

Johnstown Township Minutes

13641 South M-37 Highway. Battle Creek Michigan 49017

Special Board Meeting – August 16, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Special Assessment – Bristol Lake Channel & Public Hearing and any other pertinent business

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Barb Earl, Clerk Sheri Babcock, Treasurer Karmen Nickerson
Trustee Deana Powell, Trustee Jeff Warren

Absent: None

Visitors: Sixteen (16)

Agenda: A motion was made by Powell to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Nickerson.
All ayes. Motion carried.

Close the regular meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Open the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Public Comments:

Parcel Owner – Kevin McCormick: Stated that he was not provided with enough information on cost breakdown. The cost was listed as \$13,500 in the notice and the publication. The breakdown was treatment at \$10,500 and \$3,000 for legal and administrative costs for a period of five years.

He wanted to know why they only had estimate for treatment from PLM. Trustee Warren replied that the estimate was provided by the people within the district. The Township only providing the financial assistance in getting the costs placed on the property taxes.

Additionally, he did not think we should be using per parcel but linear foot. The Clerk replied that we always use per parcel or ½ charge for back lots on our other weed assessments. The board decides the best option of assessing the cost.

He also stated that there is a clause in the law that allows the township to charge 30% to a property on a corner lot.

He wanted to know who signed the petitions. These are available for review.

As for his parcel – he is objecting to being included in the district as he does not use the channel. His property has both lake frontage and channel access. The Clerk replied that this particular parcel has been included in previous weed assessments for the Channel. Additionally, his property does receive a benefit from the treatment.

He also questioned why the property across from them was not included in the district. The Clerk was aware of the property that was excluded. It was not included in this assessment or the last special assessment because the property is un-useable wasteland.

A motion was made by Warren to close the Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m. Seconded by Powell. All ayes.
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Warren to open the regular meeting at 6:16 p.m. Seconded by Powell. All ayes.
Motion carried.

Due to the questions on the parcel being excluded from the district because of having both lakefront and channel assess and needing more information on the 30% clause, it was determined that we will not proceed to the Resolution to approve the district until we can consult with our assessor and/or the township lawyer.

The next Special Meeting and Public Hearing will be scheduled for Sept. 13, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Powell to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Attested to by:
Barbara Earl
Supervisor



Sheri Babcock, Clerk

APPROVED