

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ELECTRONIC MEETING, AND
FILING OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Township of New Buffalo has resolved its intention to proceed to defray the cost of maintaining and operating police and fire departments through a special assessment, which assessment is to be spread across the taxable value of the parcels in the district pursuant to Act 33 of 1951, as amended, MCL 41.801 *et seq.*

The Township Board has tentatively determined that all or part of the cost will be specially assessed against all real property parcels in the Township, except those that are exempt from the collection of taxes under the General Property Tax Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT the Township Supervisor has made and certified a special assessment roll for the special assessment district, which roll sets forth the relative portion of the cost which is to be levied in the form of a special assessment against each benefited lot and parcel of land in the special assessment district.

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT A MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16, 2021, AT 4:00 P.M., VIA ELECTRONIC MEANS TO REVIEW THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL AND TO HEAR AND CONSIDER ANY OBJECTIONS THERETO. Access information for the electronic meeting is below.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment roll as prepared has been reported to the Township Board and is on file with the Township Clerk at the Township Hall for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT AN OWNER OR PARTY-IN-INTEREST IN A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL, BUT ONLY IF THE OWNER OR PARTY-IN-INTEREST APPEARS AND PROTESTS THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AT THIS HEARING. An appearance may be made by an owner or party-in-interest, or his or her agent, in person or, in the alternative, an appearance or protest can be filed with the Township by letter prior to the hearing, in which case a personal appearance at the hearing is not required.

TAKE NOTICE that this meeting will only be held electronically pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Epidemic Orders.

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976, and the MDHHS Epidemic Orders, the Township Board also gives notice of the following:

1. Reason for Electronic Meeting. The Township Board is holding the meeting by electronic means only because of the gathering restrictions and social distancing requirements set forth in the MDHHS Epidemic Order in effect at the time of this notice and due to health and safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Procedures. The public may participate in the meeting and may make public comment electronically by video or telephone conference using the following information:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87943502546>

Meeting ID: 879 4350 2546

Or by telephone: (312) 626-6799

**To unmute microphone from a cell phone dial *6 (star 6)

To raise your hand from a cell phone dial *9 (star 9)

3. Contact Information. For those who desire to contact members of the Township Board to provide input or ask questions on the business that will come before the Township Board at the meeting, please contact Judy Zabicki, Township Clerk, at jhzabicki@newbuffalotownship.org prior to the start of the meeting.

4. Persons with Disabilities. Persons with disabilities may participate in the meeting through the methods set forth in paragraph 2. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services in order to attend electronically should notify the Clerk at (269) 469-1011 Ext 104 within a reasonable time in advance of the meeting.

This Notice was authorized by the Township Board of the Township of New Buffalo.