

**ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
November 11, 2015**

The following residents and guests signed in as present:

Jeff Forsyth	Don Perez	Bruce Campbell	Jim Walters
Sandra Walters	John Kohls	Douglas Pickett	John Prechowski
Marian Minauro	Tena Alvarado	Dale Barlow	Donna Boshell
Bill Chatfield	Marilee Carstens	Larry Rivington	

Other(s) present: Susan Weaver (recording secretary)

Supervisor Gambka called the special meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Township Hall, 9080 Mason Street, Rose Township, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Gambka, Miller, Kemp, Scheib-Snyder

Not Present: Lumley (excused)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A. Approval of Proposed Agenda for November 11, 2015

Moved by Scheib-Snyder, seconded by Miller, motion carried to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Voting Yes: Scheib-Snyder, Miller, Kemp, Gambka

Voting No: None

Not Present: Lumley

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS/AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (limit comments to 3 minutes each item):

Jim Walters, Resident states he supports the re-establishment of the Lake Braemar Special Assessment District ("SAD"), but raises objection to maintaining the current SAD surplus, suggests reduction.

Bill Chatfield, Resident and chairperson of the Lake Braemar Management Committee, states the Committee is served voluntarily and handles weed control, lake water quality, etc. Lake expenses are submitted to the Board for approval. Resident further states this SAD has been in place for twenty (20) years and maintains the quality of the lake. The SAD balance in 2008 was \$50,339.00, as of October 31, 2015 the balance is \$50,772.00. It is clear the amount of money collected is exactly what is necessary to preserve the lake's water quality; costs are unlikely to go down. Resident asks the Board to support this SAD and reminds the Board that the vast majority of lake residents support the same.

Don Perez, Resident states he supports the SAD, but is concerned that there is a \$50,000.00 balance. This amount is too high, consider a cap.

PUBLIC HEARING for Creation/Renewal of Special Assessment District for the Purpose of Controlling Aquatic Weed and Protecting the Water Quality in Lake Braemar.

Open Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Jack Prechowski, Resident states he has been informed by other districts, \$100,000.00 would not be an unreasonable amount to hold in a fund in order to protect against potential catastrophic incidents (damns breaking, etc.).

John Kohls, Resident states he resides on the lake and does not believe the SAD should carry excess amounts. Resident states there is enough money in the fund to treat the lake for two (2) years.

Unidentified Resident explains there have not been any problems in the last seven (7) years. \$23,000.00 is the right amount of money. Maintenance will never be “done”, and would not want to be scrambling if a problem occurred, trying to collect money.

Unidentified Resident states a dam inspection is necessary every five (5) years, conducted by an engineer, action would be taken upon their recommendation. The dam has always been in good condition, making a catastrophic failure unlikely, \$50,000.00 will not cover full replacement of a failed dam.

Unidentified Resident supports what is being done now, agrees with a buffer.


Unidentified Resident asks should the Board not approve the SAD, will collection be possible? Supervisor Gambka responds yes.

Unidentified Resident states the lake residents were not given options.

Public Hearing Closes at 7:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Special Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


Debbie Miller, CMC, CMMC
Rose Township Clerk

Approved/~~Corrected~~