LEGAL NOTICE

Pentwater Lake Improvement Board Oceana County, Michigan

HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY AND HEARING OF ASSESSMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Pentwater Lake Improvement Board will hold a public hearing at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at Park Place, 310 N. Rush Street, Pentwater, Michigan to determine the practicability of a five-year improvement project for Pentwater Lake. The lake improvement project would include aquatic plant control, lake management consulting, information and education, Pentwater Lake Association water quality sampling, shore management consulting, and administration and contingency. The project would begin in 2024 and continue through 2028, with an annual budget of \$63,500. Existing surplus funds up to \$135,000 would be designated for lakeshore management and shoreline improvement projects, floating vegetation removal, and landing blitzes in coordination with the DNR Clean, Drain, Dry program.

Additional information about the proposed scope and cost of the project is included on the back of this notice. Please take a few minutes to review this information.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is available for public examination during normal business hours at the Oceana County Drain Commissioner, 100 N. State Street, Suite M-11, Hart, Michigan. Said special assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing the cost of the improvement project to benefiting properties.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that, if the project is found practicable, the Pentwater Lake Improvement Board will hold a hearing of assessment immediately following the aforementioned hearing of practicability for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll and for hearing any objections thereto. An owner of or party with interest in real property to be assessed or his/her agent may appear in person to object to the special assessment or may protest such special assessment by letter filed with the Lake Board at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case personal appearance is not required. Written objections may be filed with or mailed to the Pentwater Lake Improvement Board c/o Oceana County Drain Commissioner, 100 N. State Street, Suite M-11, Hart, MI 49420.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the owner of or any party with interest in real property within the Pentwater Lake Special Assessment District who, having protested said special assessment either in person or in writing, may, within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll has been published in a newspaper of general circulation, appeal such special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal or other court of competent jurisdiction.

The above-referenced hearings are being held pursuant to Part 309 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994, as amended.

Pentwater Lake Improvement Board Oceana County, Michigan The budget for the proposed Pentwater Lake improvement project is shown below:

Pentwater Lake Improvement Project Proposed Annual Budget 2024 Through 2028

<u>Improvement</u>	Annual Cost
Aquatic Plant Control	\$25,000
Lake Management Consulting	\$13,000
Information and Education	\$2,000
Pentwater Lake Association Water Quality Sampling	\$2,500
Shore Management Consulting	\$15,000
Administration and Contingency	\$6,000
Total Annual Cost	\$63,500

The Special Assessment District for Pentwater Lake includes Lakefront parcels that are assessed one unit of benefit; back lots with deeded or dedicated lake access are assessed ½ unit; and commercial lots are assessed double (two units if lakefront and one unit if back lots with deeded or dedicated lake access). Contiguous lots in common ownership are assessed as a single parcel provided only one house exists on the parcel. In addition, Pentwater Township and the Village of Pentwater are both assessed 10% of the total project cost.

It is proposed that the \$63,500 annual cost of the project be assessed for a five-year period (2024 to 2028). Approximate assessments based on this approach are shown below:

Pentwater Lake Improvement Project Cost Breakdown

	Assessment Units	2024-2028 Annual Assessment
Lakefront	1	\$136
Back Lot or Channel	0.5	\$68
Commercial Lakefront	2	\$272
Commercial Back Lot	1	\$136
Pentwater Township	10%	\$6,350
Pentwater Village	10%	\$6,350