

WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Watervliet Charter Township Hall
August 8, 2011

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by D Hutchins, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustees in attendance: P Bambrick, D Hutchins, J Matthews, J Stepich, V Kinzler and B Wallace.

Special Assessment District

- **Moved** by J Stepich supported by B Wallace to accept Watervliet Charter Township Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 1, Resolution No. 3, as written.
Aye: J Matthews, V Kinzler, B Wallace, J Stepich, P Bambrick, D Hutchins
Absent: T Scheid

- Township payback schedule, including any possible financing cost, will be discussed at the August 15th regular board meeting.

North Shore Parking Lot Expansion

- The additional cost of putting in a concrete divider has been bid at \$3,700 to come out of the Road Fund. Approval will be voted on at the August 15th regular board meeting.

Lift Station Generators

- Pads have been poured for the installation of the generators, gas lines are expected to go in on August 20th, landscaping/noise abatement will be explored.

Other Business

- A downed tree was removed on Highland
- Several township roads are being slurry sealed
- Two trees need to be removed at Sunset Park
- D Jones, Watervliet Fire Board Chairman, presented a 10-year capital investment plan. The Fire Board is expected to name a head of fire services at their August 10th meeting.

Adjournment

- **Moved** by V Kinzler, supported by J Stepich at 10:45 a.m. to adjourn the meeting. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bambrick, Clerk

Dan Hutchins, Supervisor

**JOINT MEETING OF
COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP AND WATERLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP
and
PUBLIC HEARING
August 30, 2011
Coloma Township Hall**

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. respectively by Coloma Township Supervisor Parrigin and Watervliet Township Supervisor Hutchins.

Moved by Coloma Trustee Brian Duffield and supported by Cindy Aviles to name William Fahey as Public Hearing moderator. Aye: Aviles, Duffield, Fulton, Becht, Mitchell, Parrigin, Kraemer.

Moved by Watervliet Trustee Stepich, supported by Bambrick, to name William Fahey as Public Hearing moderator. Aye: Matthews, Kinzler, Scheid, Wallace, Stepich, Hutchins, Bambrick.

Public Hearing opened.

Moderator Fahey explained

- Hearing is being held under Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1954.
- Each township has adopted Resolutions
 - creating the special assessment districts
 - approving the petitions for improvements
 - approving the estimated costs and plans for improvements
- Assessment rolls have been prepared for both townships
- Indicated the purpose of the hearing is to hear public comments and objections to the proposed special assessment rolls.
- Explained how the public hearing was noticed
- Reviewed the improvement plan
 - Five-year Sonar treatment plan
 - Four-year pilot project using aeration
 - Pilot project results will be studied
 - Duration of the improvements and the Special Assessment Districts will be five years
 - Estimated cost of improvements total \$855,500
- Reviewed the Special Assessment District
- Reviewed the Proposed Special Assessments
 - Estimated Watervliet Township cost is \$446,800
 - Estimated Coloma Township cost is \$408,700
 - Each buildable parcel that has direct access via frontage along Paw Paw Lake or direct channel access via channel frontage to Paw Paw Lake is estimated at \$180.93 per year or \$904.65 for five years.

- Each buildable parcel that has indirect access via deeded or dedicated lake access to Paw Paw Lake or indirect access via frontage along Lake Stella is estimated at \$18.09 per year or \$90.45 for five years.
- Each marina on Paw Paw Lake is estimated at \$3616 per year or \$1,809.30 for five year for the first eight slips or less, and at \$361.86 per year or \$1,809.30 for five years for each additional eight slips of less.
- Reviewed the method used for assessment
 - There are no set formulas in the law for determining benefit.
 - Properties that are closest to the lake and have more direct access are considered to have more benefit.
 - Properties that have a higher use are considered to have more benefit than properties with a lower use.
 - After the five-year assessment is ended there will not be any further assessment authorized unless the Township Boards conduct public hearings to determine new projects, estimated costs, and special assessment districts.
- Acknowledged written comments:
 - Written objections were received from: Nancy Baiers, Arlene Kehoe, George Marutz, Cheryl VanDrasek, Thomas E Chomicz, Veronica Ferrick, Ruth Fricke, and Marcia VanDrasek.
- Oral comments and/or objections were heard.

The Public Hearing was declared closed at 7:45 p.m.

Watervliet Supervisor Hutchins announced that Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 1 Resolution No. 4 would be addressed at a Special Board Meeting on September 7, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Coloma Supervisor Parrigin indicated that Coloma Township would address the Resolution at their Regular Board Meeting on September 14.

Adjournment:

Moved by Coloma Trustee Brian Duffield, supported by Lance Becht, to adjourn the Coloma Township meeting. Approved.

Moved by Watervliet Trustee Joe Stepich, supported by Vick Kinzler, to adjourn the Watervliet Township meeting. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Bambrick, Watervliet Township Clerk

Sandy Kraemer, Coloma Township Clerk

Dan Hutchins, Watervliet Township Supervisor

Ken Parrigin, Coloma Township Supervisor