

SPECIAL MEETING  
RAISIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
3266 GADY ROAD  
ADRIAN, MI 49221  
OCTOBER 9, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Supervisor Dale Witt.

**2. WELCOME, PLEDGE, INVOCATION**

**3. ROLL CALL:** Debra Brousseau, Russ Mead, Tom Hawkins, Jim Palmer, Marge McDermott, and Dale Witt

**Members Absent:** Kami Johnson

**Others Present:** David Lacasse, Christy Low

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** 2 speakers

**5. PUBLIC HEARING:** Motion Palmer support McDermott to move from special meeting to public hearing at 6:38 pm. M/C all. Opening statement read by Supervisor Witt explaining that the meeting was being held to gather information from the residents in attendance, regarding the renewal of the Township wide road improvement project (SAD). Scott from LCRC gave a presentation explaining the funding of roads, and that the Township is not responsible for paying for any road repairs, but without their help, the County could not afford to repair the roads. The County and Township are working together as partners trying to solve the problems together. Scott went on to explain where the money comes that there are 92 miles of roads in Raisin Charter Township, how the monies are divided between maintenance and resurfacing. The differences between the type of repairs. The county has started a matching program, where the County and Township would match dollars for different projects for maintenance. In summation it comes down to how good does the Township want its roads to be.

Residents who addressed the Board:

1. Ron Whitford – 2804 Pine Ridge Dr, Adrian, MI 49221
2. John Tressler – 1502 Laberde Rd, Adrian, MI 49221
1. David Davis – 2790 Heritage Dr, Tecumseh, MI 49286
2. Bob Utter – 3402 Chase Rd, Adrian, MI 49221
3. Bob Sager – 5765 Catawba Dr, Adrian, MI 49221
4. Ronald Logan – 6933 Close Dr, Tecumseh, MI 49286
5. Deb Dusseau – 6898 Close Dr, Tecumseh, MI 49286
6. Cheryl Galloway – 2800 Academy Rd, Adrian, MI 49221
7. Charmaine Vandecar – 6882 Close Dr, Tecumseh, MI 49286
8. James Hawley – 2726 Coach Lite Dr, Tecumseh, MI 49286
9. Gladys Tilton – 5604 Billmyer Hwy, Tecumseh, MI 49286
10. Tom Myer – 2729 Coach Lite Dr, Tecumseh, MI 49286
11. William Santus – 3030 E Valley Rd, Adrian, MI 49221
12. Peggy Bourne – 4159 Sauk Trail, Adrian, MI 49221
13. Patricia Davis – 2790 Heritage Dr, Tecumseh, MI 49286

14. Scott Fergason – 3152 Ives Rd, Tecumseh, MI 49286

Topics of discussion were subdivisions: Coachlite, Close Rd., Catawba Rd., Lake Arrowhead and the poor condition of the roads.

- Residents did not receive any benefit from the SAD at the subdivision level.
- Can Coachlite Subdivision go to the County and hire them privately, going around the Township and have their roads fixed? Answer: yes, the process would take about a year with the legal process as it is. Their road has no base and the whole road would have to be torn out and built again correctly.
- It is unfair that commercial property pays the same amount as residents.
- What is the difference between Michigan and Ohio roads? Answer: Ohio puts more money into their budget for roads.
- A millage is needed so voters can decide. They are opposed to the SAD.
- Close Rd is crumbling, with 19 houses, with several senior citizens, requesting help from the Township.
- Something should be done about the number of garbage trucks traveling through the subdivisions.
- Is there a priority list of roads needing repair?
- Residents thought the roads were in good condition. They also thought that the subdivisions should take care of their own roads.
- It appeared the residents realize the roads need repair and are willing to help monetarily.
- In the 90's houses were being built 30 or so at a time. The roads could not hold up to the traffic trucks delivering supplies to build the homes and are now in need of repair.

Supervisor Witt thanked the residents, and reminded them that no decision was going to be made tonight, but the board will be reflecting on the comments made.

Motion Palmer, support Brousseau to move into special meeting. M/C all. Moved to Special Meeting at 7:51 p.m.

**6. ADJOURN MEETING** Motion Palmer, support Brousseau to adjourn meeting. M/C all. Meeting Adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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Dale Witt, Supervisor

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Marge McDermott, Clerk