

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
ALMENA TOWNSHIP, VAN BUREN COUNTY**

ROAD IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS

TO: ALL RECORD OWNERS OF OR PARTIES IN INTEREST IN LAND IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS DESCRIBED BELOW:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of Almena Township, Van Buren County, Michigan (“Township”), will hold three public hearings at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2024 at the Almena Township Hall (27625 County Road 375, Paw Paw, MI 49079), to hear objections to the petitions, the proposed improvements, the proposed estimate of costs, and the proposed special assessment districts for the road improvements as described below (each proposed special assessment district / public hearing corresponds with a subdivision and/or road specified below). At the public hearings, the Township Board will consider any objections to petitions, as well as any objections, revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to the plans, estimate of costs, or the special assessment districts. The road improvements and the proposed special assessment districts to be established by the Township Board as the districts against which the costs of the proposed improvements are to be assessed are generally described as follows:

The road improvements: Road improvements including, but not limited to, maintenance, repair, and improvement as further specified on petitions and plans on file at the Almena Township Hall for properties: (1) within the Trestle Creek Subdivision; (2) along South Shore Drive; and (3) within the Walden Woods Subdivision.

Proposed Three Special Assessment Districts: Properties that will be benefitted by the road improvements, which includes properties that generally can be described as: (1) within the Trestle Creek Subdivision; (2) along South Shore Drive; and (3) within the Walden Woods Subdivision (a proposed special assessment district corresponds with each subdivision / road). Specific properties within the proposed special assessment districts are available upon request to the Township and will be available at the public hearings.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the petitions and plans showing the road improvements, locations and estimated costs, and the proposed special assessment districts are on file with the Township Clerk, Sandi Rickli, 27625 County Road 375, Paw Paw, MI 49079, for public examination during ordinary business hours and at the public hearings. The special assessment proposals would assess the cost of the proposed improvements to the properties benefiting therefrom.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the owner or any person having an interest in property within the proposed district may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll. However, appearance and protest at the public hearings on the special assessment roll are required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or other party of interest or his or her agent may (1) appear in person at the hearings to protest the special assessment, or (2) file his or her appearance or protest by letter before the close of the hearings.

The Township Board shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearings. If the hearings are terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person. To the extent applicable, impacted property owners may submit objection petitions to the Township Clerk under MCL 41.723.

Almena Township will provide auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities. Persons needing such services should contact the office of the Township Clerk by writing or calling the Clerk not less than four days before the public hearings.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
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