

**HOPE TOWNSHIP
BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING – VIRTUAL MEETING
CLOVERDALE, WILKINSON AND JONES (MUD) LAKES AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2020-2**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF HOPE TOWNSHIP, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of Hope Township, as authorized by PA 188 of 1954, as amended, proposes to undertake an aquatic plant control project (with associated activities) on Cloverdale, Wilkinson and Jones (Mud) Lakes in Hope Township as more particularly described below and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the costs thereof are to be specially assessed includes parcels with frontage on Cloverdale, Wilkinson and/or Jones (Mud) Lakes and/or back lots with access to Cloverdale, Wilkinson and/or Jones (Mud) Lakes and including the following tax parcels:

CLOVERDALE, WILKINSON AND JONES (MUD) LAKES AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DIST. 2020-2:

The properties indicated by parcel numbers:

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| 07-019-412-10 | 07-030-011-00 | 07-150-015-00 | 07-260-004-10 | 07-300-023-00 | 07-310-016-00 | 07-310-141-00 |
| 07-020-002-00 | 07-030-012-00 | 07-150-017-00 | 07-260-005-00 | 07-300-023-42 | 07-310-018-00 | 07-310-144-00 |
| 07-020-017-00 | 07-030-013-00 | 07-150-017-10 | 07-260-006-00 | 07-300-024-00 | 07-310-019-00 | 07-310-145-00 |
| 07-020-018-00 | 07-030-014-00 | 07-150-018-00 | 07-260-007-00 | 07-300-025-00 | 07-310-020-00 | 07-310-147-00 |
| 07-020-040-00 | 07-030-016-00 | 07-230-001-00 | 07-260-008-00 | 07-300-026-00 | 07-310-021-00 | 07-310-149-00 |
| 07-020-044-00 | 07-030-402-06 | 07-230-002-00 | 07-260-009-00 | 07-300-030-00 | 07-310-022-00 | 07-310-150-00 |
| 07-020-045-00 | 07-030-448-21 | 07-230-003-00 | 07-260-010-00 | 07-300-033-00 | 07-310-074-00 | 07-310-411-54 |
| 07-020-046-10 | 07-031-008-00 | 07-230-004-00 | 07-260-011-00 | 07-300-045-00 | 07-310-076-00 | 07-310-450-50 |
| 07-020-046-20 | 07-031-011-11 | 07-230-006-00 | 07-260-012-00 | 07-300-049-00 | 07-310-079-00 | 07-315-004-00 |
| 07-020-046-30 | 07-031-011-12 | 07-230-007-00 | 07-260-013-00 | 07-300-051-00 | 07-310-082-00 | 07-315-005-00 |
| 07-020-046-50 | 07-031-011-20 | 07-230-008-00 | 07-260-014-00 | 07-300-053-00 | 07-310-083-00 | 07-315-007-00 |
| 07-020-047-00 | 07-031-011-30 | 07-230-009-00 | 07-300-001-01 | 07-300-058-00 | 07-310-087-00 | 07-315-151-00 |
| 07-020-457-00 | 07-031-011-50 | 07-230-010-00 | 07-300-004-00 | 07-300-062-00 | 07-310-088-00 | 07-315-152-00 |
| 07-029-017-10 | 07-031-014-00 | 07-230-011-00 | 07-300-005-00 | 07-300-065-00 | 07-310-089-00 | 07-315-153-00 |
| 07-029-021-00 | 07-031-020-00 | 07-230-012-00 | 07-300-006-00 | 07-300-066-00 | 07-310-091-00 | 07-315-156-00 |
| 07-029-023-00 | 07-140-007-00 | 07-230-013-00 | 07-300-007-00 | 07-300-080-00 | 07-310-093-00 | 07-315-158-00 |
| 07-029-027-00 | 07-140-008-00 | 07-230-014-00 | 07-300-008-00 | 07-300-160-00 | 07-310-109-00 | 07-315-160-00 |
| 07-029-226-00 | 07-140-010-00 | 07-230-016-00 | 07-300-008-10 | 07-300-402-00 | 07-310-110-00 | 07-315-161-00 |
| 07-030-001-40 | 07-150-001-00 | 07-230-017-00 | 07-300-008-20 | 07-310-003-00 | 07-310-111-50 | 07-315-162-00 |
| 07-030-001-50 | 07-150-002-00 | 07-230-018-00 | 07-300-009-00 | 07-310-003-10 | 07-310-111-56 | 07-315-164-50 |
| 07-030-002-09 | 07-150-003-00 | 07-230-019-00 | 07-300-010-00 | 07-310-004-00 | 07-310-123-00 | 07-315-166-00 |
| 07-030-002-50 | 07-150-004-00 | 07-230-020-00 | 07-300-011-00 | 07-310-005-00 | 07-310-125-00 | 07-315-167-00 |
| 07-030-002-81 | 07-150-005-00 | 07-230-021-00 | 07-300-012-00 | 07-310-007-00 | 07-310-127-00 | 07-315-168-00 |
| 07-030-003-00 | 07-150-006-00 | 07-230-022-00 | 07-300-013-00 | 07-310-008-00 | 07-310-128-00 | 07-315-169-00 |
| 07-030-004-00 | 07-150-007-00 | 07-230-023-00 | 07-300-014-00 | 07-310-009-00 | 07-310-130-00 | 07-315-171-00 |
| 07-030-005-00 | 07-150-008-00 | 07-230-024-00 | 07-300-015-00 | 07-310-011-00 | 07-310-132-00 | 07-315-172-10 |
| 07-030-005-05 | 07-150-009-00 | 07-230-025-00 | 07-300-018-00 | 07-310-011-10 | 07-310-133-00 | 07-315-175-00 |
| 07-030-007-00 | 07-150-010-00 | 07-230-027-00 | 07-300-019-00 | 07-310-012-00 | 07-310-134-00 | 07-315-176-00 |
| 07-030-008-00 | 07-150-011-00 | 07-230-028-00 | 07-300-020-00 | 07-310-013-00 | 07-310-136-00 | 07-315-178-00 |
| 07-030-009-00 | 07-150-013-00 | 07-230-032-05 | 07-300-020-25 | 07-310-014-00 | 07-310-138-00 | 07-315-180-00 |
| 07-030-010-00 | 07-150-014-00 | 07-260-001-00 | 07-300-022-00 | 07-310-015-00 | 07-310-140-00 | 07-315-180-20 |
| 07-315-181-00 | 07-315-182-00 | 07-315-184-00 | 07-315-185-00 | 07-315-186-00 | | |

See also the accompanying map identifying the proposed special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received plans showing the proposed aquatic plant control project, associated activities, any proposed improvements and locations thereof, together with an estimate of the cost of the project in the amount of \$335,580. The cost of the project proposed to be raised by special assessment is the total project cost. The Hope Township Board has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to undertake such project and to create the afore-described special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has placed the project plans and costs estimates on file with the Township Clerk and said plans, cost estimates and special assessment districts may be examined at the Clerk's office from the date of this Notice to the date of the public hearing and may further be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board proposes to make a per-parcel special assessment each year for a period of five years (2020-2024 inclusive). The annual assessment is proposed to be \$408.00 per year for front lots and \$204 per year for back lots. Additionally, the Township Board reserves the right to levy a lesser assessment amount in any year that there are more funds in the special assessment district fund than the amount needed for that year's aquatic plant control work and associated activities. The Township Board will provide notice of any increase in the assessment amount over 10%, as required by law.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a **public hearing** on the plans, district, cost estimates and the carryover of surplus funds from the expiring special assessment district will be held via Zoom on **September 29, 2020** beginning at **7:00 p.m.** The log in information to attend the public hearing via Zoom is: **Meeting ID: 821 7465 7693 Passcode: 618913** To participate via telephone: **(301) 715-8592 or (312) 626-6799**. Directions on how to attend and participate via the Zoom platform are available on the Hope Township website at www.hopetwp.com. Interested parties may participate in the public hearing via Zoom log in or telephone call. Interested parties may also send comments to the Township Clerk up to 12 noon on the day of the public hearing at hopetwpcl@mei.net.

At the public hearing, the Board will consider any written objections and comments to any of the foregoing matters that are filed with the clerk at or before the hearing (by 12 noon on the day of the hearing) and any objections or comments raised at the hearing; following the hearing (or any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice), the Township Board may revise, correct, amend or change the plans, cost estimates or special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if written objections to the project are filed with the Township Board at or before the hearing, signed by the record owners of land constituting more than 20% of the area within the proposed special assessment district, then the Township Board may not proceed unless petitions in support of the project, signed by record owners of more than 50% of the area to be made into a special assessment district, are filed with the township board. Written comments or objections may be filed with the Township clerk at the address set out below.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at the public hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the special assessment roll is confirmed. An owner or party in interest, or his/her agent, may appear via Zoom platform at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file at or before the hearing (by 12 noon on the day of the hearing) his/her appearance or protest by letter and his/her personal appearance shall not be required. All interested persons or representatives are invited to attend via Zoom platform and to submit comments concerning the reestablishment of the special assessment district, the plans, cost estimates or the carryover of surplus funds.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the Township Board determines to proceed with the special assessment, the Board will cause a special assessment roll to be prepared and another hearing will be held, after notice to record owners of property proposed to be specially assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessments.

Hope Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon seven (7) days' notice to the Township Clerk at the address below.

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