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Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 4:06 PM
To: townclerk@denmarktownship.org
Subject: 2020 street improvements

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To the town board

My name is Lee Rossing, my wife Sandy and I have resided at 12521 120th Street for the last 43 years. I lived on 120th street when it was a gravel road. In those 43 years Denmark township/Washington County paid for the paving and maintenance of that road through our taxes. What has changed to start assessing residents for its maintenance? We are not the only people to use this road. In fact awhile back it was a designated detour for state highway 95. Heavy traffic passed over this road and is probably one of the reasons it is breaking up so badly.

My next point is that an assessment to those property owners for road maintenance is comparable to a tax increase. For us it a tax increase of 25 to 35 percent over the 10 years allowed for pay back. This is ongoing because in ten years guess what, 120th St will have to be repaved causing another assessment.

Why isn't this payed by all the township residents? Are those that live on St. Croix trail or highway 95 assessed when there road is maintained ? Many of those people especially those that live east of me use 120th as a Short cut to highway 61. Others use it to get to Prescott when traffic is heavy on highway 10.

Last, again I see this as an ongoing increase in my taxes. When taxes go up, in many cases, property values go down. If this is approved, Within a year or 2 after this virus abates, I will be moving. I am retired and on a fixed income, and will purchase a place where taxes are more fair and equitable.

I will be out of town during your meetings and am not sure what my Internet access will be. I would appreciate it if you reviewed our concerns with the town board.

Thank you
Lee and Sandy Rossing

From: Theresa Swan <twanda99@blueiguana.biz>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 8:02 PM
To: townclerk@denmarktownship.org
Subject: 120th street and Morgan ave south

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> I wanted to express my concern. As a very low income resident and the recent denial of the recommendation of the assessor on my taxes, I am terrified that I am going to be taxed out of my home. I am a single mother to 4 children on disability I have no extra income to be able to afford this assessment or the tax increase. I was left with a first and a second mortgage on my home when my husband left. There is no way I can afford this. I am left with only a few hundred dollars a month. After paying the two mortgages every month, half of that goes to utilities. The rest goes to whatever groceries I can afford. I have been unsuccessful in refinancing in any way. I ask that you please keep me in mind as you consider these assessments. I have no where else to go. I am even unable to rent anywhere as that is why I was awarded the house in the divorce. I also contacted the county, there is no assistance available for people that are unable to pay their taxes. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call me at +16128031600

Thank you,
Theresa Swanlund
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From: Please Do Not Click Reply <support@govoffice.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:43 AM
To: townclerk@denmarktownship.org
Subject: Contact Denmark (form) has been filled out on your site.

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Site URL: www.denmarktownship.org

Enter your comments: This is Hassan Sahouani, 12250 120th street south. I am writing with regards to the assessment policy that the board proposes to apply to 120th street repair.

Not including properties on Mendel avenue has grossly shifted the burden on the other properties.

Properties inside the cul de sac of Mendel collectively use 120th street and have no other access to their driveways except through 120th street. 120th street is used by very heavy traffic such as trucks sometimes serving other parts of the township. The burden should not be born by the adjacent properties only. the properties inside Mendel may never need repair since the traffic is so low but yet enjoy the use of 120th street!

Your phone number: 651 438 3370

Your email address: hsahouani@comcast.net Would you like a response?: yes

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From: Judy Schwartz <ajjaschwartz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 10:37 AM
To: townclerk@denmarktownship.org
Subject: Road repair proposal

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Hello

We are sending these questions to the board for consideration re: proposed road repairs on 120th .

1. Will ALL households whom use this road be assessed?? I.e. including the culdesac on Mendel?? They HAVE to use 120th in order to exit/enter thier properties and seems fit they should shoulder the cost.
2. Will those households that have business' that use large commercial heavy trucks be assessed accoringly??
3. Will the road be built at a deeper thickness in order to accomodate the SUSTANTIAL increase in all traffic, specifically large trucks and semis that use this road 365 days a year to get to/from 61?
4. Will there be increased limitations on trucks i.e. per axel weight limits, in order to preserve this new road?? In addition, will ANYONE monitor it for compliance??
We see trucks of ALL kinds, loaders, semi trucks with/without trailers utilizing this road.
5. As 95 was closed the past 1-2 years, will anyone request assistance from the state in paying for this road?? COUNTLESS amounts of vehicles were using it as a detour, despite signs showing where the detours were. Additionally, our Township, county, or whomever, never placed signs on either end notifying drivers this wasnt a detour for 95.
6. If we are not going to have the additional assistance for our few homes/residences to be assessed for this new road, which is badly needed, can we at least restrict trucks from using it??

Will be logging in tonight to learn more.

We are in agreement that 120th needs ti be repaired/replaced, however, hoping it will be done equitably.

Regards~

Al & Judy Schwartz
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From: Duane and Amy Fowler <duaneamyfowler@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:43 PM
To: townclerk@denmarktownship.org
Subject: road improvement 120th &Morgan ave.

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It seems unfortunate that now, after the residents of Denmark Township have paid for past street improvements; the resident along this road improvement are stuck with a higher portion of the maintenance on this street that is used by MANY drivers. Don't forget about being a bypass during road construction on 61, 110th, 10, and St. Croix Trail.

Granted, I know what you are charging is not going to pay for the total bill. All I would like to know; why is it being changed now? It has always been fair.

Is the county changing how they are doing assessment? When 95 was updated, were only the residents who had direct access charged?

Is there going to be a weight restriction on 120th and Morgan after the new pavement is done?

Duane and Amy Fowler
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From: Jeff Carlson <jeff@carlsoncap.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 12:18 PM
To: townclerk@denmarktownship.org
Subject: 120th St Improvements

I received the mailing of the township meeting and will intently listen. I was not able to participate in any presentation about the project. It is my understanding that this is the first time any project has included an assessment to individual property owners. It is also my understanding that the only people assessed will be those that have driveways entering on to the proposed roadways being fixed. I understand that if we want good roads and services, they have to be paid for and am more than willing to pay my fair share. Having said that, whatever decision made here will set precedent for the future. I have paid my fair share of other roads in the township that have been maintained, and may be roads that I never have or never will be on. To that degree, 120th street is not a neighborhood road, but a major thoroughfare to other parts of the township. My "unofficial calculation" based on living on 12th for almost 20 years is that at least 90% of the traffic is from those "other than the 12 families" that live on the affected roads. It doesn't make a lot of sense to me to have these 12 families pay for a road that all use. Make it fair, make it equitable and by all means, if you choose this path, use this allocation model going forward so that I am not paying excess for roads in someone else's neighborhood.

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