

**TEKONSHA TOWNSHIP  
CALHOUN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of Tekonsha Township, Calhoun County, Michigan, intends to proceed pursuant to Act 33 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1951, as amended ("Act 33") to provide for fire protection within the Township and to defray some or all of the costs and expenses of providing fire protection in the Township by special assessment on the lands and premises in the Township to be benefited, except for lands and premises exempt from the collection of taxes under the Michigan General Property Tax Act.

At a special meeting of the Township Board, held on November 16, 2023, the Township Board resolved its intention to proceed pursuant to Act 33 to provide fire protection in the Township. The Township Board has tentatively determined that some or all of the costs and expenses of the fire protection shall be specially assessed against each of the taxable lots and parcels of land located in the proposed Fire Protection Special Assessment District (the "Special Assessment District"). The proposed Special Assessment District shall be perpetual and shall be comprised of all lots and parcels of property located within the boundaries of Tekonsha Township, Calhoun County, Michigan.

TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of Tekonsha Township will hold a public hearings on Wednesday, January 17, 2023, and Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, 166 Spires Parkway, Tekonsha, MI, to hear and consider comments and objections to the estimate of costs and expenses, the creation of a special assessment district, the special assessment district tentatively designated, and defraying the expenses of the special assessment district on the lands and premises to be especially benefited, except property exempt from the collection of taxes, and all other matters relating to the creation of the proposed special assessment district. The Township Board may revise, correct, amend, or change the plans, estimate of costs and expenses, or special assessment district.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that there is a right of referendum available to property owners under Act 33 on the question of defraying the expenses of fire protection by special assessment.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plan and estimates of costs and expenses for the fire protection are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

TAKE ADDITIONAL NOTICE THAT AFTER THE CREATION OF THE DISTRICT, THE TOWNSHIP WILL ANNUALLY DETERMINE THE AMOUNT TO BE ASSESSED FOR FIRE PROTECTION, SHALL HOLD A HEARING ON THE ESTIMATED COSTS AND EXPENSES OF FIRE PROTECTION AND ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LEVY AND SHALL DIRECT THE SUPERVISOR TO DISTRIBUTE THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY AS APPROVED.

PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND THE ACTUAL INCREMENTAL COSTS AND EXPENSES SHALL NOT BE INCREASED BY 10% OR MORE OVER THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING. HOWEVER, IF A LOT OR PARCEL IS PERMANENTLY COMBINED AFTER THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT HAS BEEN CREATED, APPROVED AND IS IN PLACE, THEN IN THAT SITUATION, THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SHALL BE ADJUSTED FOR THAT PROPERTY TO REFLECT THE EXISTENCE THEREAFTER OF ONLY ONE LOT OR PARCEL. LIKEWISE, IF A LOT OR PARCEL IS SPLIT OR DIVIDED AFTER THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT HAS BEEN CREATED, APPROVED AND IS IN PLACE, EACH OF THE NEW RESULTING LOTS OR PARCELS IN THAT SITUATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED A SEPARATE LOT OR PARCEL FOR PURPOSES OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO BE APPLIED.

Periodic redeterminations of the costs and expenses of the fire protection may be necessary, without a change in the Special Assessment District, and in that event, such redeterminations may be made by the Township Board without further notice to record owners or parties in interest in the property in the Special Assessment District, in accordance with the provisions of said Act 33.

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 public hearing will be held regarding the roll and the assessments against each parcel and lot in the Special Assessment District. Required notice of the public hearing shall be provided. Appearance and protest at such public hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 35 days after the special assessment roll is confirmed. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required.

Tekonsha Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon four (4) days' notice to the Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Clerk, Roberta Stemaly, at the address or telephone number listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Roberta Stemaly, Clerk  
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