HANOVER TOWNSHIP

BOARD MEETING

January 10, 2024

Held at Hanover Township Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor, Jeffery Heath

Board members present: Jason Dorian, Tim Evans, Jeff Heath, Rachel Heath, Steve Keller

Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Supervisor Heath

Public Comment: None.

Announcements: None.

Motion by Keller, support by Dorian, to forgo the reading of the minutes for the December 13, 2023 Board Meeting. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Motion by Dorian, support by Keller to accept the reading of the minutes for the January 2, 2024 Fire Board Meeting as read by Supervisor Heath. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Supervisor Heath gave updates on the fire department.

Motion by Dorian, support by Keller, to accept the Treasurer’s report. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Motion by Evans, support by Dorian to amend the budget as follows:

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| **BUDGET ACCOUNT** | **PREVIOUS BUDGET AMOUNT** | **CHANGE AMOUNT** | **AMENDED BUDGET AMOUNT** |
| New Equipment | $ 32,000.00 | + $8,000.00 | $ 40,000.00 |
| Repair & Maintenance – Building | $ 22,000.00 | - $8,000.00 | $ 14,000.00 |

Roll Call: Keller, yes; Dorian, yes; Evans, yes; J. Heath, yes; R. Heath, yes. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Motion by Dorian, support by Keller, to approve the General Fund, Post-Audit, Round/Farwell, and Fire Department bills as presented for payment.

Roll Call: Dorian, yes; Evans, yes; J. Heath, yes; Keller, yes; R. Heath, yes. Ayes all. Motion passed.

New Business:

Steve’s Scenic/Little Drive Special Assessment Public Hearing

Start Time: 7:45PM End Time: 8:18PM

Paul Roadarmel at 1516 Little Drive inquired about the dirt portion, and was told that those parcels were removed as they would not be part of the special assessment.

Roger Robinson at 242 Steve’s Scenic requested information as to what would be done.

Dennis Diffenderfer at 223 Steve’s Scenic asked about value increase.

Dan Parson at 286 Steve’s Scenic asked about driveway tie-ins.

John McGovern at 1616 Little Drive asked about access during construction.

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP**

**STEVES SCENIC AND LITTLE DRIVE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Hanover Township, Jackson County, Michigan, held on the 10th day of January, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight/Standard Time.

PRESENT: Keller, Dorian, Evans, J. Heath, R. Heath\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The following resolution was offered by Evans\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and supported by Dorian\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended (“Act 188”), upon the receipt of petitions therefor, the Township Board may proceed to initiate and carry out improvements to public roads within Hanover Township (hereafter referred to as “road improvements”). See MCL 41.722(1)(m); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board has received petitions for road improvements from the record owners of certain properties along Steve’s Scenic and Little Drive, public roads within the Township, which petitions are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Clerk has checked the signatures on the petitions and the record owners of land within the Township contained within a proposed district described in **Exhibits B and C** attached hereto, and has reported that signatures represent more than 50% of the property owners who have frontage on the section of Steve’s Scenic and Little Drive proposed to be improved. MCL 41.723(3)(b); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board previously adopted Resolution No. 2023-11 to initiate the road improvements to the proposed district; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jackson County Department of Transportation has prepared and filed a report for the Township Board’s consideration, showing the proposed road improvements, the proposed location thereof and an estimate of the costs of the same, with total estimated cost not to exceed $280,000.00, all as described on the attached **Exhibits B and C**; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board tentatively determined in Resolution No. 2023-11 that there is a need for the proposed road improvements described in **Exhibits B and C** to serve the properties within the proposed area described in the attached **Exhibits B and C**; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township Board previously set a time, date, and place for the Township Board to hold a public hearing to hear any objections to the petitions, proposed improvements, estimate of costs, and special assessment district; and

**WHEREAS,** notice of the public hearing was given by publication twice prior to such hearing in a newspaper circulated in the Township, the first publication being at least ten (10) days prior to the time of the hearing; and

**WHEREAS,** notice of the public hearing to be given by first class mail to all owners of land in the proposed special assessment district at the address shown on the last Township tax assessment roll, at least ten (10) days before the date of such public hearing; and

**WHEREAS,** the attached **Exhibits B and C** showing the plans and estimates of cost of the proposed road improvements were on file with the Township Clerk prior to the public hearing; and

**WHEREAS,** the Township Board conducted a public hearing on January 10, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hanover Township Office to hear any objections to the petitions, proposed improvements, estimate of costs, and special assessment district; and

**WHEREAS,** after hearing objections and comments regarding the proposed improvements, estimate of costs, and special assessment district, the Township Board now finds that the petitions attached as **Exhibit A** should be approved as legally sufficient under MCL 41.723(3)(b), that the district against which the special assessment should be assessed should be approved as the area shown in attached **Exhibits B and C**, and that the proposed improvements and estimate of cost should be approved as shown in attached **Exhibits B and C**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Board of Hanover Township, Jackson County, Michigan, as follows:

1. The Township Board hereby approves the petitions attached as **Exhibit A** as legally sufficient and containing a sufficient number of signatures of property owners within the district approved by this resolution.

2. The Township Board hereby determines to provide for and complete the proposed road improvements described in the attached **Exhibits B and C**, and hereby approves the plans and estimated costs, with the Special Assessment District’s share of the total costs not to exceed $280,000.00, all as described on the attached **Exhibits B and C**.

3. The Township Board hereby determines, creates and defines a special assessment district that shall consist of land described in the attached **Exhibits B and C**, which shall be known as the Steve’s Scenic and Little Drive Special Assessment District, within which the costs of such improvements shall be assessed according to the benefits.

4. The Township Supervisor and assessing officer are hereby directed to make a special assessment roll in which shall be described all of the lots of land to be assessed as above set forth, with the names of the owners thereof, if known, and the total amount to be assessed against each lot of land, which amount shall be such relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against all lots of land in the assessment district as the benefit to such lot bears to the total benefit of all lots of land in the special assessment district.

5. When the assessment roll is completed, the Supervisor or assessing officer shall affix thereto a certificate stating that said roll was made pursuant to this resolution and that in making the assessment roll he has, according to his best judgment, conformed in all respects to the directions contained in this resolution and the statutes of the State of Michigan, and he shall then report the special assessment roll with his attached certificate to the Township Board.

6. All prior resolutions and parts of prior resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Yeas: Evans, Keller, R. Heath, Dorian, J. Heath\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Motion by Evans, support by Dorian to approve the two Farmland Preservation/PA116 Applications submitted by Cody and Robin Thorne, as recommended by the Jackson County Planning Commission.

Roll Call: J. Heath, yes; Keller, yes; R. Heath, yes; Evans, yes; Dorian, yes. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Motion by Dorian, support by Keller to approve the Jackson County ISD Tax Collection Agreement for 2024.

Roll Call: Keller, yes; Dorian, yes; Evans, yes; J. Heath, yes; R. Heath, yes. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Motion by Evans, support by Dorian to request the Planning Commission review agritourism, after current projects are finished.

Roll Call: Evans, yes; J. Heath, yes; R. Heath, yes; Keller, yes; Dorian, yes. Ayes all. Motion passed.

Mr. Keller replaced a light and will be sending an estimate to switch the office to LED.

Treasurer Evans mentioned that the Fire Department CD containing the donation has earned $4,216 in interest at this point.

Public Comment: None.

Dorian moved the meeting to be adjourned at 9:10 PM, seconded by Keller.

Submitted by:

Rachel L. Heath, Clerk