

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
SPECIAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MAY 10, 2017

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Malkin, Kowalski, Pike, Brandt, Kochany, Reder
Members absent: Walsh
Also present: M. Norton, Township Engineer

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Public Input opened at 7:01 p.m. No public present wished to speak and public input was closed.

Motion by Brandt supported by Reder to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Malkin explained the purpose of the meeting is to conduct the public hearing to create a special assessment district for Sharon Park Subdivision curb/gutter and drainage improvements. After the district is created and the costs are obtained, there will be a second public hearing of the assessment roll to allocate the costs over the term of the bond.

The public hearing opened at 7:02 p.m.

M. Norton gave a history of the previous subdivision meetings leading up to tonight's meeting, enforcing the curb/gutter/drainage expense that is additional to the township road millage paving project.

Norton showed a powerpoint of the parcels included in the proposed special assessment district.

Norton stated the soil borings were done and showed the current base is sub-standard and additional base will be needed in certain areas of the subdivision. Curb and gutters will be replaced as needed, with the road graded to the correct grade to allow proper flow and certain areas of the storm sewer and catch basins will also be replaced.

Norton did state that when the project goes out for bid they will request a second bid to replace all the curb and gutters in the subdivision to determine if that may be a viable cost effective option.

Norton projected the earliest start date of the project would be late Fall 2017, but due to the special assessment and bond process would more likely be Spring of 2018.

L. Stumpos, 4688 Maplewood Dr., stated he is in favor of replacing all the curb and gutter. Mr. Stumpos asked if driveways would be damaged when the road was done.

Norton replied in certain areas the driveways may need to be adjusted due to the change in road grade. In those instances, the cut out portion of the driveway would be replaced.

B. Smith, 4677 Cedar Ln., asked if Consumers Power was included in the special assessment and what is there allocation of cost.

Malkin stated that Consumers will be included in the special assessment and would be assigned ten (10) units of cost. Each residential parcel is assigned one (1) unit.

A. Witbrodt, 4740 Cedar Ln., wondered if there was a plan showing what curb and gutters would be replaced.

Norton stated there is a plan; unfortunately it is not with him tonight. If the gutter allows the water to flow, it will not be replaced. The curb and gutters will be replaced to provide proper drainage only; not for esthetic reasons.

K. Smith, 4677 Cedar Ln. stated they have been paying taxes for years and asked why this is not being covered.

Malkin explained the township receives a limited amount of the tax collected and it is not sufficient to fund this project.

Norton added the actual crush, shape and paving of the road will be paid by the road millage. It is only the additional costs for the curb/gutter/drainage and bond issuance that will be paid by the special assessment.

L. Ramseyer, 4719 Birchwood Dr., stated that over the years the roads have deteriorated to such an extent, the soil borings were done to show where additional base will be needed to provide a proper base to support a paving project that will last. There will also be compaction tests done at the time the project is underway to determine if there are areas where additional base is needed.

P. Frye, 4695 Birchwood Dr., asked if the term of the bond would be 15 or 18 years.

Malkin stated the township initially had determined 15-yrs. but that could be stretched to 18-yrs. It is all dependent on the interest rates and payment schedule at the time the township goes out for the bond.

Malkin asked if there were any other public that wished to speak.

Hearing no reply, the public hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Ken Malkin, Supervisor