

Napoleon Township Special Board Meeting
Fox Farms Road Maintenance Special Assessment Public Hearing
June 29, 2015, 6755 Brooklyn Rd

Call To Order 7:00 pm by Supervisor Wymer with members Wymer, Wilson, Hawker, Horsch and Stetler. Fifteen residents and property owners were present. Shawn Surque was also present representing JDOT.

Status Summary:

Supervisor Wymer summarized the current status. Owners of more than 50% of the total road frontage in the special assessment district filed a petition for the improvement requesting creation of the special assessment district. The Board also declared its intent to make the improvement, tentatively designated the special assessment district, and tentatively approved the costs. The approved signatures from the petition totaled 8083 total frontage which is 68% of the total district.

Objections to the Petition: Supervisor Wymer asked if there were any objections to the petition. There were none from the residents and property owners present. No written objections were received. Clerk Hawker noted that two signatures were not accepted on the petition. Sarah White of 6135 Silkworth and Tina Guernesey of 7506 Shotsilk were rejected due to petition signatures not matching signatures on file. Therefore Parcels 089-14-35-126-013-00 and 089-14-35-126-015-00 were not included in the requesting frontage total.

Objections to the Improvement: Supervisor Wymer asked if there were any objections to the improvement. There were none from the residents and property owners present. No written objections were received. JDOT representative Shawn Surque spoke about the extensive road maintenance project which will include correction for driveway elevations, shoulder and drainage work and milling and repaving of roadways in Fox Farms.

Jay Davenport of 6120 Silkworth inquired about sprinkler systems in yards and about drainage work being done in the right-of-way. Shawn Surque explained that sprinkler systems should not be in the road right-of-way and that residents should remove sprinkler heads close to the roadway during construction.

Mike Ferens of 7496 Shotsilk inquired on the shoulder work and roadway elevation. Shawn Surque explained that normal JDOT procedure is to leave a gravel shoulder but stated the shoulders in Fox Farms project will have top soil and be seeded. Shawn also stated that there will be no road closure during the project and to expect 3 weeks to finish the project.

Objections to the Special Assessment District: Supervisor Wymer asked if there were any objections to the special assessment district. There were none from the residents and property owners present. No written objections were received. Wymer noted that there were some parcels left off the published map. The parcels were on the Special Assessment District list but did not appear in highlight on the map. The list of parcels is correct.

Cost Allocation/Billing: Wymer explained the cost for the special assessment district will be allocated equally by lot and not figured by frontage. The township's match is \$186,825.51 which will be billed for 3 years on the residents in the Special District

Winter tax bill. There will be additional cost in the first year for the two mailings and four notifications required by state law. Wymer reviewed the funding options again. The work is now scheduled to start in 2016, but the first payment will appear on the Winter 2015 tax which will allow the Township to collect 1/3 of the payment thus reducing the amount needing to be borrowed to fund the project in 2016.

Al Lacrone of 6116 Silkworth asked what is the projected start date in 2016, expressed concerns about the entrance to Fox Farms and wondered if it could make it through another year without repair. Shawn Surque stated that the project could be scheduled in early May 2016 after the asphalt plants are up and running.

David Lapinski of 7498 Hunters Ridge had questions on the payments for the Special Assessment and asked if payment could be made in full and how to make full payment. Wymer explained that the payment would be spread out over 3 years on the Winter Tax Bill. The Township is able to charge up to 8% interest but he will recommend 4%. Payment can be made in full to the Township but some adjustments may need to be made once the project is completed in 2016 and final costs are known.

Closing Comments:

Supervisor Wymer stated that the Board will decide at the July 14, 2015 meeting to proceed or terminate and how to fund the road maintenance project. A second public hearing will be set to approve the assessment roll. Shawn Surque stated that the quote provided is a best estimate and felt that there was enough contingency in the contract to be able to hold the price of the Fox Farms road maintenance in 2016.

Al Lacrone of 6116 Silkworth asked if there was a change in the cost of the project and residents in the special District overpaid, what would happen with the additional money collected. Wymer stated any overpayment will be refunded to the residents in the special assessment district.

Todd Weaver of 7502 Cutcher Corner inquired on the longevity of the remilled asphalt and asked if the work came with any warranty. Shawn Surque responded there was no warranty and the work is performed according to MDOT standards.

Adjourn 7:26 pm

Chris Hawker, Clerk

Dan Wymer, Supervisor