



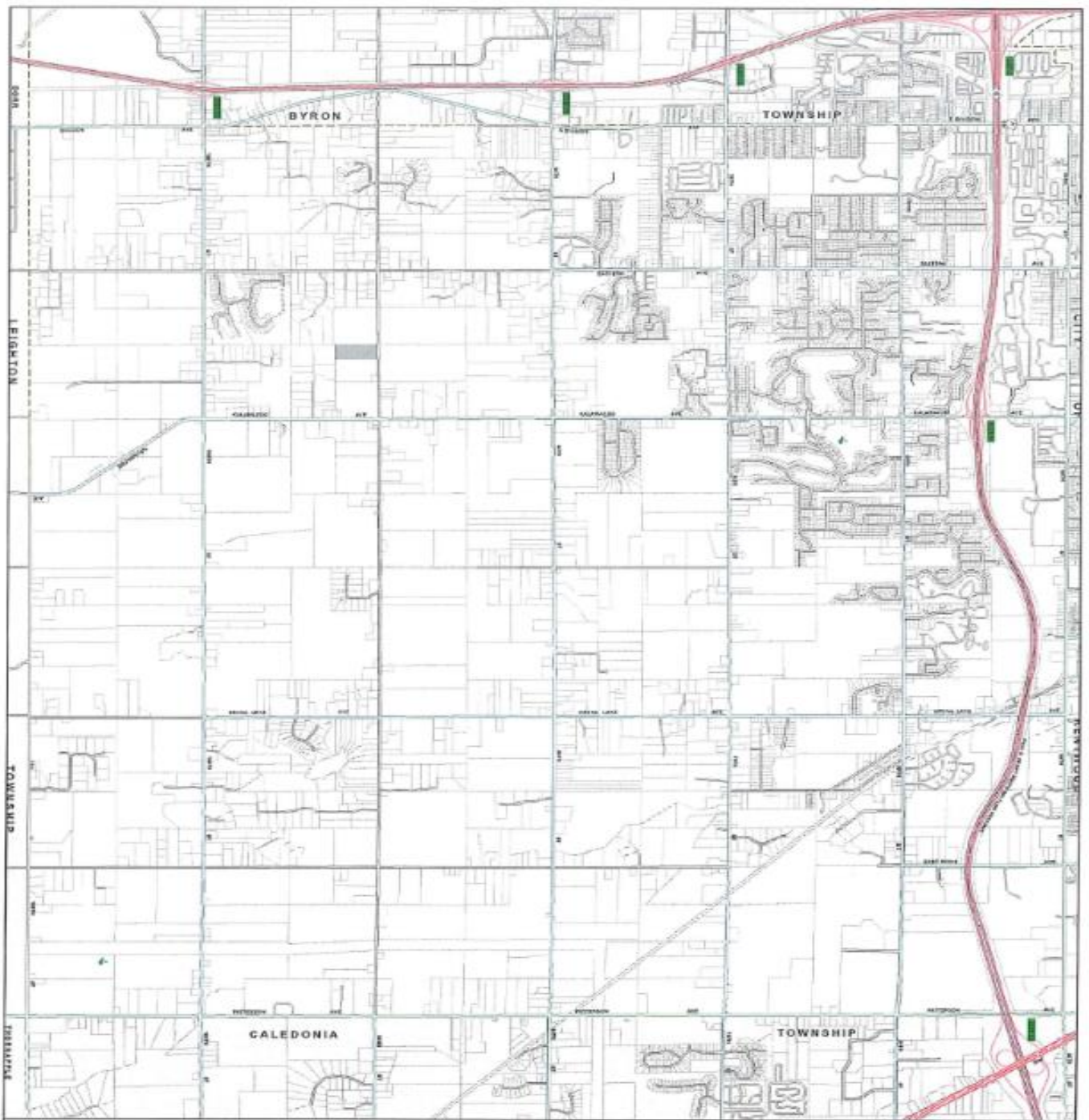
**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GAINES
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of The Charter Township of Gaines, Kent County, Michigan, intends to proceed pursuant to Act 33 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1951 (“Act 33”) and Act 368 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1978 (“Act 368”) to provide for the maintenance and operation of police services, fire service and ambulance operations within the Township and to defray the cost of purchasing, operating, and / or contracting fire, first responder, emergency rescue and police motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, capital improvements, and housing and providing fire protection, rescue, first responder, police, public safety and related services, maintenance and operations (collectively, the “Services”) in the Township by special assessment on the lands and premises in the Township to be benefited, except for lands and premises exempt from the collection of taxes under the Michigan General Property Tax Act (however, lands and premises otherwise subject to special assessment via a contract or agreement with the Township or otherwise or subject to special assessment due to special or other legislation are not exempt and shall be subject to the proposed special assessment).

The Township Board has resolved its intention to proceed pursuant to Act 33 and Act 368 to provide the Services in the Township. The Township Board has tentatively determined that some or all of the cost of the Services shall be specially assessed against each of the lots and parcels of land located in the proposed Fire and Public Safety Special Assessment District (the “Special Assessment District”). The proposed Special Assessment District shall be comprised of all lots and parcels of property located within the boundaries of The Charter Township of Gaines, Kent County, Michigan. A map of the tentative proposed special assessment district is as follows (i.e., all of The Charter Township of Gaines):



Gains Charter Township

Kent County, MI

Parcel Map

2021



Base Map Legend

- Freeway
- Freeway Ramp
- Highway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Private
- Municipal Boundaries
- Parcels

The 2021 data on this map is a digital representation of the parcel data as of the date of the map. It is not a legal document and should not be used for legal purposes. The data is derived from the parcel data provided by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The data is subject to change without notice.



MAP SCALE: 1:25,000
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FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of The Charter Township of Gaines will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall 8555 Kalamazoo Avenue SE, Caledonia, Michigan 49316 to hear and consider comments and objections to the estimate of cost, the creation of a special assessment district, the special assessment district tentatively designated, and defraying the expenses of the special assessment district on the property to be especially benefited, except property exempt from the collection of taxes (however, lands and premises otherwise subject to special assessment via a contract or agreement with the Township or otherwise or subject to special assessment due to special or other legislation are not exempt and shall be subject to the proposed special assessment), and all other matters relating to the creation of the proposed special assessment district.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that there is a right of referendum available to property owners under Act 33 on the question of defraying the expenses of Services by special assessment.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the estimates of cost for the Services are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

TAKE ADDITIONAL NOTICE THAT AFTER THE CREATION OF THE DISTRICT, THE TOWNSHIP WILL ANNUALLY DETERMINE THE AMOUNT TO BE ASSESSED FOR FIRE, PUBLIC SAFETY, RESCUE AND OTHER SERVICES, SHALL HOLD A HEARING ON THE ESTIMATED COSTS AND EXPENSES OF POLICE, RESCUE, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND FIRE PROTECTION AND ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LEVY AND SHALL DIRECT THE SUPERVISOR TO DISTRIBUTE THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY AS APPROVED.

PROPERTY SHALL NOT BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND THE ACTUAL INCREMENTAL COSTS SHALL NOT BE INCREASED BY 10% OR MORE OVER THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING. HOWEVER, IF A LOT OR PARCEL IS PERMANENTLY COMBINED AFTER THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT HAS BEEN CREATED, APPROVED AND IS IN PLACE, THEN IN THAT SITUATION, THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT SHALL BE ADJUSTED FOR THAT PROPERTY TO REFLECT THE EXISTENCE THEREAFTER OF ONLY ONE LOT OR PARCEL. LIKEWISE, IF A LOT OR PARCEL IS SPLIT OR DIVIDED AFTER THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT HAS BEEN CREATED, APPROVED AND IS IN PLACE, EACH OF THE NEW RESULTING LOTS OR PARCELS IN THAT SITUATION SHALL BE CONSIDERED A SEPARATE LOT OR PARCEL FOR PURPOSES OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO BE APPLIED.

Periodic redeterminations of the costs of the Services may be necessary, without a change in the Special Assessment District, and in that event, such redeterminations may be made by the Township Board without further notice to record owners or parties in interest in the lands in the Special Assessment District, in accordance with the provisions of said Act 33 (unless the actual incremental amounts assessed exceed the estimate thereof by 10% or more, in which case notice and public hearing will occur).

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a property owner or person in interest must either appear and object at the public hearing or submit a letter of appearance and objection to the Township prior to the public hearing in order to preserve the person's right to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. A record owner of land may appeal a special assessment by filing a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after written confirmation of the special assessment roll.

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that after the first public hearing for which this Notice is given is held, there will be a second public hearing specifically regarding the assessment roll and the assessments against each parcel and lot in the Special Assessment District and that an owner or other person having an interest in the real property must appear and protest at the public hearing on the assessment roll in order to appeal the amount of their assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

This notice was authorized by the Township Board of The Charter Township of Gaines.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Dated: July 13, 2021

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