

**BERTRAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

**COUNTY OF BERRIEN**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**Resolution Number #240111A**

At a Meeting of the Bertrand Charter Township Board, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, held in the Township Hall, Buchanan, Michigan, on the 11th day of January, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Standard time.

PRESENT: Trustees Hicks, Kuhn, Loveing, Payton, Vite, White, Zelmer

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee Vite and supported by Trustee Zelmer.

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Bertrand Charter Township Board previously passed a Resolution on October 12, 2023, to request the gathering of information in order to hold a public hearing and determine whether to pursue the creation of a Lighting Special Assessment District at the Bertrand Township Industrial Park, and

**WHEREAS**, a Special Assessment District has been discussed and proposed to install and maintain streetlights and related improvements within said District, to provide for street lighting in the District in order to increase public safety and encourage safe driving conditions at all times, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, Supervisor, and staff have prepared documentation which include the preliminary information needed to discuss the creation of said District, including a legal description of the proposed District and a list of included parcels, and an estimate of the cost of the project prepared in conjunction with American Electric Power Company ("AEP"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Clerk has made all reports, costs, and the proposed boundaries related the Special Assessment District available to the public, and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing date of January 11, 2024, with notice to all interested parties was published in the Berrien County Record, and individual letters were sent to all interested parties, and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on January 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, to inform the public and listen to important input, questions, concerns, and comments from citizens, and to hear their opinions and discuss any written objections to the proposed plan and special assessment district for lighting.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Township Board finds that the Bertrand Township Industrial Park Special Assessment District for Lighting is a desired and valuable public improvement, and that the process of creating the District and holding public hearings on the District Boundaries and funding is hereby affirmed and shall continue.
2. A public hearing shall be held on February 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, to consider adoption of the Lighting District Boundaries, and to continue to inform the public, listen to important input, questions, concerns, and comments from citizens and to hear their opinions and discuss any written objections to the proposed plans and the special assessment District boundaries.
3. Notice to all interested parties shall be published in the Berrien County Record, and individual letters shall be sent to all interested parties, being the owners of record of each lot in the proposed District boundaries.

AYES: Trustees Hicks, Kuhn, Loveing, Payton, Vite, White, Zelmer

NAYES: None


ABSTAIN: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

  
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Don Vite, Township Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Don Vite, duly elected Clerk in and for Bertrand Charter Township, Berrien County, Michigan, do certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board during its Regular Meeting, held on the 11th day of January, 2024, and that said Meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.

  
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Don Vite, Clerk