

ST. JOSEPH CHARTER TOWNSHIP

BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER CREATION OF A SPECIAL
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR GARBAGE, RUBBISH, RECYCLING, & YARD WASTE
COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

TO: ALL RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF ST. JOSEPH CHARTER
TOWNSHIP, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED
PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on motion of the Township Board, as authorized by P.A. 188 of 1954, as amended, the Township Board shall conduct a public hearing to consider the creation of a Special Assessment District to continue to fund the Township's garbage, rubbish, recycling, and yard waste collection and disposal services to allow for the recovery of the costs of providing such services by special assessment against the properties benefitted.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE The Township will hold a public hearing on June 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Charter Township Hall, 3000 Washington Avenue, St. Joseph, MI 49085, at which the time the Township Board will consider whether to proceed with the creation of a special assessment district, what the improvement entails, and to direct the Township Treasurer to prepare a proposed final special assessment roll, and to hear and consider any objections thereto.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment being proposed is Township-wide.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the proposed annual special assessment is estimated at Eighteen Dollars (\$18.00) per parcel, and

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment is proposed to run [concurrent with the terms of the Agreement for waste collection services between St. Joseph Charter Township and Best Way Disposal, Inc.. This Agreement runs from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2021. The special assessment, if approved by the Township Board, would appear for the first time on the 2017 winter property tax bill and remain on the winter tax bill through 2021.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if written objections to the improvement are filed with the Township Board, at or before the hearing, signed by record owners of land constituting more than 20 percent of the property owners in the proposed special assessment district, then the Township Board may not proceed unless petitions in support of the project, signed by record owners of more than 50 percent of the area to be made into a special assessment district, are filed with the Township. Written comments or objections may be filed with the Clerk at the address set out below.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all cost estimates, plans, petitions, a proposed special assessment roll, and all related documents are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the owner or any person having an interest in the real property may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal, PO Box 30232, Lansing, MI 48909, within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll if that special assessment was protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the roll.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place in person or by representative and to submit comments concerning the foregoing.

The Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon five days' notice to the Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring such aids should contact the Township Clerk at the address or telephone number listed below.

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3000 Washington Ave.
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