

COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 6TH<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 @ 1:00PM

PUBLIC HEARING NORTH LAKE S.A.D.

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A public hearing was held and the Columbia Township Board was called to order by L. Norton. Roll call was taken. Present: S. Corke, K. Gruss, L. Norton and B. Sherrer. Absent: Huizenga. 7 citizens present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Nile and Walker representatives from the North Lake Assn. The Association is asking the township for a renewal of the former S.A.D. and increase the assessment to \$350.00. Homeowners are happy with the results and wish to continue treatments. Brian Knotek representative for Richard Adams who owns 3 parcels on North Lake, Mr. Knotek suggested to the township that the assessment be calculated on the taxable value instead of per parcel also because of the usage of the properties is different. Thank you for the clarification on the assessment today.

Attorney Kaufman representing the township commented: today's public hearing is the first of 2 that are required before the special assessment process is complete. Today's hearing is on the estimate of costs for the project, plans for plant control. And the question of whether the Township Board should proceed further with the special assessment. The proposed assessment project will be for 8 years 2019-2026 inclusive. If any interested person wishes to protest the special assessment and has not previously done so, feel free to do so prior to the close of this hearing today. Protest by the close of the 2<sup>nd</sup> public hearing on the special assessment roll is a requirement to being able to appeal a party's special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Corke seconded by Sherrer. 1:30pm

Linda Norton, Supervisor

Stacey Corke, Clerk