

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ORION BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SSH & SSH #1 PRIVATE ROAD MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
DISTRICT #3 – COST ESTIMATE WORK PLAN MINUTES, MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019

CALL TO ORDER. The Charter Township of Orion Board of Trustees held a Public Hearing on Monday, May 6, 2019, at the Orion Township Hall, 2525 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, Michigan. The SSH & SSH #1 Private Road Maintenance Special Assessment District #3 – Cost Estimate/Work Plan Public Hearing was held to provide an opportunity for members of the public to offer comments related to this.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Barnett, Penny Shults, Donni Steele, Brian Birney, (*Trustee Birney arrived at 6:45 p.m.*) Julia Dalrymple, Mike Flood, John Steimel

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dan Dewey	John Pender	Mitch Tarrance	Brian Hearn
Lisa Reynolds	Frank Kunz	Harold Mitchell	Mary Mitchell
Nicholas Modak	Aubrey Rocco	Lil Hutchison	Sherrri Bowers
Aaron Whatley	George Hanley	Donald Piirala	Nathan Butki
Frank Boni	Marine Boni	Kathleen Fitzgibbon	Blake Shutwell
Kathleen Lester	Charles Lester	Sgt. D. Zehnpfenning	Joe & Cindy Fraga
Barbara Duff	Claude Duff	Sharon Kelly	Roger Buches
Joanne Buches	Nancy Thede	Gary Thede	Peggy Osborne
David Berlin			

Supervisor Barnett convened the Public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Clerk Shults read correspondence that were received from the following: Richard and Denise Winter, 686 Pine Tree Road, stated that they are opposed to this SAD; Ronald Wiczorek, 1283 Heights is also opposed to the SAD; Alan R. Meier and Karen E. Meier, Meier Family Trust, 11009 Auburndale Road are in favor of the SAD.

Frank Kunz, 1220 Kempster Road, stated that he is in favor of the SAD; however, he is concerned because the work plan doesn't contain any provisions for the two-lane widening of Kempster Road at Hill Lawn and Heights Road. Mr. Kunz stated he believes it is a safety hazard and there have been a few accidents there, one of which he was involved in. Mr. Kunz stated that the road is very narrow and it's a one-lane road but when talking with the Sherriff, he said it is a two-lane road after checking with the county. In addition, Mr. Kunz stated he would like to see the work plan also include provisions to address the pothole situation in between the three road gradings, as the surface of the road is very hard and when a pothole is created, they are very rough and we continuously have that problem with the potholes.

Nate Butki, 1342 Maple Pt., thanked the Board for their support of the SAD for the last nine years. Mr. Butki stated that the first one in place was in March 2010, and there are at least three reasons why this SAD is really important, and we greatly appreciate the support for it. Mr. Butki stated the SAD is efficient, effective and it's necessary. Mr. Butki stated with this being our third round of the SAD we have proven consistently a high level of efficiency with

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implementing the plan on schedule and on time, and because of the rules it is on budget often able to coordinate resources and by doing it for four seasons we were able to get more bang for our buck. Mr. Butki stated that it's effective as the roads in the area contain potholes and there are seasonal potholes for sure, but if you compare it to what it was before we had the SAD, it isn't even a comparison. Mr. Butki stated that it is very effective and not only in the road quality, but more importantly, in the winter months where we actually have it plowed and cleared and safe to get in and out of the neighborhood - finally, because it is necessary. Mr. Butki stated that when we had the neighborhood set up before the SAD, there was no mechanism to do any of this work and absent the SAD, we would be in a neighborhood that has no gravel, no grading, and no snow plowing, putting us not only in very rough shape for the conditions of the road, but also unnecessarily safe. Mr. Butki stated for that, we really appreciate the support to allow them to keep operating in a way that is efficient, effective and needed.

Kathy Lester, 1365 Kempster Rd., stated that she wanted to thank the Board for supporting the SAD in the past, as we really need it. Ms. Lester stated that the roads are so much better and it's a lot safer in her subdivision for ingress and egress, and she hopes the SAD is approved because it is really needed.

Clerk Shults read a letter received from Dale and Carol Kotila and they wrote that they object to the SAD, as even though the snow has been removed, but past that, little is done that could be considered regular maintenance, so they are opposed to this SAD.

Trustee Flood asked the attorney if this is the time that residents who are opposed to the SAD can speak up in order to get their opposition on record for the tax tribunal, but not during the deliberation later on.

Attorney Daniel Kelly stated that they can express their opposition at both times.

Joe and Cindy Fraga, 1270 Kempster, stated that they have lived here for thirty years and the roads are in the best condition that they have been. Mr. Fraga stated that as far as some people that say they are not; it is not true. Mr. Fraga stated that there were times that we couldn't even get through the roads before we came up with the SAD, so we are both definitely in favor of the SAD.

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Seeing and hearing no other citizens interested in providing comments or any other written comments were received related to the SSH & SSH #1 Private Road Maintenance Special Assessment District #3 – Cost Estimate/Work Plan Public Hearing, Supervisor Barnett adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Penny S. Shults, Clerk

Chris Barnett, Supervisor
Charter Township of Orion

Transcription: K. Comeau