

Washington Township, Gratiot County

Resolution to Adopt Road Improvement, Repair, and Maintenance Millage Increase Proposal

Resolution No. 2023-016

At a meeting of the Washington Township Board, Gratiot County, Michigan, held on July 20, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Howard Whaley, Barbara Hoffer, Kevin Whaley, Nancy Rogers, Eric Whitford

ABSENT: _____

The following was moved by Nancy Rogers and seconded by Barbara Hoffer:

WHEREAS, townships may impose and levy *ad valorem* property taxes to finance lawful public improvements as authorized by the Michigan Constitution and other laws. Specifically, townships may provide funds to improve, repair, and maintain roads within the Township as authorized by Public Act 51 of 1951, MCL 247.651 *et seq.*, among other authorities; and

WHEREAS, townships may also provide for road improvements under special assessment statutes such as Public Act 188 of 1954, MCL 41.721 *et seq.* See MCL 41.722(1)(c) and (m); and

WHEREAS, the Township currently has an approved special assessment levy equivalent to 1.50 mills on properties to pay for road improvements and may discontinue such assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Washington Township wishes to discontinue the special assessment and replace it with a new millage (if approved) of 1.50 mills for ten years, 2023 through 2032 inclusive, to improve, repair, and maintain roads within the Township as authorized under Michigan law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Township Board of Washington Township, Gratiot County, Michigan, approves the following millage increase proposal language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the November 7, 2023 election ballot. See the language on the following page.

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP MILLAGE INCREASE PROPOSAL
ROAD IMPROVEMENT, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE**

To, if approved, replace and discontinue an existing 1.50 mill special assessment for road improvements and fund improvements, repairs, and maintenance on roads within Washington Township, shall Washington Township adopt an increase of up to 1.50 mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution, subject to the required millage rollbacks, and collect it for ten years, 2023 through 2032 inclusive, raising an estimated \$ 42,972 in 2023?

Yes No

2. The Township Clerk is directed to post and publish notices of registration and notices of election, have ballots prepared and provided in sufficient quantity, and to do all things and provide all supplies necessary for the submission of this question at the election as required by law.

3. The Notice of Election for said election in Washington Township shall include notice of the submission of this question in substantially the following form:

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the election to be held in Washington Township, Gratiot County, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, the following proposal shall be submitted to the qualified electors:

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Yes No

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Washington Township, 8989 S Baldwin Rd, Ashley, MI 48806, telephone: (989) 847-1000.

QUALIFICATIONS OF ELECTORS

All properly registered and qualified electors within Washington Township are entitled to vote on the question. The places of election will be the regular voting places in Washington Township, Gratiot County, Michigan. The polls will be open from 7:00 am until 8:00 p.m.

4. Should the question brought to the voters above be approved, the Township will terminate the existing 1.50 mill special assessment for road improvements within the Township.

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

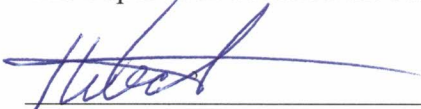
Roll call vote:

Yes: Howard Whaley, Barbara Hoffer, Kevin Whaley, Nancy Rogers, Eric Whitford

No: _____

Absent/Abstain: _____

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.



Howard Whaley, Washington Township Supervisor

Certificate

I, Barbara Hoffer, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Washington Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board by a roll call vote at a regular meeting of the Board held on July 20, 2023, at which meeting a quorum was present; and that this resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.



Barbara Hoffer, Washington Township Clerk