

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ORION BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LONG LAKE WATER QUALITY CONTROL SAD #1 – 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 Long Lake Water Quality Control Special Assessment District #1 –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 7:03 p.m.

Clerk Shults gave an overview regarding the Special Assessment District.

Clerk Shults stated that written comments were received from Matthew & Victoria Durack, 153 Franklin Wright Blvd., in support of the SAD; Robert Cooney, 769 S. Long Lake Blvd., in support of the SAD; and Rob Mazzola, 1478 Lakeview Dr., sent a letter of support for the SAD.

John Klebba, 939 S. Long Lake, asked what the set-up fee will be on his bill next year, and what the fee would be the following year. Mr. Klebba stated that he is concerned about the quality of the water when the chemicals are put in. Mr. Klebba wanted to know if they would affect the fish in the lake. Mr. Klebba wanted to know when the weeds are cleared, will it take it up to the shoreline, because if it's out in the middle it wouldn't do any good and he doesn't see what he would gain by that. Mr. Klebba asked whether the assessment is done by how much lake frontage each homeowner has. Mr. Klebba wondered about the users of the Bunny Run Lake Club, and asked if the visitors and boat slip owners will be taxed also, and he wonders why they don't have a fee charged to them.

Paul Demeritt, Overlake Dr., stated that he is the President of the Long Lake Property Owners Association, and wanted some clarification on some details in the assessment letter.

Supervisor Barnett responded to the questions posed, and he stated that Special Assessment District fees are for a specific purpose at the request of the homeowners with the cost spread across the parcels that would receive a benefit. On this SAD, there are three different fees which would be \$84.95, \$113.26 and \$141.58 with the total assessment district being \$15,545.00 and

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the cost is divided amongst 132 properties. We collect the monies and distribute them to the vendor that the homeowners select, so as far as testing questions, we are not able to answer them.

Julianne Savard, Administrative Assistant to the Supervisor, stated that the set-up fee is for the first year only and it is \$1,492.04 and this is rolled in to the total cost for the first year and divided up amongst the property owners.

Supervisor Barnett stated that after the first year, the total will go down by the amount of the set-up fee.

Julianne Savard stated that the total fee this assessed for next year is \$15,942.04 and the year after that the total fee will be \$14,450.00.

Supervisor Barnett stated that the set-up fee is a one-time fee for all of the mailings we do and the work on the district that happens by Julianne Savard. Also, we are not doing the mandatory ten percent.

Trustee Steimel stated that we rarely have to do the ten percent; however, the more common time we have had to do that is if someone goes to the tax tribunal and convinces them to take them off of the SAD, so that money has to be respread out amongst everyone.

Attorney Dan Kelly stated that the ten percent listed is statutory language that is put into all SAD's to cover if needed.

Attorney Kelly stated that with regards to the lake frontage question, the amount charged does go by the lake frontage.

Supervisor Barnett stated that Bunny Run Club is assessed one parcel.

Seeing and hearing no other citizens were interested in providing comments, or any other written comments were received related to the Long Lake Water Quality Control Special Assessment District #1 –Public Hearing on Special Assessment Roll, Supervisor Barnett adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Penny S. Shults, Clerk

Chris Barnett, Supervisor
Charter Township of Orion

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