

WILSON TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 3, 2015

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CALL TO ORDER: Todd Sorenson, Supervisor called the special meeting to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. **ROLL CALL:** Present: Supervisor Todd Sorenson, Treasurer Kerri Reinhardt, Clerk, Marilyn Beebe, and Trustee Jeff Argetsinger. Absent: Trustee Louie Fall. Guests: Wilson Township property owners: Kevin Vrondran, Scott Stahl, John Vrondran, Pamela & Keith Pinney, Fred Simpson, Michael & Cara Birdsall, Jack & Janice Yoak, Daniel Byce; and Pat Harmon, Manager of the Charlevoix County Road Commission.

B. **HEALEY ROAD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT DISCUSSION:** Supervisor Sorenson opened the discussion by explaining the reason for the meeting. The meeting was called to determine if Healey Road (and Abernathy Road) property owners were In favor of establishing a special assessment district (SAD) to repave the ½ mile section of Healey Road that is presently a deteriorating triple seal pavement. All property owners on the section of Healey Road between Wilson and Jacquay roads and those on Abernathy Road were sent an invitation to the meeting. Sorenson also stated that no road work would be done this year on Healey Road as the special assessment district process would delay the work until next year.

Sorenson responded to Mr. Kevin Vrondran's emailed opinion that a 2" wedge isn't needed and that 1.5" surface is sufficient. Sorenson stated that it is policy that a 2" overlay is applied to a triple seal road while 1.5" can be applied to a paved road and that Wilson Township will not waiver from this standard.

The meeting was opened to comments:

Mr. Kevin Vrondran asked for bids/quotes from contractors before proceeding with the special assessment process. Pat Harmon stated that it wouldn't be appropriate to request bids at this time; that contractor numbers would be exposed and wouldn't be accurate.

Several attendees noted that they felt that the triple seal section should be turned to gravel as it would make the road safer and they were opposed to being part of a special assessment district.

A show of hands indicated that the necessary 51% of the Healey Road property owners weren't in attendance. Therefore, the decision to proceed with a special assessment district couldn't be decided. The matter will be taken up again in late March / April of 2016 to determine if a SAD could be approved. Another cost estimate will be requested from the county at that time. Sorenson stressed that 51% of property owners must in favor of the SAD. Any scenario of the number of parcels in the SAD can be considered but fewer parcels will result in an increase in the amount each SAD participant will have to pay.

C. **Adjournment:** With no further items on the agenda, **moved by** Beebe with **support by** Argetsinger to adjourn at 7:36 PM. **Voice vote: All ayes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn L. Beebe, Clerk