

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MONITOR
SPECIAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MAY 03, 2017

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

Members present: Malkin, Kowalski, Brandt, Kochany, Reder
Members absent: Pike, 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 Reder supported by Brandt to adopt the agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the public hearing to create a special assessment district for Mutual Subdivision curb/gutter and drainage improvements.

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. After the special assessment districts have been created for all subdivisions the project will be put out for bid and bond costs will be obtained. Once that has been completed, a second public hearing will be held to inform the parcel owners of the term and costs that will be assessed.

The current cost of the project including pre-engineering and bond costs are estimated at \$866,000. This amount could be higher or lower dependent of the bids received and bond issuance costs.

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

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

A. Plaehn, 5273 Fairway, stated if it looks like the project cannot be completed in late Fall, he would suggest waiting until Spring to allow the pavement to cure properly before Winter.

M. Kehrier, 3314 Parkway, stated he had three items he wished to have addressed.

1) Kehrier stated there has been rumor that driveway aprons would be destroyed during the project.

Norton replied there may be the need to replace the driveway aprons from the curb to the sidewalk depending on the new road grade and installation of the new curb & gutter. It may not be needed however, for all parcels.

2) Is there a plan in place to provide access to homes during the project because there are some residents who are elderly and unable to walk distances to their homes?

Norton replied the contractor will work to maintain access during the project but added there may be times when they are working i.e. replacing gutters, where people may not be able to access their driveways and may need to park in the street.

3) Kehrier stated on the notice for tonight's meeting, it stated Lot 33 was excluded from the assessment district and asked if there was a reason for this?

Former Township Supervisor, W. Sinke stated it was necessary to take a portion of Lot 33 at the time Fairway was relocated to line up Ionia, making the remainder of the parcel unbuildable.

O. Lusher, 5260 Crestway, questioned what would happen to sump pump lines in the areas the storm sewers will be replaced.

Norton replied they would be reconnected.

B. Kehrier, 3314 Parkway, questioned if the storm sewer lines have been cleaned out.

Norton replied the storm sewers were televised and cleaned out where needed. In areas where there was a blockage and they were impassable, the storm sewer lines will be replaced.

C. Cusick, 3287 Parkway, asked if 3" of asphalt is enough for the heavy truck traffic; voicing concern regarding overloaded garbage trucks traveling weekly on the subdivision streets.

Norton replied 3" is the standard for paving.

Malkin added, the Road Commission has recommended placing trash containers in the street to force the trash trucks more to the center of the road and away from the edge.

E. Lamb, 5231 Parkway, asked if the subdivisions that were done last year were also assessed.

Norton stated the subdivisions that were only paved, were not assessed. The two subdivisions where curb, gutter and drainage improvements were done (Briar & Westgate) were assessed.

Mrs. Lamb asked how long the project would take to complete.

Norton replied it would take approximately 2-3 months.

A. Plaehn asked how the curb & gutter would be put in, adding there are many mature trees where roots could be an issue.

Norton replied they are put in by machine. Forms may be placed when the old curbs are removed which may extend 1-2 ft. into the property.

C. Lusher was concerned regarding areas where there are sprinkler systems when the curbs are replaced.

Norton replied it would be preferable if residents would mark their sprinkler systems to avoid possible damage.

J. Laskowski, 5316 Crestway, asked if the drain by his home would be replaced.

Norton replied he was familiar with that area and yes, it is scheduled for replacement.

A. Plaehn stated there is not a drain close to his property and asked if one would be installed. Plaehn added there is a considerable distance between drains on that side of the street. Norton replied additional drains would not be added, but the grade would be changed to allow water to flow to the existing drains.

Malkin asked if there were any other public that wished to speak. Hearing no reply, the public hearing was closed at 7:36 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Cindy L. Kowalski, Clerk

Ken Malkin, Supervisor