

**PENN TOWNSHIP  
CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
DIAMOND LAKE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (AQUATIC VEGETATION CONTROL)  
NOTICE OF OCTOBER 13, 2025  
PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PENN, CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN; OWNERS OF ALL LOTS/PARCELS WITH FRONTAGE TO DIAMOND; AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Assessing Officer of Penn Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a proposed special assessment roll/ special assessment column in the regular tax roll pertaining to the 2025 Diamond Lake Improvement Project Special Assessment District (Aquatic Vegetation Control) created by the Township Board at a public hearing/meeting on September 8, 2025.

The proposed special assessment roll in the Township proposes to allocate the Township's portion of the costs of a five-year aquatic vegetation control program (2026 – 2030) in the approximate total amount of \$29,636.00 over the five-year program to the lake lots within the district. The amount proposed to be assessed against each lake lot in the district is \$62.00 per lake lot and \$31.00 per back lot on Diamond Lake.

Because the costs for the aquatic vegetation control program may vary from year to year based on the effectiveness of the prior year's treatment program, and other variables, a redetermination of costs may be necessary on an annual basis, without change in the special assessment district boundaries. The annual assessments for years 2026 – 2030 are therefore subject to redetermination by the Township Board on a yearly basis when the actual costs of the yearly treatment and any related administrative costs are known. Any such annual redetermination as may be necessary will be made by October or November of 2026 – 2030 without further public hearing or notice, except as may be required by law or as may be further determined by the Township Board; providing that in any such instance the allocation of individual special assessments resulting from an annual redetermination shall be based on the same proportional allocation of costs used for the initial assessment of \$62.00 for lake front lots and \$31.00 for back lots.

A public hearing on any objections to the proposed special assessment roll in the township will be held at the Penn Township Hall, located at 60717 South Main Street, Vandalia, Michigan in conjunction with the regular board meeting of the township on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 7:00.

The proposed special assessment roll (and the current project plans, estimate of costs, the Special Assessment District boundaries and the resolution of the Township Board creating the Special Assessment District and directing the Assessing Officer of the Township to make the proposed special assessment roll) may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk and may further be examined at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT APPEARANCE AND PROTEST AT THIS HEARING IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE AMOUNT OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL. AN OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST OR HIS OR HER AGENT MAY APPEAR IN PERSON AT THIS HEARING TO PROTEST A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, OR MAY FILE AN APPEARANCE OR PROTEST BY LETTER WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE HEARING OR WITHIN SUCH FURTHER TIME AS THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MAY GRANT, IF ANY, AND IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT THE HEARING SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED. THE OWNER OR ANY PERSON HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY WHO PROTESTS IN PERSON OR IN WRITING AS PROVIDED ABOVE MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN 35 DAYS AFTER THE CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL.

The hearing, and all proceedings associated with these special assessment matters will be conducted in accordance with and pursuant to 1954 PA 188, as amended, the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and any other applicable law.

Rhonda Barnett  
Penn Township Clerk