

Napoleon Township Special Board Meeting
Fox Farms Road Maintenance Special Assessment Public Hearing
August 10, 2015, 6755 Brooklyn Rd

Call To Order 6:30 pm by Supervisor Wymer with members Wymer, Wilson and Hawker present. Horsch and Stetler absent. Fifteen residents or property owners were present.

Status Summary:

Supervisor Wymer summarized the current status explaining that the purpose of this meeting is to review and hear objections to the special assessment roll. The first public hearing was held on June 29, 2015. At the regular board meeting on July 14, 2015 the board voted to move forward with the project and scheduled the second public hearing on August 10, 2015 at 6:30 pm. Wymer broke down the estimated payments for the Road Maintenance Special Assessment. First year will be slightly higher because the cost of publication and mailing will be included in the first payment, estimated to be \$1,142.69. Second and third year payments are estimated to be \$1,132.28 each.

Jim Williams of 7492 Shotsilk Blvd asked if the special assessment can be paid in cash in full in the first year. Wymer answered yes and explained the more payments in full received will mean less funds will have to be borrowed from fund balance next year to pay for the project.

Jim Snedeker of 7478 Hunters Ridge asked if the first assessment will be on this year's winter tax. Wymer replied yes.

Bob Hirschman of 7495 Shotsilk Blvd asked how the interest will be applied to the payments. Wymer explained that no interest will be applied to the 2015 payment since no funds are being used from fund balance and the money is being collected before the work is done. Interest will be applied to the 2016 and 2017 payments because funds will be drawn from fund balance at that time. He stated that he will suggest a 4% interest rate to the board. Hirschman also asked if the township will inform residents in the Fox Farms Road Maintenance Special Assessment District in the forms of a letter in this year's tax bill explaining the special assessment on their property and the payment structure. Wymer explain this is just like any other special assessment which can all be paid off in full at any time.

Present Special Assessment Roll: Supervisor Wymer presented the Special Assessment Roll to the board. Wymer explained there has been no change to the special assessment district. No parcels have been dropped or added.

Objections to the Special Assessment District: Supervisor Wymer asked if there were any objections to the Special Assessment District. There were none. No written objections were received.

Closing Comments:

Supervisor Wymer explained the next step was for the Township Board to determine if it confirms the roll at the next Board Meeting on August 11, 2015.

Jim Snedeker of 7478 Hunters Ridge asked if there would be any additional costs to cover the repair of sprinkler systems if damaged during the work. Wymer explained that work is being performed in the right of way and no sprinkler systems should be in right of way. It was stated that sprinkler heads close to the road work should be removed to

prevent damage and that the quote includes seeding the shoulder after road work is completed.

Todd Weaver of 7502 Cutchers Corner asked if there would be advanced notice next year when the project will begin. Wymer stated that JDOT should give at least a week notice. No road closure is needed for the project.

Adjourn 6:39 pm

Chris Hawker, Clerk

Dan Wymer, Supervisor