

LAKE MARY LAKE AQUATIC WEEDS - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
MASTODON TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1014.001
Act 188 Resolution 2 of 4 (Meeting 2 of 3)

At a meeting of the Township Board of Mastodon Township, Iron County, Michigan, held at the Mastodon Township Hall on October 14, 2025, at 5:30 pm, Central Standard Time.

The following resolution was offered by _____ and supported by _____:

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 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)(1) 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 Lake 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, the Township Board previously adopted Resolution No. 2025-0708-001 that, among Other things, (1) tentatively declared its intent to make the proposed Lake Mary Lake Improvements; (2) tentatively designated the properties within the Lake Mary Lake Improvements Special Assessment District; (3) authorized an initial public hearing to consider any objections to the Lake Mary Lake Improvements, the estimated project costs, and the proposed special assessment district; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board conducted the initial public hearing referenced above on August 2, 2025 at the Mastodon Township Hall, which was noticed in accordance with Act 188 and state law (including mailing and publication notice); and

WHEREAS, after hearing objections and comments regarding the proposed Lake Mary Lake Improvements project including its estimate of costs and its proposed special assessment district, the Township Board desires to continue with the Act 188 process.

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

1. The Township Board hereby determines to provide for and complete the proposed Lake Mary Lake Improvements project as described in the attached Exhibit A and hereby approves the plans and estimated costs all as described on the attached Exhibit A. Both of which were referenced in Resolution 2025-0708-001.

2. The Township Board hereby determines, creates, and defines a special assessment district that shall consist of land described in the attached Exhibit B, which shall be known as the Lake Mary Lake Improvements Special Assessment District, within which the costs of such improvements shall be assessed according to the benefits. The term of the Lake Mary Lake Special Assessment District shall be for a three-year term for the years 2026, 2027 and 2028 or until terminated by the Township Board, and the Township Board may increase the project costs annually, up to a 10 percent increase in the total costs, by solely publishing notice of the increase and a public hearing for an annual increase may occur during the Township's Budget Hearing that is subject to publication notice. At any time since the creation of the Lake Mary Lake Improvement Special Assessment District in this Resolution, the Township Board may decide to continue the assessment or terminate the assessment and existence of the Lake Mary Lake Improvement Special Assessment District. In the absence of a decision by the Township Board to terminate the Lake Mary Lake Improvement Special Assessment District, the same shall remain valid and in effect in perpetuity, subject to annual redeterminations of costs when deemed necessary by the Township Board upon issuance of notice of the redetermination of costs by publication or pursuant to MCL 41.724(4), if applicable
3. The Township Supervisor and assessing officer are hereby directed to make a special assessment roll in which shall be described all of the parcels of land to be assessed as above set forth, with the names of the owners thereof, if known, and the total amount to be assessed against each parcel of land, which amount shall be such relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against all parcels of land in the assessment district as the benefit to such parcel bears to the total benefit of all parcels of land in the special assessment district.
4. When the special assessment roll is completed, the Supervisor or assessing officer shall affix thereto a certificate stating that said roll was made pursuant to this resolution and that in making the special assessment roll he has, according to his best judgment, conformed in all respects to the directions contained in this resolution and the statutes of the State of Michigan, and he shall then report the special assessment roll with his attached certificate to the Township Board and file it in the office of the Township Clerk.
5. The Township Board has determined that 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. MCL 41.725(1)(d). Periodic redeterminations may be made at the Township annual Budget Public Hearing or such set date for a public hearing as determined by the Township Board.
6. All prior resolutions and parts of prior resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Yeas: _____

Nays: _____

Absent / Abstain: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

By: Chad Skinner, Mastodon 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 October 14, 2025, and further certify that the above Resolution was adopted at said meeting.

Karen Mallon, Mastodon Township Clerk

Exhibit A

Attached and referenced as Exhibit A are the documents representing:

1. Lake Mary Lake Improvements project plans.
 - a. A continued lake improvement project 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 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
2. Lake Mary Lake Improvements project costs.
 - a. Estimated for 2026-2028 at \$38,422.63 including ancillary costs such as legal fees, notice costs, among other things.

The parcels within the Lake Mary Lake Improvements Special Assessment District are listed in the following Exhibit B.

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Lake Mary Lake Improvements Cost ESTIMATES

Cason Treatment Costs:	2026 \$9,527.00	2027 \$8,764.50	2028 \$10,131.13	Total \$28,422.63
Administrative Costs:	2026 \$1,500.00	2027 \$500.00	2028 \$500.00	Total \$2,500.00
Legal Fees:	2026 \$1,750.00	2027 \$1,500.00	2028 \$1,500.00	Total \$4,750.00
Publication of Notices:	2026 \$1,500.00	2027 \$500.00	2028 \$500.00	Total \$2,500.00
Mailing Fees:	2026 \$100.00	2027 \$70.00	2028 \$80.00	Total \$250.00
Totals:	2026 \$14,377.00	2027 \$11,334.50	2028 \$12,711.13	Total \$38,422.63
81 Parcels, Cost per parcel:	2026 \$177.49	2027 \$139.93	2028 \$156.93	Total \$474.35

Costs will be adjusted to true and real costs as necessary.