

Minutes
Ida Township
West Side Improvement Paving Project Assessment Hearing
November 18, 2019
Ida Township Hall
4700 County Rd 6 NW, Garfield, MN

The hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Dan Diedrich. Supervisors Jim Peterson and Mike Steidl, and Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Kilgore were also present. Seventeen interested people signed in for the hearing.

Diedrich announced that the hearing is being recorded and welcomed everyone to the hearing. He also read the Township's rules for Public Hearings.

Proper Notice

Kilgore presented the affidavits of mailing, publishing and posting showing that proper notice was given for the hearing.

Explanation of Project

Diedrich explained that the following roads, which were improved and paved and the properties to be assessed are:

- The properties abutting and non-abutting on Little Ida Beach Road, the T section of Oakridge Road and Lane, Omaha Lane and the Water Lily Trail Area (Northern section of Christopherson Road, Water Lily Trail, Memory Lane, Shady Haven Drive, Circle Drive and Breezy Circle), in Sections 3, 11, 14, 22, 23 and 26, all in Ida Township.

Cost/Share Policy

Diedrich read the Township's cost share policy that was adopted in 2018. The paving costs and engineering costs are split 50-50 between the affected property owners and Ida Township and the Legal and administrative costs are split 75% to the affected Property owners and 25% to the Township. The total cost of the project is \$1,903,956.96. The property owners received notice of the amount their parcels will be assessed for their share of the project.

Public Comment

There were two property owners who expressed disagreement with how their parcels are being assessed.

- **24-0290-000** – Peter Hindman expressed his objections to receiving a half of an assessment on the parcel 24-0263-000 which he had combined with parcel 24-0290-000 in April of 2019. Diedrich explained the Township's policy of not allowing the elimination of assessments on parcels that were combined after the project was approved. The Christopherson Road project was approved in September of 2018.
- **24-0531-000** – Louann Rodenburg objected to receiving an assessment on parcel 24-0533-000 which was combined with parcel 24-0531-000 in September of 2018. Diedrich explained the Township's policy of not allowing the elimination of assessments on parcels that were combined after the project was approved. The West Side Improvement was approved in May of 2018.

Letters received by mail were read:

- **Greg Stehn** - President of the Stony Point Homeowners association, objected to the half of an assessment that was placed on the garage parcels in their development and to the amount being assessed on the other parcels in their development as they only use about 20 feet of the newly paved road. Diedrich explained the Township's assessment policy.
- **Richard & Janet Pearson** – seriously objecting to the amount of the assessment put on their parcel 24-0484-000 on Breezy Circle and they only have about 10 feet of abutting property to the newly paved road.

After consideration, no changes to the proposed assessment roll dated November 18, 2019, were made by the Township Supervisors.

Resolution 19-08 Adoption of the Assessment Roll. Steidl made the motion to adopt Resolution 19-08 adopting the assessment roll, dated November 18, 2019, for the 2018-2019 West Side Improvement Paving Project. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich-aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye. Since the amounts of the assessments did not change, no further notice will be sent to the property owners. The property owners will have until December 18, 2019 to pay their assessments in full with no interest added. After that time, Kilgore will certify the assessment roll with the Douglas County Auditor to be collected, beginning January 2020, along with the property taxes over a period of fifteen years at a per annum interest rate of 5%. The assessment roll is on file in the clerk/treasurer's office.

Adjourn

Steidl made the motion to adjourn the hearing at 8:10 p.m. Peterson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Diedrich aye, Peterson-aye, Steidl-aye.

Barbara D. Kilgore
Ida Township Clerk/Treasurer

Daniel Diedrich
Ida Township Chairman