

# **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FLUSHING**

**6524 N. SEYMOUR ROAD  
FLUSHING, MICHIGAN 48433  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES**

**DATE: JANUARY 30, 2020** **TIME: 7:00 P.M.**  
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**ADMINISTRATION:**

**SUPERVISOR:** Frederick R. Thorsby  
**CLERK:** Wendy D. Meinburg  
**TREASURER:** Terry A. Peck

**TRUSTEES:**

Jenifer Almassy  
Linda Minarik  
William L. Westenbarger  
Sharilynn K. Willette

**TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:**

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- I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 7:01 P.M. by **SUPERVISOR FRED THORSBY** with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Jenifer Almassy, Linda Minarik, William Westenbarger, Sharilynn Willette, Fred Thorsby, Wendy Meinburg, and Terry Peck., Attorney Steven Moulton was also present.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**None**

**OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: 39**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JANUARY 30, 2020:**

**TREASURER PECK MOVED**, supported by Trustee Westenbarger to approve the agenda as submitted for January 30, 2020.

- III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

- IV: NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Public Hearing for Special Road Assessment for Meadowbrook Park  
Subdivision– Supervisor Thorsby

Supervisor Thorsby gave a short synopsis of the proposed road assessment and introduced Richard Hill, Engineer of the Genesee County Road Commission to briefly explain the paving process.

**TREASURER PECK MOVED**, supported by Trustee Westenbarger to open the Pubic Hearing for the Special Road Assessment for Brentwood Farms.

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: 7:21 P.M.**

Trustee Almassy asked about catch basin repair in the Special Assessment  
James Millan commented on the pot holes in section 8, 9, 10, 11 in the Special Assessment  
Deb Stephenson asked about engineering costs  
Micheal Stanton was in favor of all special assessment. The cost is high but if we wait it will cost more and thanked the Board for their help in the process  
Connie Stanton of spoke of her concerns to keep the subdivision looking nice and that includes the roads  
Jeff Hurand spoke of being in favor of the Assessment.  
Barb Hurand asked is the county pays for any part of the road repair.  
Richard Hill replied stating that the county pays for engineering costs and inspections which is about 10% of the total cost  
Rachel Baldwin asked about the longevity of the roads after the repairs are done  
Richard Hill replied saying the roads are built for 20 years but small repairs will still need to be done  
Supervisor Thorsby informed the audience that subdivision roads are built by the developer. The county only does minimal repair and snow removal.  
Clarence Rempel asked if the roads are replaced is the county taking care of them.  
Richard Hill responded saying that the county patches holes and does snow removal but it all depends on the budget  
Laura Chapman-Sigmond asked if the project goes out to bid  
Richard Hill responded saying that the county does put it out to bid and that is when they will come back to the Township with the actual costs.  
Supervisor Thorsby commented on how well the county has worked with the Township on these assessment and appreciates Richard Hills time and efforts.  
James Millan this information is not new. The residents have been discussing this since June.  
Supervisor Thorsby stated that it is all up to the residents. It is your roads.  
Trustee Almassy commented on that this is the third assessment that the Board has dealt with so far.  
James Millan asked when the project would start  
Jim Stevenson asked if construction would start this fall  
Richard Hill replied yes  
Caleb Brown asked how long does the project take  
Richard Hill replied that construction would take 6 to 8 weeks

Randy Schapel is in favor of the road repair but questioned since the state is doing more road projects, would there be enough contractors to handle subdivision work also

Richard Hill believes that would not be a problem

Stevenson spoke in favor of Richard Hills answers

Carl Hanson asked if a subdivision turns down the road repair does that mean they will never get new roads

Supervisor Thorsby replied by saying that if a subdivision does not get enough signatures then that subdivision goes to the bottom of the list and will be looked at again later

Treasurer Peck stated that the seven subdivision that were picked were picked because the residents in those areas asked for road repair.

The HOA board members discussed the possibility of using their HOA funds to offset some of the costs. The HOA Board Treasurer and President stated that they would look into it.

Randy Schapel stated that patching the roads is not a great way to repair the roads and wanted to know if the HOA would be able to put those funds into road upkeep

Richard Hill stated that approach is possible you would need to pull permits from the county to work on your roads.

Randy Schapel asked if the Road Commission could come up with a model for road upkeep to help out

Richard Hill suggested looking at crack seal

Micheal Stanton stated that the subdivision no longer has big construction trucks on the roads so that would help with the longevity of the roads

Richard Hill replied by saying that its not passenger vehicles that damage the roads. It's the construction, buses and garbage vehicles that damage the roads

Sharon Day asked by signing tonight what am I committing to and when will this be on my taxes?

Supervisor Thorsby replied that by signing you are asking the board to move forward with the project and start the engineering. After engineering, the cost will come back to the board and the residents will be notified of the cost and the board will vote.

Sharon Day commented on how Ohio roads and so much better. What are we not doing right?

Kamuiru asked about petitions

Supervisor Thorsby informed the residents of the petition process and the deadline. The Township Board will discuss this assessment at the March Board meeting.

HOA introduced their board members.

Caleb Brown asked the difference between the use of concrete versus asphalt

Richard Hill stated that asphalt would be easier to construct and maintain. It would also be cheaper. The county usually uses asphalt.

Trustee Almassy asked once a contractor is chosen is there any way that if a resident would like to pay for their driveway to be done, would that be possible?

Richard Hill replied that the county deters that

Supervisor Thorsby also stated that previous to this public hearing no emails or letters were received by the township to be read into the record.

Kamuiru asked about the petition process

Supervisor Thorsby explained the process again and also stated that there is a petition available tonight to sign right now if you would like.

Mark Harris commented on the need for more than 3 petitions. The HOA would be able to make copies

**Supervisor Thorsby closed the Public Hearing at 7:57 P.M.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**No comments**

**Public comment closed at 7:58 P.M.**

**VI. BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Westenbarger thanked the residents for such a great turnout.

Trustee Almassy is hopeful and excited to get the project started

Treasurer Peck comments on Trustee Almassy's positive push to get this Assessment started.

Trustee Willette thanked the residents for the good turnout and thanked Richard Hill for all his help.

**IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** February 13, 2020

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

**TRUSTEE WESTENBARGER MOVED**, supported by Trustee Minarik to adjourn the meeting at **8:45?? P.M.**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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WENDY D. MEINBURG, Clerk

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FREDERICK R. THORSBY, Supervisor

APPROVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

RECORDING SECRETARY: Clerk Wendy D. Meinburg  
01/30/2020