

Johnstown Township Minutes

13641 South M-37 Highway. Battle Creek, Michigan 49017

Special Board Meeting & Public Hearing – September 11, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.

Winans Drive Private Road Improvement Special Assessment

Special Board Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Barb Earl, Clerk Sheri Babcock, Treasurer Karmen Nickerson, Trustee Deana Powell, Trustee Jeff Warren

Absent: none.

Visitors: 5

Agenda: Motion by Warren to approve the agenda. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Warren to close the Special Meeting and open the Public Hearing. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Special Meeting closed & Public Hearing opened: 5:32 p.m

Public Comments:

- Resident Dick Hook asked the Board to consider using the previous precedent for the Special Assessment District for Winans Drive on a per owner basis, rather than per parcel, so that all residents in the District will pay for the improvement. If the Board elects to not move forward with the Special Assessment on a per owner basis, the residents may need to stop the process and reconsider how to best move forward.
- Resident Hillary Casari summarized the letter Brian Casari submitted to the Board dated 9/3/24, requesting the Special Assessment be assessed per owner, not per parcel. The letter further states if the Special Assessment is to be assessed per parcel, he would formally revoke his signature from the petitions.

Motion by Warren to close the Public Hearing and reopen the Special Meeting. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing closed & reopen Special Meeting: 5:36 p.m

Board Discussion about Special Assessment District

Board review and discussion of the proposed Special Assessment District list prepared by the Clerk containing 36 parcels. Parcels color coded white indicate owners with multiple parcels (8 parcels); yellow indicates parcels to be exempt (6 parcels); and green indicated parcels to be assessed under the proposed “per owner” framework (28 parcels). Owners of multiple parcels would be assessed only for the parcel with the greatest frontage being assessed. Under this plan, the District would result in a Special Assessment Roll of 28 owners, and align with the residents’ stated plan to assess per owner.

Resolution No. 2: Resolution #2024-9-1: Special Assessment District No. 2024-1. Resolution on Winans Drive Private Road Improvement Special Assessment District No. 2024-1 offered by Warren. Supported by Powell.

Upon roll call vote: Ayes: Warren, Powell, Babcock, Nickerson, Earl.
Nays: None.

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the Resolution duly adopted.

Interest Rate: Motion by Powell to set the interest rate at 3% over the 3-year term of the Winans Drive Road Improvement Special Assessment. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Powell to adjourn. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Attested to by:
Barbara Earl
Supervisor



Sheri Babcock, Clerk