

ARTHUR TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES June 17, 2019 7:00 PM

Township Hall 3031 S. Athey Ave, Clare, MI 48617

Public Hearing re Establishing a Fire District

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Schunk with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Erma Kleinhardt, Lee Schunk, Lamare Gunden, Anna Sharp, Andrew Verhage present.

Also in attendance via conference call, Laura Genovich of Foster, Swift & Collins.

Public Hearing on resolution 19-20 124 adopted at June 3rd meeting stating the intent to establish a fire district under PA33 for Arthur Township.

Genovich explained that Public Act 33 deals with establishing a police or fire protection district, but Public Act 188 provides fuller details of the procedure and notification requirements, that are not outlined in PA33, which will be followed by the board.

- A second public hearing will be held on July 15, 2019, with the same notification process as the first public hearing, for public comment on the per parcel amount to be assessed on properties in the township. If approved, the first year's assessment will go on the winter 2019 tax bill which is due in February, 2020.
- Cost estimate: The draft contract would run for five years and the estimated cost of \$18,000 per year includes funding to cover the actual contract cost with Harrison Fire department and an amount to cover the costs of establishing the district. It is estimated that the assessment would be .7 to .72 mills (\$72 on each \$100,000 of taxable value).

Public Hearing was closed at 7:23 p.m.

Lamar Gunden offered Resolution 19-20 125, which Clerk Verhage read aloud, establishing the fire district and directing the Township Assessor to make a special assessment roll for the district, which will be reported to the Township Board and be filed in the office of the Township Clerk. Anna Sharp seconded. Roll Call: Kleinhardt – yes, Schunk – yes, Gunden – yes, Sharp – yes, Verhage – yes. Resolution was carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 p.m.



Submitted by Andrew Verhage, Clerk



TOWNSHIP OF ARTHUR

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FROM
THE CITY OF HARRISON FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-20 125
DETERMINATION TO MAKE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS; APPROVAL OF PLANS
AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS; FINAL DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT
DISTRICT; PREPARATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Arthur, held on the 17th day of June, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Lee Schunk, Anna Sharp, Andrew Verhage, Lamar Gunden, Erma Kleinhardt

ABSENT: none

The following Resolution was offered by Lamar Gunden and seconded by Anna Sharp..

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to provide fire protection to its citizens through firefighting personnel, vehicles, and equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Township lacks any fire department, firefighting personnel, vehicles, or equipment, and desires to receive fire protection services ("Services") from the City of Harrison, contingent upon negotiation and execution of a mutually acceptable service contract; and

WHEREAS, the City of Harrison owns and maintains a Fire Department with firefighting personnel, vehicles, and equipment, and is willing and able to provide Services within the Township, contingent upon negotiation and execution of a mutually acceptable service contract; and

WHEREAS, the Township lacks sufficient general funds or other revenue to fund a fire service contract with the City of Harrison; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to defray the cost of providing fire protection through its service contract with the City of Harrison by establishing a special assessment district pursuant to Act 33 of 1951, as amended, MCL 41.801 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has received an estimate of the cost for the Services from the City of Harrison; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has resolved its intention to proceed with establishing a special assessment district and set June 17, 2019, for a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, after notice was duly given by publication and by first class mail, the Township Board held a public hearing on June 17, 2019, at the Township Hall in the Township at which the Township Board heard and considered objections to the proposed Services, the designated special assessment district, and all other matters related to the Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

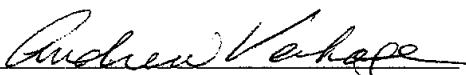
1. The Township Board hereby determines that it is necessary and in the best interests of the Township to defray its share of the cost of the Services, in whole or part, by special assessment.

2. The special assessment district known as "Special Assessment District for Fire Protection Services from the City of Harrison Fire Department" (the "District") is hereby determined to consist of all residential units, commercial parcels, industrial parcels, and agricultural parcels within the Township, unless such lands and premises are exempt by law from paying special assessments. "Residential unit" includes each unit in multiple family dwellings, apartments, condominiums and townhouses, and includes each pad in a mobile home or manufactured housing community.

3. The District shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years.
4. All or a portion of the costs of the Services shall be paid by special assessments assessed within the District against the property located in the District and benefited by the proposed Services.
5. The Township Assessor is hereby directed to make a special assessment roll for the District upon which shall be described all the parcels of land to be assessed, the names of the respective record owners of each parcel, if known, and the total amount to be assessed against each parcel of land.
6. Said special assessment roll or column in the tax roll shall be reported to the Township Board and shall be filed in the office of the Township Clerk.
7. All actions heretofore taken by Township officials, employees and agents with respect to the special assessment are hereby ratified and confirmed.
8. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution shall be and the same are hereby rescinded.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF CLARE)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Township Clerk for Arthur Township, Clare County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of Arthur Township at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of June, 2019.


Andrew Verhage, Arthur Township Clerk