthews	Ellen McLean	Robert McLean

Supervisor Barnett convened the Public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

The Public Hearing was held to afford the opportunity for public comment concerning the Tommy’s Lake Quality Control SAD #5 – Cost Estimate.

Rick Arnett – 1155 Beach Drive, provided an overview of the process to initiate Tommy’s Lake Water Quality Control SAD #5 Cost Estimate. Mr. Arnett expressed frustration about the process and wanted the Township to help get the cost estimate established before the petitions are circulated to help support the SAD. Mr. Arnett expressed the commitment to the lake improvements, and requested that the Township considering increasing their contribution to 20%, as the Township has deed ownership of 50% of Tommy’s Lake.

Sandy Barr, 1373 Beach Drive, stated that she did not see the petition and was never asked to sign it. Ms. Barr stated that she believes that there is a danger with the chemicals used since the people who are applying it are wearing HAZ Mat Suits, and the residents are told not to allow pets or children to drink the water. Ms. Barr stated she is also concerned about the electrical meter being on Township property, and the ramifications if the land ends up getting sold. Ms. Barr stated she could change her mind if she could have assurances on the herbicides, chemicals and no danger to pets and children. Ms. Barr also expressed concern about being told that the residents will have to buy additional insurance to cover the lake association in case someone gets hurt, and wants to know why they have to purchase this.

JoAnn VanTassel, 2726 Saturn, stated that while she doesn’t live on the lake, she is familiar with SAD law, and stated that it is her understanding that cost assessed is based on the basis of the

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benefit. Ms. VanTassel stated if the Township owns the property on the east side of the lake, and that constitutes a large portion, for example 50 % of the frontage, then the Township as whole will be benefitting by any improvements to that body of water. Ms. VanTassel asked that more research the SAD law regarding apportionment of cost based on benefit and come up a more fair and equitable distribution of the costs before approving the SAD.

Rick Arnott, 1155 Beach Drive, stated that no chemicals will be applied. Mr. Arnott stated that the location of the electrical is yet to be determined, but if it does end up on Township property, they would have an agreement about an easement that would be put into place to make sure both parties are protected. Mr. Arnott stated that the issue of insurance is unrelated to the SAD, as it is a homeowner's association issue.

Seeing and hearing no other citizens were interested in providing comments and no written comments were received related to the Tommy's Lake Quality Control SAD #5 – Cost Estimate Supervisor Barnett adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Penny S. Shults, Clerk

Chris Barnett, Supervisor
Charter Township of Orion

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