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TO: DeWitt Charter Township Board of Trustees

FROM: Adam Cramton, Clerk
Andrew Dymczyk, Manager

SUBJECT: Remy-Chandler Drain Special Assessment

DATE: March 23, 2023

The Remy-Chandler Intercounty Drain Board undertook a large maintenance project beginning in 2021. The cost to the Drain Board was \$600,000. DeWitt Township's portion, after applying the apportionment across the five affected communities, is \$180,838. The Township agreed to pay the Drain Board five equal annual payments of approximately \$36,767. After agreeing to make a \$28,568 at-large payment, the Township endeavored to assess the remaining \$152,269 to each of the affected property owners over three years.

The first Public Hearing was noticed and held on October 11, 2021, and was met with numerous resident challengers both in the boardroom and by mail / email response. An error was uncovered in the calculation of the assessment district and a second Public Hearing was scheduled.

The second Public Hearing was noticed and held on October 25, 2021, using corrected assessment totals for the residents. Again, the resident response was passionate and voluminous. At risk of missing the required timing of the winter tax roll, the Board elected to make the first Drain Board payment at-large to allow more time to respond to resident concerns. The first payment was made in April of 2022. Clerk Cramton collected input from those residents requesting on-site review of their particular drainage conditions. The concerns are numerous and varied.

The second payment to the Drain Board was due on March 1, 2023.

A decision needs to be made if DeWitt Township will continue to pursue a special assessment for the Remy-Chandler Drain project or if the project will be funded by at-large funds.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

DeWitt Township Board of Trustees please consider one of the following actions:

- 1. To continue to make at-large payments to the Remy-Chandler Intercounty Drain Board, Ingham County Drain Commissioner, for the duration of the agreed Remy-Chandler Intercounty Drain Long Term Maintenance Note.**
- 2. To establish, per resolution, a special assessment district, notice and hold a public hearing, and levy a special assessment for residents served by the Remy-Chandler Drain, for the purpose of collecting funds for the Remy Chandler Intercounty Drain Long Term Maintenance Note.**