

**ORANGEVILLE TOWNSHIP
BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING
WINCHESTER DRIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENT
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 19-1**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ORANGEVILLE,
BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of Orangeville Township, as authorized by PA 188 of 1954, as amended, proposes to undertake a road improvement project on Winchester Drive in Orangeville Township as more particularly described below and to create a separate special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited. The Township Board of Orangeville Township is acting pursuant to petitions, as authorized by PA 188 of 1954, as amended.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the costs thereof are to be specially assessed includes all parcels with frontage on and/or with driveway access to Winchester Drive in Orangeville Township.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received plans showing the proposed road improvements and associated activities, together with an estimated project cost in the amount of \$40,000. The cost of the project is proposed to be raised by special assessment on parcels in the proposed district. The Orangeville Township Board has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to undertake such project and to create the afore-described special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has placed the project plans and costs estimate on file with the Township Clerk and said plans, cost estimates and special assessment district may be examined at the Township Clerk's office from the date of this Notice to the date of the public hearing and may further be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board proposes to make a special assessment based on road frontage on Winchester Drive (including an assessment for an end lot) each year for a period of five years (2019-2023 inclusive). The total assessment amount will be approximately \$19.53 per foot of frontage and/or driveway access on Winchester Drive, including an additional amount for the end lot. The Township Board reserves the right to levy a lesser assessment in the final year of the special assessment district, if there are more funds in the special assessment district fund than the amount needed for the project.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a **public hearing** on the plans, district, cost estimates and will be held at Orangeville Township Hall, 7350 Lindsey Road, Plainwell, Michigan, on **July 30, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** At the hearing, the Board will consider any written objections and comments to any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Township Clerk at or before the hearing, and any objections or comments raised at the hearing; and at the hearing (or any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice), the township board may revise, correct, amend or change the plans, cost estimates or special assessment district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if written objections to the project are filed with the Township Board at or before the hearing, signed by the record owners of land constituting more than 20% of the total frontage on the road, the township board may not proceed unless petitions in support of the project, signed by record owners of more than 50% of the total frontage on the road proposed for improvement and for inclusion in the special assessment district, are filed with the township. The Township Board has already received petitions in support of the project signed by record owners of more than 50% of the total frontage on the road proposed for improvement. Written comments or objections may be filed with the clerks at the address set out below.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at the public hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the special assessment roll is confirmed. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file at or before the hearing his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. All interested persons are invited to be present in person or by representative and to express their views at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if the Township Board determines to proceed with the special assessment, the Board will cause a special assessment roll to be prepared and another hearing will be held, after notice to record owners of property proposed to be specially assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessment.

Orangeville Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days' notice to the Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk at the address below.

Mel Risner, Clerk
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