

**HOPE TOWNSHIP  
BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**REVISED NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING  
GUERNSEY LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROJECT  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 24-1**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF HOPE TOWNSHIP, BARRY COUNTY,  
MICHIGAN AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that, the Township Board of Hope Township, as authorized by PA 188 of 1954, as amended, proposes to undertake an aquatic plant control project (with associated activities) in Guernsey Lake in Hope Township as more particularly described below and to create a special assessment district for the recovery of the costs thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited. The Township Board of Hope Township is acting on the Board's own motion, as authorized by PA 188 of 1954, as amended.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the special assessment district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the costs thereof are to be specially assessed includes parcels with frontage on or located in the vicinity of Guernsey Lake and is more particularly described as follows:

**GUERNSEY LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROJECT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 24-1 - PROPOSED DISTRICT:** The properties indicated by parcel numbers:

07-017-003-10	07-160-027-00	07-018-003-02	07-160-129-20	07-240-026-00
07-017-306-00	07-160-028-00	07-160-085-00	07-160-130-00	07-240-029-00
07-018-003-01	07-160-029-00	07-160-087-00	07-160-132-00	07-240-029-60
07-018-005-00	07-160-030-00	07-160-088-00	07-160-139-00	07-245-001-00
07-018-006-00	07-160-031-00	07-160-089-00	07-160-140-00	07-245-002-00
07-018-007-20	07-160-031-40	07-160-090-00	07-160-141-00	07-245-003-00
07-018-007-24	07-160-032-00	07-160-093-00	07-160-142-00	07-245-004-00
	07-160-033-00	07-160-094-00	07-160-143-00	07-245-004-50
07-018-007-23	07-160-034-00	07-160-095-00	07-160-144-00	07-245-005-00
07-018-013-00	07-160-035-00	07-160-096-00	07-160-146-00	07-245-006-00
07-018-014-00	07-160-037-00	07-160-097-00	07-160-147-00	07-245-007-00
07-019-003-00	07-160-038-00	07-160-098-00	07-160-148-00	07-245-008-00
07-019-004-00	07-160-039-00	07-160-099-00	07-160-150-00	07-245-009-00
07-019-005-00	07-160-040-00	07-160-100-00	07-160-151-00	07-245-009-50
07-019-010-00	07-160-041-00	07-160-101-00	07-160-151-50	07-245-010-00
	07-160-042-00	07-160-102-00	07-160-152-00	07-245-011-00
07-019-015-10	07-160-043-00	07-160-103-00	07-160-153-00	07-320-001-00
07-019-016-10	07-160-044-00	07-160-104-00	07-160-155-00	07-320-002-00
07-020-030-10	07-160-045-00	07-160-105-00	07-160-156-00	07-320-003-00
07-020-030-11	07-160-046-00	07-160-107-00	07-160-157-00	07-320-004-00
07-020-030-12	07-160-047-00	07-160-108-00	07-160-158-00	07-320-005-00
07-020-030-15	07-160-048-00	07-160-109-00	07-160-159-00	07-320-006-00
07-020-030-40	07-160-049-00	07-160-111-00	07-160-160-00	07-330-001-00
07-100-001-00	07-160-051-00	07-160-112-00	07-160-161-00	07-330-001-50
07-100-002-00	07-160-052-00	07-160-113-00	07-160-327-04	07-330-002-00
07-100-003-00	07-160-053-00	07-160-114-00	07-160-327-11	07-330-003-00
07-100-004-00	07-160-054-00	07-160-115-00	07-160-830-00	07-330-004-00

07-100-005-00	07-160-056-00	07-160-116-00	07-240-001-00	07-330-005-00
07-100-006-00	07-160-057-00	07-160-116-50	07-240-002-00	07-330-006-00
07-100-007-00	07-160-058-00	07-160-117-00	07-240-003-00	07-330-007-00
07-100-007-10	07-160-059-00	07-160-120-00	07-240-004-00	07-330-008-00
07-100-008-00	07-160-060-00	07-160-121-00	07-240-005-00	07-330-008-20
07-100-009-00	07-160-061-00	07-160-122-00	07-240-005-10	07-330-009-00
07-100-010-00	07-160-062-00	07-160-123-00	07-240-006-00	07-330-010-00
07-160-001-00	07-160-064-00	07-160-124-00	07-240-007-00	07-330-012-00
07-160-002-00	07-160-065-00	07-160-125-00	07-240-008-00	07-330-013-00
07-160-004-00	07-160-066-00	07-160-127-18	07-240-009-00	07-330-014-00
07-160-008-00	07-160-067-00	07-160-127-26	07-240-010-00	07-330-015-00
07-160-009-00	07-160-068-00		07-240-011-00	07-330-016-00
07-160-011-00	07-160-069-00	07-160-127-32	07-240-012-00	07-330-016-10
07-160-012-00	07-160-070-00	07-160-127-38	07-240-013-00	07-330-017-00
07-160-014-00	07-160-071-00	07-160-128-00	07-240-014-00	07-330-018-00
07-160-015-00	07-160-072-00	07-160-128-02	07-240-015-00	07-330-019-00
07-160-017-00	07-160-073-00	07-160-128-04	07-240-016-00	07-330-020-00
07-160-020-00	07-160-074-00	07-160-128-06	07-240-016-10	07-330-021-00
07-160-021-00	07-160-075-00	07-160-128-08	07-240-018-00	07-330-022-00
07-160-022-00	07-160-076-00	07-160-128-10	07-240-019-00	07-017-015-00
07-160-023-00	07-160-078-00	07-160-128-12	07-240-019-36	07-017-016-00
07-160-024-00	07-160-080-00	07-160-128-14	07-240-020-00	
07-160-025-00	07-160-081-00	07-160-129-05	07-240-021-00	
07-160-026-00	07-160-082-00	07-160-129-10	07-240-023-00	

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Township Board has received plans showing the proposed aquatic plant control project, associated activities, any proposed improvements and locations thereof, together with an estimate of the cost of the project being \$124,808 for a five year term (less approximately \$14,558 that will be carried over from the expiring Guernsey Lake Aquatic Plant Control Project Special Assessment District). The cost of the project is proposed to be raised by special assessment in the special assessment district. The Hope Township Board has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to undertake such project and to create the afore-described special assessment district.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Township Board has placed the project plans and costs estimate on file with the Township Clerk and said plans, cost estimate and special assessment district may be examined at the Township Clerk's office from the date of this Notice to the date of the public hearing and may further be examined at such public hearing.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Township Board proposes to make a special assessment per owner each year for a period of 5 years. The total approximate assessment for front lots is \$750 over 5 years; the total approximate assessment for back lots is \$375 over 5 years. The annual approximate assessment for front lots is proposed to be \$150 per year for 5 years. The annual approximate assessment for back lots is proposed to be \$75 per year for 5 years. The Township Board proposes to annually assess benefited properties for the costs of the aquatic plant control project (with associated activities), with only published notice each year, unless the amount to be specially assessed increases by more than 10%. If the amount to be specially assessed increases by more than 10%, then mailed notices of the public hearing on the reassessment would be provided to owners of record of property to be specially assessed.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that a **public hearing** on the plans, district, cost estimates and the carryover of surplus funds from the existing Special Assessment District will be held at the Hope Township Hall, 5463 S. M-43 Highway, Hastings, Michigan on October 1, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

At the hearing, the Board will consider any written objections and comments regarding any of the foregoing matters which are filed with the Township Clerk at or before the hearing, and any objections or comments raised at the hearing; and at the hearing (or any adjournment of the hearing which may be made without further notice), the township board may revise, correct, amend or change the plans, cost estimates or special assessment district.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that if written objections to the project are filed with the Township Board at or before the hearing, signed by the record owners of land constituting more than 20% of the area within the proposed special assessment district, the township board may not proceed unless petitions in support of the project, signed by record owners of more than 50% of the area to be made into a special assessment district, are filed with the township. Written comments or objections may be filed with the clerk at the address set out below.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that appearance and protest at the public hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the State Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the special assessment roll is confirmed. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file at or before the hearing his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. All interested persons are invited to be present in person or by representative and to express their views at the public hearing.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that if the township board determines to proceed with the special assessment, the board will cause a special assessment roll to be prepared and another hearing will be held, after notice to record owners of property proposed to be specially assessed, to hear public comments concerning the proposed special assessment.

Hope Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk at the address below.

Deborah Jackson, Clerk  
Hope Township  
5463 S. M-43 Highway  
Hastings, MI 49058  
(269) 948-2464