

**TOWNSHIP OF SCIO
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION #2023-30**

**RESOLUTION TO DETERMINE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT; APPROVAL OF ESTIMATED
COSTS; FINAL DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; PREPARATION OF
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLLS AND TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING**

At a Regular Meeting of the Township Board of Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held at the Scio Township Hall, 827 N Zeeb Road, in said Township, on June 27, 2023, at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Hathaway, Flintoft, Palmer, Brazeau, Kerry, Knol, Reiser

Members Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee Brazeau and supported by Trustee Knol.

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that providing fire protection and emergency medical services, including maintenance of buildings, acquisition of apparatus and equipment ("Fire and Emergency Services") is in the best interest of the public health, safety, and welfare of the Township residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Police and Fire Protection Act, Act 33 of 1951 ("Act 33"), a township may provide that the cost of providing Fire and Emergency Services may be defrayed by special assessment; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the voters of Scio Township voted overwhelmingly to defray the costs and expenses associated with operating and maintaining fire protection services with an annual levy up to .9 mills on the taxable value of all specially benefited properties subject to taxation within the special assessment district; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the voters of Scio Township voted overwhelmingly to raise the amount of the annual levy to defray the costs associated with operating and maintaining fire protection services from .9 mills to 1.35 mills; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board proposes to continue to defray the costs for Fire and Emergency Services by special assessment and, pursuant to Act 33, decided to place the following proposals on the ballot for November 7, 2023:

Fire Services Improvement and Expansion

Operating Question

Shall the Township of Scio be authorized to annually defray its costs of providing fire protection and emergency medical services, including maintenance of buildings, acquisition of apparatus and equipment, by special assessment pursuant to Act 33 of 1951, in an amount adjusted annually that does not exceed 3.75 mills (\$3.75 on each \$1000 of taxable values) in any single year for ten (10) years, 2023 to 2032 inclusive?

Capital Question

Shall the Township of Scio be authorized to annually defray its costs of purchasing property, constructing buildings, and providing apparatus and

equipment for newly constructed buildings to provide fire protection and emergency medical services by special assessment, pursuant to Act 33 of 1951, in an amount adjusted annually that does not exceed 0.75 mills (\$0.75 on each \$1000 of taxable values) in any single year for twenty (20) years, 2023 to 2042 inclusive?

The authority under this Capital Question is effective only if both ballot questions are approved.

and;

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2023 the Township Board tentatively established a special assessment district consisting of all of the lands and premises within the Township; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2023 the Township Board held a public hearing to hear any objections to (i) defraying the costs of Fire and Emergency Services by special assessment, and (ii) the tentative special assessment district.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWNSHIP RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Township Board determines to defray, in whole or in part, the cost of providing Fire and Emergency Services through a special assessment.
2. The special assessment district known as the Fire Services Improvement and Expansion District No. 1 ("District") is hereby established and determined to consist of all of the lands and premises within the boundaries of the Township except for lands and premises exempt from the collection of taxes under the General Property Tax Act, P.A. 206 of 1893.
3. The amount of the special assessment levy for tax year 2023 shall be 1.35 mills; or 3.75 mills; or 4.50 mills; depending on if one or both questions are passed by voters on November 7, 2023.
4. The District will remain in effect for a period of twenty (20) years. The Township will annually determine the amount to be assessed in the District and hold a public hearing in the manner required by Act 33.
5. All or a portion of the costs of the Fire and Emergency Services will be paid by special assessments assessed within the District against the lands and premises located in the District and benefited by the proposed Fire and Emergency Services.
6. The Township Supervisor is hereby directed to make three (3) proposed special assessment rolls for the District describing all the lands and premises to be assessed, the names of the respective record owners of each parcel, if known, and the amount of the levy to be assessed in 2023 in the following amounts; 1.35 mills, 3.75 mills, and .75 mills.
7. The special assessment rolls will be reported to the Township Board and will be filed in the office of the Township Clerk and will be available for public inspection during the normal working hours of the Township office.
8. The Township Board will hold a public hearing at a meeting of the Township Board on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at the Scio Township Hall located at 827 North

Zeab Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan, to review the special assessment rolls and to hear any objections them.

9. The Township Board directs the Township Clerk to give notice of the time, date, and purpose of the hearing, by first-class mail, to each record owner of, or party-in-interest in, real property within the Township whose name appears upon the last Township tax assessment records, at least ten days before the date of the hearing. Additionally, the Township Clerk will cause to be published a Notice of Public Hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township a total of at least two times prior to the hearing. The first publication must be at least 10 days prior to the time for the hearing, and a proof of publication of such notice must be filed with the Township Clerk.
10. The form of the notice of hearing to be published will be substantially as set forth in Exhibit A, with such modifications as are deemed necessary by the Township Clerk to ensure that notice is provided to property owners within the District.
11. All actions taken by Township officials, employees, and agents with respect to the special assessment are hereby ratified and confirmed and all other resolutions or parts of other resolutions, insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are rescinded.

ROLL CALL VOTE:


YES: Hathaway, Flintoft, Palmer, Brazeau, Kerry, Knol, Reiser

NO: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Jessica M. Flintoft, Clerk
Scio Township

DATED: June 27, 2023

EXHIBIT A

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ELECTRONIC MEETING, AND
FILING OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of Scio has resolved its intention to proceed to defray the cost of fire protection and emergency medical services, including maintenance of buildings, acquisition of apparatus and equipment through a special assessment, which assessment is to be spread across the taxable value of the lands and premises in the district pursuant to Act 33 of 1951, as amended, MCL 41.801 *et seq.*

The Township Board has tentatively determined that all or part of the cost will be specially assessed against all real property parcels in the Township, except those that are exempt from the collection of taxes under the General Property Tax Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the Township Supervisor has made and certified three proposed special assessment rolls for the special assessment district, which rolls sets forth the relative portion of the cost which may be levied in the form of a special assessment against each benefited lot and parcel of land in the special assessment district.

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 8, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE SCIO TOWNSHIP HALL LOCATED AT 827 NORTH ZEEB ROAD, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN with REMOTE PARTICIPATION AVAILABLE to REVIEW THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLLS AND TO HEAR AND CONSIDER ANY OBJECTIONS THERETO.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment rolls as prepared have been reported to the Township Board and are on file with the Township Clerk at the Township Hall for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT AN OWNER OR PARTY-IN-INTEREST IN A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL, BUT ONLY IF THE OWNER OR PARTY-IN-INTEREST APPEARS AND PROTESTS THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AT THIS HEARING. An appearance may be made by an owner or party-in-interest, or his or her agent, in person or, in the alternative, an appearance or protest can be filed with the Township by letter prior to the hearing, in which case a personal appearance at the hearing is not required.

If necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services can be provided at the meeting to individuals with disabilities, by contacting Clerk Jessica Flintoft at the above address or at (734) 349-9400 in advance of the Hearing.

This Notice was authorized by the Township Board of the Township of Scio.

Jessica M. Flintoft, Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessica M. Flintoft, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Scio Township, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on June 27, 2023, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Jessica M. Flintoft, Clerk
Scio Township

DATED: June 28, 2023