

SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP

KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN

BARTON LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (AQUATIC VEGETATION CONTROL)

NOTICE OF JANUARY 9, 2018 TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE BARTON LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (AQUATIC VEGETATION CONTROL) ENCOMPASSING ALL LANDS ABUTTING BARTON LAKE IN LAND SECTIONS 22, 23, 26 AND 27 OF SCHOOLCRAFT TOWNSHIP, KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN; AND ANY OTHER INTEREST PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor/Assessing Officer of Schoolcraft Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a proposed special assessment roll/special assessment column in the regular tax roll pertaining to the Barton Lake Improvement Project Special Assessment District (Aquatic Vegetation Control) created by the Township Board December 12, 2017.

This proposed special assessment roll proposes to allocate the costs of an aquatic vegetation control program for 2018 through 2022, in the approximate total amount of \$38,750.00 per year (for a total of \$193,750.00 over the five-year program) to the various lots and parcels within the District. The annual special assessment levy is proposed to be allocated to the various benefited lots and parcels within the District pursuant to a uniform pro rata share of the total amount levied each year, based on the total number of lots/parcels (or "benefit units") included in the District. Based on the total number of benefit units within the District, calculated as directed by the December 12, 2017 Township Board Resolution, the proposed special assessment roll for the 2018 special assessments allocates \$352.27 to each such benefit unit within the District. The 2018 assessment will be collected by the Township Treasurer with a separate Special Assessment Bill sent to property owners on or before May 1, 2018 and due by May 31, 2018. The 2018 assessment will be used to pay expenses incurred for the 2018 treatment year. Any 2018 assessment not paid by May 31, 2018 will be added to the 2018 winter tax bill (mailed on or about December 1, 2018 and due by approximately February 14, 2019).

The same special assessments are also proposed to be levied for each of the treatment years 2019 – 2022, subject to revision if the total number of benefit units changes during the term of the five-year special assessment roll due to property transactions, and also subject to annual redetermination if the annual costs of the yearly treatment and any administrative costs vary significantly from the estimated cost on which the proposed special assessment roll is premised. Any such annual redetermination/revised special assessments will be made by the Township Board at its regular meeting in October of each year, as necessary, without further public hearing or notice except as may be required by law or as may be further determined by the Township Board, provided that in each instance the allocation of individual special assessments resulting from any annual redetermination/revision shall be based on the same uniform pro rata allocation of costs used for the 2018 special assessments. Assessments for the 2019 treatment year will be billed on the 2018 winter tax bills mailed to property owners on approximately December 1, 2018 and due by approximately February 14, 2019.

Assessments for the subsequent treatment years (2020 – 2022) will be billed on the winter tax bills in the same manner as the 2019 treatment year assessments and due by the winter tax due date for that tax bill. If any annual special assessment installment is not paid by the due date, the special assessment installment shall be considered to be delinquent and is subject to interest in the same manner as the winter tax levy (1 % of each month or fraction of a month that the special assessment installment remains unpaid after the due date).

A public hearing on any objections to the proposed special assessment roll will be held at the Schoolcraft Township Hall at 50 E VW Avenue, Vicksburg, Michigan, in conjunction with a regular meeting of the Township Board on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

The proposed special assessment roll, and the current project plans, estimate of costs, the boundaries of the Barton Lake Improvement Project Special Assessment District (Aquatic Vegetation Control), and the Resolution of the Township Board creating the Special Assessment District and directing the Supervisor/Assessing Officer of the Township to make the proposed Special Assessment Roll, may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk and may further be examined at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT APPEARANCE AND PROTEST AT THIS HEARING IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE AMOUNT OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO THE STATE TAX TRIBUNAL. AN OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST OR HIS OR HER AGENT MAY APPEAR IN PERSON AT THIS HEARING TO PROTEST A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, OR MAY FILE AN APPEARANCE OR PROTEST BY LETTER WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE HEARING OR WITHIN SUCH FURTHER TIME AS THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MAY GRANT, IF ANY, AND IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT THE HEARING SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED (THE OWNER OR ANY PERSON HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY WHO PROTESTS IN PERSON OR IN WRITING AS PROVIDED ABOVE MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE STATE TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY).

The foregoing hearings and all proceedings associated with these special assessment matters will be conducted in accordance with and pursuant to 1954 PA 188, as amended, the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and any other applicable law.

Schoolcraft Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered, upon reasonable notice to the Township. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk as designated below.

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