

MASTODON TOWNSHIP

LAKE MARY AQUATIC WEEDS - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-0708-001

Act 188 Resolution 1 of 4 (Meeting 1 of 3)

At a meeting of the Township Board of Mastodon Township, Iron County, Michigan, held at the Mastodon Township Hall on July 8, 2025, at 5:30 pm Central Daylight/Standard Time.

PRESENT: Chad Skinner, Karen Mallon, Mike Bjork and Dave Smith

ABSENT: Stacey Watters

The following resolution was offered by Mallon and supported by Skinner:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended (“Act 188”), the Township Board may proceed to initiate and carry out improvements to, among other things, eradicate and/or control aquatic weeds and plants as well as improve or maintain any inland lake including Lake Mary in Mastodon Township, Michigan by methods including by not limited to: (1) aquatic weeds and plant control and/or eradication; and (2) other lake improvements related to to aquatic weed and plant control and/or eradication such as water quality testing, algae control, and general related lake improvements and education to the public (hereafter referred to as the “Lake Mary Lake Improvements”). See MCL 41.722(1)(l) and (n). If approved, the cost of all expenses incident to special assessment proceedings shall be deemed part of the costs of the Lake Mary Improvements. MCL 41.721.; and

WHEREAS, the conditions of Lake Mary are impacted by nuisance aquatic weeds and plants and would benefit from lake improvements such as the Lake Mary Lake Improvements; and

WHEREAS, information constituting a report for the Township Board’s consideration describing estimated costs of the Lake Mary Lake Improvements and the scope of the Lake Mary

Lake Improvements is included on the attached **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board tentatively determines that there is a need for the proposed Lake Mary Lake Improvements described in **Exhibit A** to serve the properties within the proposed district described in the attached **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to proceed with the proposed Lake Mary Lake Improvements to benefit the properties within the proposed district described in the attached **Exhibit A**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of Mastodon Township, Iron County, Michigan, as follows:

1. The Township Board tentatively declares its intent to make the proposed Lake Mary Lake Improvements in the attached **Exhibit A**, together with the necessary work incidental thereto, within the proposed district described in the attached **Exhibit A**, all in accordance with the petitions submitted by benefitting property owners.

2. The Township Board tentatively designates the special assessment district against which the costs of the proposed Lake Mary Lake Improvements are to be assessed as the proposed Lake Mary Lake Improvements Special Assessment District, which shall include the lands and premises more particularly described in the attached **Exhibit A**.

3. Plans and estimates of costs for the proposed Lake Mary Lake Improvements shall be retained by the Township Clerk and shall remain available for public examination during ordinary business hours and a public hearing. The Township Board accepts the information in **Exhibit A** as the proposed estimated costs and plans of the Lake Mary Lake Improvements but authorizes the Supervisor to work with any property owners or other entities to include any further

details constituting estimated plans and costs to made available to the public prior and/or during the public hearing.

4. The Township Board shall conduct a public hearing to hear any objections to the proposed Lake Mary Lake Improvements, to the estimate of costs, and to the special assessment district proposed to be established for the assessment of the costs of such improvements, on August 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at the Mastodon Township Hall. The Township Board approves of the issuance of any public notice by the Township Supervisor and/or Clerk for such hearing in a form similar to the attached.

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

Yeas: Bjork, Mallon, Skinner, Smith

Nays: None

Absent / Abstain: Watters (absent)

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

By: 

Chad Skinner, Township Supervisor

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF IRON)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk for Mastodon Township, Iron County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Mastodon Township Board at a meeting held July 8, 2025, and further certify that the above Resolution was adopted at said meeting.



Karen Mallon, Mastodon Township Clerk

Exhibit A (See Also Relevant Applicable Attachments)

1. Plans and Estimates of Project Costs (Project Information)

Plan: Provide routine nuisance aquatic plant control and associated lake improvements (which may include, but is not limited to, water quality testing, algae control, education to the public regarding lake impacts, among other things) for Lake Mary using qualified contractors/professionals.

Costs: The costs of the improvements above are estimated at approximately \$19,190.00 for the period of 2026 to 2028 plus all ancillary expenses associated with creating the district (i.e., publication, mailing, and legal expenses thus totaling \$29,541.25).

2. Tentative Special Assessment District Description

All properties that have private legal access to Lake Mary (front lots and backlots).

EXHIBIT A

Lake Mary Lake Improvement Special Assessment District Parcels

Parcel Number	Parcel Number	Parcel Number
006-055-005-00	006-057-005-20	006-350-003-60
006-055-006-00	006-057-006-00	006-350-004-00
006-055-007-10	006-057-008-00	006-350-004-50
006-055-007-20	006-057-009-00	006-350-005-00
006-055-007-30	006-057-010-00	006-350-005-50
006-055-010-00	006-057-010-10	006-350-006-00
006-055-010-40	006-057-011-00	006-350-007-00
006-055-011-00	006-057-012-00	006-350-007-50
006-055-012-00	006-057-014-00	006-350-008-00
006-055-013-00	006-057-016-00	006-350-008-10
006-055-014-00	006-057-017-00	006-350-008-50
006-055-016-00	006-057-018-00	006-350-009-00
006-055-016-00	006-057-019-00	006-350-010-00
006-055-017-00	006-057-023-00	006-420-001-00
006-055-018-00	006-058-003-00	006-420-002-00
006-055-019-00	006-058-004-00	006-420-003-00
006-055-020-00	006-058-004-10	006-420-004-00
006-055-020-25	006-058-005-00	006-420-005-00
006-055-020-50	006-058-010-00	006-420-008-00
006-055-021-00	006-058-011-00	006-420-010-00
006-055-022-00	006-058-015-00	006-420-011-00
006-057-001-00	006-058-016-00	006-420-013-00
006-057-002-00	006-058-017-00	006-420-014-00
006-057-003-00	006-058-018-00	
006-057-004-00	006-350-001-50	
006-057-005-00	006-350-002-00	
006-057-005-10	006-350-003-00	

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Lake Mary Lake Improvements Cost Estimates

Cost	Year 1		Year 2		Year 3
Cason - Treatment Costs	\$	18,047.00	\$	18,671.00	\$ 19,190.00
Administrative Costs	\$	1,500.00	\$	1,650.00	\$ 1,815.00
Legal Fees	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,500.00	\$ 6,050.00
Publication of Notices	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,200.00	\$ 2,420.00
Mailing Fees	\$	54.75	\$	60.23	\$ 66.25
	\$	26,601.75	\$	28,081.23	\$ 29,541.25
73 Parcels					
Cost per parcel	\$	364.41	\$	384.67	\$ 404.67
1 Year Assessment Per Parcel	\$	364.41			
2 Years Assessment Per Parcel	\$	749.08			
3 Years Assessment per Parcel	\$	1,153.76			

Costs are estimated based on an initial quote for year one, and each subsequent year 10% in
Costs will be adjusted to true and real costs as necessary.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING (#1 of #2)
MASTODON TOWNSHIP, IRON COUNTY**

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TO: ALL RECORD OWNERS OF OR PARTIES IN INTEREST IN LAND IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT DESCRIBED BELOW:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of Mastodon Township, Iron County, Michigan ("Township"), will hold a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2025 at the Mastodon Township Hall (1371 Hwy US 2 South, Crystal Falls, MI 49920), to hear objections to the proposed improvements, the proposed estimate of costs, and the proposed special assessment district for improvements related to improving Lake Mary by methods including by not limited to: (1) aquatic weeds and plant control and/or eradication; and (2) other lake improvements related to aquatic weed and plant control and/or eradication such as water quality testing, algae control, and general related lake improvements and education to the public (referred to as the "Lake Mary Lake Improvements").

At the public hearing, the Township Board will consider any objections, revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to the plans, estimate of costs or special assessment district. The improvements and the proposed special assessment district to be established by the Township Board as the district against which the costs of the proposed improvements are summarized below.

Proposed Lake Mary Improvements: Aquatic weeds and plant control and/or eradication; and other lake improvements related to aquatic weed and plant control and/or eradication such as water quality testing, algae control, and general related lake improvements and education to the public.

Proposed Special Assessment District: All properties that have private legal access to Lake Mary (front lots and backlots). Periodic redeterminations of costs may be necessary for the project without a change to the special assessment district and such redeterminations may be made without further notice to record owners or parties in interest of properties.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the petitions and plans showing the proposed Lake Mary Improvements, locations and estimated costs, and the proposed special assessment district are on file with the Township Clerk, Karen Mallon, 1371 Hwy US 2 South, Crystal Falls, MI 49920, for public examination during ordinary business hours and at the public hearing. The special assessment proposal would assess the cost of the proposed improvements to the properties benefiting therefrom.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the owner or any person having an interest in property within the proposed district may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after confirmation of the special assessment roll. However, appearance and protest at the public hearing on the special assessment roll are required in order to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or other party of interest or his or her agent may (1) appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or (2) file his or

her appearance or protest by letter before the close of the hearing.

The Township Board shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the hearing. If the hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person. Information as to how to submit an objection petition of written objections to the Lake Mary Lake Improvements under Act 188 can be found in MCL 41.723.

Mastodon Township will provide auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities. Persons needing such services should contact the office of the Township Clerk by writing or calling the Clerk not less than four days before the public hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Karen Mallon, Clerk
1371 Hwy US 2 South,
Crystal Falls, MI 49920
Phone: 906-875-6232

(Publish ^{7/23} 7/30, 2025 and 7/16, 2025)
(Mail 7/16/25, 2025)

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF IRON)

I, Karen Mallon, Clerk of Mastodon Township, Iron County, Michigan, being first duly sworn, depose and state that I caused to be posted on July, 16, 2025, a copy of the attached Notice of Public Hearing (#1 of #2) at the Township Hall and on the Township website.

Karen Mallon, Mastodon Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF IRON)

On this ____ day of _____ 2025, personally appeared Karen Mallon, Mastodon Township Clerk, to me known to be the person described and who executed the foregoing instrument.

Notary Public
State of Michigan, County of _____
My Commission Expires: _____
Acting in the County of _____