

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL AND COSTS

MURPHY LAKE - LAKE LEVEL DISTRICT

TAKE NOTICE that a special assessment roll has been prepared and is on file for public examination at the office of the Tuscola County Drain Commissioner and at a public hearing. This special assessment roll relates to a lake level special assessment district set by the Tuscola County Circuit Court and has been prepared for assessing the costs of maintaining a court-ordered lake level as authorized under MCL 324.30714. Please call **(989) 726-0286** to coordinate inspecting the roll or with any questions. Information, including documents related to the assessment roll and hearing, will be posted on the Drain Commissioner's website at <https://www.tuscolacounty.org/drain/>.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on **Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 5:30PM**, the Tuscola County Drain Commissioner, as the delegated authority of the Murphy Lake - Lake Level District, will hold an in-person public hearing at the **Millington Township Hall (8553 State Street, Millington, MI 48746)** for the purposes of reviewing said special assessment roll and project costs and hearing any objections hereto, and/or making a determination of whether to confirm said assessment roll and project costs. The in-person public hearing is subject to applicable authorities governing meetings due to the coronavirus pandemic. Further, the hearing may be adjourned from time-to-time without further notice.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at the hearing is **required** in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment. Any person or local unit of government objecting to the assessment roll or project costs shall: (1) appear at the above stated time and/or file his or her objection in writing with the Tuscola County Drain Commissioner by no later than the close of the hearing; or (2) file an appearance and protest by letter addressed to the **Tuscola County Drain Commissioner, on behalf of the Murphy Lake - Lake Level District, 125 W. Lincoln St., Caro, MI 48723**, which if received by 4PM at the Office of the Drain Commissioner by no later than the date of hearing, no personal appearance at the hearing is required. The Murphy Lake - Lake Level District 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.

Proceedings conducted at this public hearing will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and you are further notified that information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Tuscola County Drain Commissioner's Office. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner at **(989) 726-0286** or through the Michigan Relay Service at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance. Minutes of the meeting will be on file in the Tuscola County Drain Commissioner's Office.

The special assessment roll shall be final and conclusive unless appealed within fifteen (15) days after approval of the special assessment roll by resolution of the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners. Please review MCL 324.30714(4) for information related to lake level assessment appeals.

Robert Mantey, Tuscola County Drain Commissioner
on behalf of the Murphy Lake – Lake Level District

Robert Mantey
Tuscola County
Drain Commissioner



FAQs

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about the Notice of Public Hearing to Review Special Assessment Roll

Why am I receiving this notice?

You are receiving this notice because you may own lands within the Murphy Lake - Lake Level Special Assessment District established for maintaining a legal lake level by the Tuscola County Circuit Court.

Who is responsible for maintaining the lake level?

The Tuscola County Drain Commissioner is the delegated authority for Tuscola County. Assessments levied are used by the Drain Commissioner to maintain the legal lake level.

Why is my assessment amount an estimate?

Relevant state law does not require including lake level assessment amounts on these notices; however, our office wants to give residents an idea of potential assessments with ample time before the hearing. Although the Drain Office has worked very hard to attempt to provide accurate estimates, please note actual assessments may vary due to finalizing financing costs, among other factors.

How can I view the assessment roll before the hearing?

Please call or review our website at <https://www.tuscolacounty.org/drain/> under Notices.

Do I have to attend the Public Hearing to Review the Special Assessment Roll?

You are not required to attend the Public Hearing, however you **must** protest in person or by writing to reserve your right to appeal the special assessment.

How do I find out my assessment amount? Can I pre-pay my assessments?

Your estimated assessment amount is located on your mailing notice. Property owners have a right to pre-pay their total assessment (instead of pay annual installments) to avoid borrowing interest costs. However, we respectfully request property owners to call our office with requests for pre-payment to assist our office with finalizing assessments.

When do I receive my lake level special assessment?

Lake level assessments may be included on your Summer and/or Winter Tax bills

How can I get more information or ask questions?

Call **989-726-0286**. Kindly leave your name, number, and property address should you leave a voicemail.

Robert Mantey

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