

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ORION BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CENTRAL DRIVE ROAD IMPORVEMENT SAD #2 – COST ESTIMATE
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES, MONDAY, JULY 2, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER. The Charter Township of Orion Board of Trustees held a Public Hearing on Monday, July 2, 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 Central Drive Road Improvement SAD #2 – Cost Estimate.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Barnett (*with notice*)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dan Dewey	Catherine Kempenaar	Dave & Nancy Archer
Aaron Whatley	Erin Rohlfing	M. McCarter
Jeff Stout	Mike Sabo	Kat Sedlak
George Hanley	Debra Bunker-Plasters	Skip Kohn
Sandra Lee Campos	Clark Plasters	Fred & Cheryl Warstler
Tim & Sandra Pinchback	Den & Elaine Brophy	Ron Lovell
Carl Lizut	Scott Gall	Kathryn Klinger
Thomas Flack	Glenn Rohder	Sid & Anthonay Pecorado
Paul & Lesley Rotole	Donald Connery	Rick Vandenboom
Richard & Susan Harvard	Church Gold	Kathy Vandenboom
Earl & Yvonne Gautsche	Collin & Angela Hoan	Chris Murano
Gerald Gortat	Joe Jenett	Jim & Linda Leonard
Rich Flanny	Robert Babinski	Craig Kempenaar
Gene & Eduardo Crain	Lil Hutchison	Shagena
Ricky Rice	Nancy Hennings	Nicole Toth

Trustee Steimel convened the Public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

The Public Hearing was held to afford the opportunity for public comment concerning the Central Drive Road Improvement SAD #2 – Cost Estimate.

Lesley Rotole - 300 Peninsular, stated she supports the SAD and the road improvements are much needed and the current condition of the road cannot stay this way.

Joe Jenett – 908 Shorewood, stated the information they received does not show the cost per parcel. He supports the improvements but he will reserve his final input until he knows what the taxes will be.

Dave Archer – 829 Fairview, said to take \$493,000 divided by the number of parcels to get a rough estimate of the taxes.

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Carl Lizut – 649 Central, inquired if Oakland County Road Commission is responsible for part of the road repairs and he want to know the separation between Orion Township and Oakland County’s contribution. He also wanted to know why Oakland County was not present.

Ricki Rice - 155 Park Island, owns over 1600 feet of frontage on Central Drive. He owns five parcels and if we do this by unit/parcel he will pay over \$9,000. Mr Rice expressed concerns over existing major drainage problems and does not want the road draining onto his property.

Earl Gautsche – 653 Central, wants OHM to discuss the work plan. There are other problems that are not being addressed with drainage. Mr. Gautsche asked for the assurance that other road drainage issues would be addressed.

Sandra Lee Campos – 856 Central, inquired as to why the road is being patched now over the past three days. She wanted to know how many bids were submitted. Stated that topsoil and seed at the side of the road was not needed and asked who would maintain it. Some of the money being spent she disagrees with and wanted to know where the funds were for Oakland County. She is very sorry she signed the petition.

Nancy Archer – 829 Fairview, has lived in the neighborhood a long time and supports the SAD. Ms. Archer stated it has to get done and now is the time to do it.

Keith Flanagan – 374 Oak Lane, said the reason they were fixing the road recently is because it’s a mess. He supports the SAD and is embarrassed by the current condition.

Tim Pinchback – 869 Central, supports the SAD and wants the hill addressed.

Nicole Toth – 847 Fairview, supports the SAD and said the road is atrocious.

Kat Sedlak – 596 Central, supports the SAD, needs to be done so let’s do it.

Mark Miller – 879 Central, supports the SAD and said he has been a resident since 1980. He has concerns about speeding once the road is fixed and wants to put in stop signs to slow down the traffic. Just stopping traffic would make people slow down.

Erin Rohlfig - 534 Central, supports the SAD and said she is a proud home owner and wants to support neighborhood improvements. The cost of the road improvements will be worth it.

Bob Babinski – 804 Central, stated he used to walk up and down the road but can’t any longer because it’s too dangerous. People fly down the road and he would almost rather see the road stay potholes if speeders won’t slow down. He owns two lots and wants two votes.

Sydni Pecoraro – 817 Fairview, she has lived here for 20 years. The repairs have been minimal. She also asked if there could be restrictions for large trucks.

Richard Howard – 9 Chamberlin, supports the SAD due to the craters in the road.

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Dave Archer – 829 Fairview, wants to address the process and wants to know the timeline.

Ron Lovell – 57 Chamberlin, we need to budget in the SAD for ongoing maintenance.

Trustee Steimel asked Jim Stevens, OHM to provide information regarding the timeline and road construction process, stop signs, Oakland County contributions, grass on shoulders, and contingency fees. Trustee Steimel also indicated that locally we don't have control over limiting truck traffic.

Jim Stevens outlined the process and said design and details of the road improvements and drainage issues will be completed then bids will be sought and evaluated. Road construction should begin in the Spring of 2019. He indicated he will speak with the Road Commission regarding traffic signs and they will determine the criteria. Restoration of the construction area is required and includes seeding the shoulder of the roads and the seed is a hardy mix for road ways. The Road Commission will be contributing approximately \$100,000 in engineering services. Contingency fees are necessary due to unforeseen events and it's typical to see 10%.

Trustee Steimel stated the SAD is assessed by benefit per parcel ID number.

Attorney Dan Kelly said the Special Assessment Roll is charged by parcel ID number. He said the Board has the power to remove parcels and asked the residents to put their request in writing. He affirmed there will be another hearing and property owners must protest if they want to appeal the assessment at the Michigan Tax Tribunal. He indicated that if the bids are too high then the SAD process would start over.

Trustee Steimel said this will take some time to bring back to the Board with the final numbers and it would likely be in September or October.

Clerk Shults asked the residents to put it in writing to Julie Savard if their parcels should be combined or removed from the SAD.

Treasurer Steele indicated the residents will have to facilitate ongoing maintenance of the road after construction is complete.

Joe Jenett – 908 Shorewood Court, asked Dan Kelly to clarify what to expect in September.

Attorney Kelly stated that everyone can expect to know how much per parcel they will be assessed and how many parcels would be included in the SAD.

Dave Archer – 829 Fairview, stated we are being asked to approve SAD on an assumption and wanted to know when we would know the final cost.

Attorney Kelly stated that State law requires the Board to adopt things in sequence. The Township does not move forward if the residents don't want to move forward.

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Carl Lizut – 649 Central, asked when the next meeting would be and when will we know what each person will pay?

Clerk Shults affirmed that this will likely be on the agenda in September or October when bids have been received and reviewed. The effected residents would be noticed of the meeting and costs associated with the road improvements.

Don Connery – 745 Central Drive asked people to raise their hand if you want to move forward.

Trustee Steimel stated residents could bring a petition to stop the process as this SAD was requested by the residents. If you object to the SAD come to the next meeting so you can go to the Michigan Tax Tribunal to appeal the assessment.

Carl Lizut – 649 Central, asked if Indianwood Golf Course is paying for only one parcel.

Clerk Shults read into the record the names of the residents who sent emails or letters including Brian and Susan Woodcock - 150 Shorewood, Michael and Deborah Bloomgren – 811 Fairview, and Steve Weingartz – 805 Fairview who were all in favor of the SAD.

Clerk Shults received a letter from Nancy Hennings – 100 Central Drive who formally protested the assessment of three parcels 09-03-403-003, 004 and 005 because she has submitted a request to the Township to combine the parcels into one parcel ID. Ms. Hennings also submitted a letter from the Township supporting the combination request received final approval on June 15, 2018.

Seeing and hearing no other citizens were interested in providing comments related to the Central Drive Road Improvement SAD #2 – Cost Estimate Trustee Steimel adjourned the Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Penny S. Shults, Clerk

Chris Barnett, Supervisor
Charter Township of Orion

Transcription: P. Shults