

**ROSS TOWNSHIP
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**SHERMAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(Management of Invasive Aquatic Vegetation, Water Quality and Related Services)**

**NOTICE OF October 20, 2020 TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC
HEARING ON CREATING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND OTHER
ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT**

**TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROSS,
KALAMAZOO COUNTY, MICHIGAN; OWNERS OF ALL LANDS ABUTTING
SHERMAN LAKE OR HAVING DEEDED ACCESS TO SHERMAN LAKE IN ROSS
TOWNSHIP, KALAMAZOO COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN; AND ANY OTHER
INTERESTED PERSONS:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions of property owners within the township signed by the record owners of land constituting more than 50% of the total land area of the hereinafter described Sherman Lake Improvement Project Special Assessment District for the purpose of management of invasive aquatic vegetation, water quality and related services (as tentatively established by Resolution of the Ross Township Board adopted September 15, 2020) the Township Board proposes to undertake a seven-year program for the purpose of management of invasive aquatic vegetation, water quality and related services for Sherman Lake and finance such improvements by special assessments on the properties within the special assessment district.

The District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be undertaken and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is described as follows:

All lands abutting Sherman Lake or having deeded access to Sherman Lake in Ross Township, Kalamazoo County, State of Michigan, with the exception of the Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center.

The Township Board has plans for the management of invasive aquatic vegetation, water quality and related services program for 2021 through 2027 together with an estimate of the costs of the project in the amount of \$439,725 for 2021-2027 and has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk.

The Township Board has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to proceed with the project and to create the aforementioned Special Assessment District, and has found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

A public hearing on the improvement project, the estimate of costs, the special assessment district proposed to be established for the assessment of the costs of such

improvement, and any objections to the petitions, will be held at the Ross Township Hall at 12086 East M-89, Richland, Michigan, on **Tuesday October 20, 2020 commencing at 6:00 p.m.** in conjunction with a meeting of the Township Board.

At this hearing/meeting the Board will also consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Board at or prior to the time of the hearing, as well as any corrections or changes to the plans, estimate of costs, or to the proposed special assessment district.

The project plans, estimate of costs, the boundaries of the proposed special assessment district, and the petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk and may further be examined at the public hearing.

If the Township Board determines to create a special assessment district with respect to the proposed project a second public hearing will be held at a later date to be set by the Township Board for the purpose of reviewing and hearing objections to the proposed allocation of the costs of the project among the various properties included in the special assessment district, and appearance and protest at such a second public hearing or as otherwise allowed by 1962 PA 162, as amended, is required in order to preserve a right to appeal the amount of any such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of a special assessment roll. Formal notice of any such second public hearing will be published in a newspaper and mailed to affected property owners as required by law.

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.

Ross 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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