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13641 South M-37 Highway. Battle Creek Michigan 49017

Special Board Meeting – July 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m. Special Assessment – Walnut Ridge Paving – Public Hearing

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Supervisor Barb Earl, Clerk Sheri Babcock, Treasurer Karmen Nickerson

Trustee Deana Powell, Trustee Jeff Warren

Absent:

None

Visitors:

Eight (8)

A motion was made by Powell to open the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing - opened at 7:01 p.m.

Public Comments:

Resident Dennis Sare, Parcel #08-09-030-005-00, Owner Sare, Dennis ET AL, 4831 Walnut Ridge.
They do not feel that this property belongs in the Proposed District because they do not use this road.
Initially it was stated that they only use 230 ft of the proposed road but later indicated that they don't use the road at all. Also, present was Polly (Terry) Sare, and Jim & Kim (Sare) Bowling.

There was some confusion over whether the paving portion was an L shape or just the long portion of the L and that their driveway comes off the portion of the road that is not being paved. The total square footage was not clearly stated on the estimate and will need to be confirmed.

The Assessor, Joyce Foondle arrived and explained some the of the legal reasons that they can be included in the district.

It was asked several times by the residents that if we include them in the cost, we are giving them permission to use that road, correct? They stated that they would use the road if they had to pay for this assessment.

A motion was made by Warren to close the public hearing at 7:27 p.m. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing closed at 7:27 p.m.

After reviewing the maps and estimate, it was determined that there was some confusion over the length of the road paving and this would need to be tabled to investigate further.

A motion was made by Powell to table the decision on the roll and postpone moving forward with Resolution No. 2 and No. 3. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Joyce will meet with staff at the hall on Monday to review ariel maps. Publications will need to also be postponed.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Warren to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Attested to by: Barbara Earl Supervisor

Sheri Babcock, Clerk

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