
LAKE EUNICE TOWNSHIP

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Supervisors: Jason Rosing, Gerald Johnson,
Larry Stockert, Dave Opsahl

Treasurer: Ruth Pung
Chairman: Joe Lightowler

The Lake Eunice Township board held the public assessment hearing for the repairs on Tanglewood Rd at the townhall on September 25, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

- ~ Steve and Julie Hanson mailed an objection to the formula used for special assessment, but called and verbally withdrew his objection.
- ~ Margaret and Ron Balvich submitted an objection to the special assessment not being assessed in a uniform manner upon the same class of property.
- ~ Several objected to the measurements of road/lake footage and it was explained that the footage used was taken from the assessor's numbers that are used to determine property taxes. Any objections to those measurements would need to be corrected by the homeowner and the assessor's office.
- ~ Cory and Teresa Moser and Carmen Walter mailed a written objection to the formula and amount of the assessment.
- ~ Eva Asplin was present and submitted a written objection to the adoption of the proposed special assessment as well as the formula used.
- ~ Becker County has requested a reconsideration of the parcel assessment being charged to both tax-forfeited parcels as these parcels were combined into one parcel to comply with zoning requirements as determined in a 1991 survey. The township will reduce the charge to one parcel charge and the township will pay this additional parcel charge to prevent the need to redo the assessment. If it is deemed necessary to redo the assessment then the charge will remain included in the total assessment.
- ~ Doug and Judy Sletmoen submitted a written objection to the special assessment and its calculation.
- ~ Mike and Tracy Vandal submitted a written objection to the assessment and ask that the agricultural land be included in the assessment calculation and charges.
- ~ A petition was submitted by Eva Asplin signed by several property owners to reconsider the calculation of the proposed assessment to be changed to a straight per parcel basis.
- ~ Jay Carlson made a verbal statement that he does not object to either method and will pay whatever assessment is deemed necessary.

D Opsahl made a motion to recalculate the assessment on a straight per parcel basis using the 71.5 parcels and still not include the agricultural land in this determination, 2nd by G Johnson. A motion was made by J Lightowler at 8:25pm to adjourn the hearing to consider the objections and the proposal of the recalculation of the assessment until the next regular meeting of the board to be held on October 9, 2012 at 7:30pm, 2nd by L Stockert and it carried. (Statute 429.061)

Meeting Reopened at 7:30pm on October 9, 2012.

Objection to changing the assessment to a per parcel assessment were received from the following property owners: Richard & Teresa Garske, Amelia Garske, Robert & Peggy Rantanen, Dale & Jane VanHavermaet, Jeff & Pam Nikle, Tyrone & Rita Curl-Langager, Craig Rise, Michael Foley, Selma Anderson, Marvin & Beverly Otterson, Lee & Jane Eklund. Richard Garske & Glen Sitz called in their objection to changing the assessment. Mrs Vandal stated her objection to using the blended formula due to the fact that all property owners benefit equally and would like to see it considered to split per parcel (she also submitted a letter).

Mr. Gaebe made a statement that the county assessor stated that the numbers given to the township were incorrect and are making corrections to his tax statement. The board stated that if the residents have their footage corrected by the assessor and notify the township then the 50% footage assessment for their parcel will be recalculated and the township will approve an abatement for the difference due to the assessor's mistake on footage. This would only apply if the board decides to continue with the blended assessment formula.

Richard Garske, Bob Rantanen and Mike Foley stated that they are in favor of the original blended formula.

John Hoverson made a statement that he feels that both methods are fair (leaning more toward the per parcel) but would like to see the township pay more toward this improvement.

Jeff Nikle made the statement that he is in favor of the original method and filed a letter.

The prior motion to change the assessment did not carry by a vote of 1 for (D Opsahl) to 3 against (Joe Lightowler, Jason Rosing and L Stockert)

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J Rosing made a motion to approve the original blended formula special assessment and if the residents have their footage corrected by the assessor and notify the township then the 50% footage assessment for their parcel will be recalculated and the township will review for abatement of the difference due to the assessor's mistake on footage, 2nd by L Stockert and it carried.

L Stockert made a motion to adjourn the hearing at 8:22pm, 2nd by D Opsahl and it carried.