

Assessment Hearing Round Lake 2012
Sept 29, 2012

Hearing was called to order at 10 am. Board members present were Supervisor Jenkins, Clerk Gust, Treasurer Willett, and Trustee Wilson. Trustee McGrath was absent with notice.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear objections to assessment roll or boundaries of the district. Speakers will be limited to 2 minutes for each speaker, after all have spoken, a 1 minute rebuttal will be allowed.

Written objections were read into the record from Denice Combs, and James Woods.

Objections were heard from Arlen Miller, Dexter Lane; Robert Kaye, Toledo Ave; Alice Ehlert; VanSickle, Dexter Lane; and Dinius, Hallenbeck Hwy. The complaints voiced were: the district should be broadened to allow for more residents to be share in the cost of assessment; persons with lakefronts on both lakes should pay for both assessments; as well as any wetlands draining into the lake should be assessed. The residents on the channel should be included in the district also. Residents also request that the whole lake be treated, not just portions.

The hearing was closed to comments at 10:30 am. The township board will take action on this roll at the regular meeting October 10, 2012.

The treasurer requests an addition of RLO-720-0291-00 to the district. This property is definitely within the boundaries and should be assessed.

Clerk Gust stated that the district boundaries cannot be changed at this time unless the hearing of necessity is held over again, with all those in the expanded district being notified of a new hearing. Wilson has heard many comments that the residents on the canal should be paying on this assessment also. Jenkins stated the district may be amended next year, if necessary.

Chemicals will need to be placed in April to get ahead of the weeds. Treatment plan is primarily herbicide. We are unsure as to the chemical that will be used, as it will depend on the type of weeds to be treated. We will rely on the lake management contractor, Savin, to give recommendations.

Advantage of using herbicide treatment is that the chemical will be applied to kill the weeds systemically, to a depth of approximately 10 feet.

There was a question regarding the effect of treatment on shallow wells. Rutan complemented the board for considering other options.

Chemicals will be applied to a large portion of the lake, with depths of less than 10 feet, and may be re-applied. Most lakes are treated two times per year. A schedule will be provided to ensure an effective program next year. Notices will be posted on the website. Chemicals that are approved by the DEQ take into consideration the effects on groundwater. Once a process is selected, a statement of effects on personal water supplies may be downloaded from the internet. Wilson requests a link to MSDS sheets be posted on the website for residents to refer to.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 am.

Sharon Gust
Rollin Township Clerk