

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ORION BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ELKHORN LAKE WATER QUALITY CONTROL SAD #6 -
PUBLIC HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL MINUTES,
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER. The Charter Township of Orion Board of Trustees held a Public Hearing on Monday, August 19, 2019, at the Orion Township Hall, 2525 Joslyn Road, Lake Orion, Michigan. The Elkhorn Lake Water Quality Control Special Assessment District #6 – Public Hearing on Special Assessment Roll 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, Julia Dalrymple, Mike Flood, John Steimel

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dan Dewey	John Klebba	Richard Brown	Kathy Brown
Paul Demeritt	David Wells	David Brennan	Rosalie Ward
Lil Hutchison	Jenn Zielinski	Denise Burns	Sharon Berridge
Gary Roberts	Steve Patterson	Connie Phillips	James Blust
Ian Locke	Ken Svoboda	Bill Pruett	Lesle Cole
Jack Wood	Jack Vanarsdale	Lorie Vanarsdale	Sandy Kiesel
Phil Christi			

Supervisor Barnett convened the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Clerk Shults gave an overview regarding the Special Assessment District. Clerk Shults stated that we did not receive any written comments related to this SAD.

Sharon Berridge, 1210 W. Clarkston Rd., stated that she is concerned about water quality and within the last five years, the swan pair on the lake has had 23 chicks and only 3 have survived. We have lost frogs; we have lost turtles and we have lost beneficial plants. Ms. Berridge stated that she understands that the milfoil and some other plants are noxious and they are invasive species and something does need to be done about them, but not at the cost of the aqua system of the lake. The more sunlight that is introduced into the water, the more the plants grow. As the plants are poisoned and die, the fish and amphibians and everything that needs cover or cooler water loses that ability to hide and protect themselves. Ms. Berridge stated that she has let a buffer grow between the lakefront that she lives on and Clarkston Rd., so that when water rushes down from a storm, the plants will hold the pollution that comes down the driveway from the road. Ms. Berridge stated that she does not fertilize, and a lot of people use lawn fertilizer on the lake and if that was eliminated, the plants wouldn't grow as fast. Ms. Berridge stated she spends a lot of time outside in the summer and she hears fisherman complain about the fish that they catch with deformities, and she wouldn't eat a fish out of the lake if she had to. Ms. Berridge stated that she is hoping that the company that is contracted has some way of treating the lake so that we don't lose it, and we are not drinking poisoned water in twenty or thirty years.

Supervisor Barnett stated that he has noted Ms. Berridge's concerns for the record, but he stated he is not a lake quality expert to be able to speak on the concerns.

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Julianne Savard stated that she doesn't recall the name of this company, but they do a couple of lakes. The company and the work that they do is chosen by the residents, not the Township.

Seeing and hearing no other citizens were interested in providing comments or any other written comments were received related to the Elkhorn Lake Water Quality Control Special Assessment District #6 –Public Hearing on Special Assessment Roll, Supervisor Barnett adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Penny S. Shults, Clerk

Chris Barnett, Supervisor
Charter Township of Orion

Transcription: K. Comeau