

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WASHTENAW
AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER TO EXCEED THE
STATUTORY SPENDING AND ASSESSMENT LIMIT OF \$5000 PER YEAR FOR THE MAINTENANCE
AND REPAIR OF THE SCHECHTER DRAIN**

RESOLUTION 21-04

WHEREAS, the Schechter Drain is a drain located in the municipality of Augusta Township, which drain was constructed in accordance with the Drain Code of 1956; and

WHEREAS, the Water Resources Commissioner is entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring proper maintenance and repairs are made to said drain; and

WHEREAS, the Water Resources Commissioner, pursuant to statute, has inspected the drain which inspection revealed that repair work is necessary inasmuch as said inspection identified right of way clearing; and

WHEREAS, the Water Resources Commissioner of Washtenaw County has estimated that the repair of the drain will be approximately \$6800; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Drain Code of 1956, the Water Resources Commissioner cannot exceed the statutory spending limit of \$5000 for the maintenance and repair of the drain unless approved by a resolution of the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the Water Resources Commissioner has requested the Township Board to pass such resolution authorizing the office of the Water Resources Commissioner to exceed the statutory spending limit allowed on the Schechter Drain, to wit: \$5000 per year, so as to allow repair of said drain.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Augusta Township Board of Trustees for the municipality of Augusta Township hereby approved and authorizes the office of the Water Resources Commissioner to exceed the statutory spending limit of \$5000 per year for the repair of the Schechter Drain in the exceeded amount of \$1800.

Yeas: Adams, Burek, Fuqua-Frey, Gonczy, Hall, Shelby

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ortiz


Resolution No. 21-04 Declared Adopted.



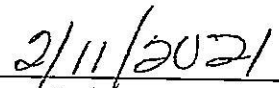
Brian Shelby, Augusta Township Supervisor

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, being duly qualified and acting Clerk of Augusta Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board for the Township of Augusta at a regular meeting held on the 9th day of February, 2021 and that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.



Kimberly Gonczy, Clerk
Township



Date



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January 25, 2021

Mr. Brian Shelby, Supervisor
Augusta Township
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RE: Request to exceed maintenance limit on the Schechter Drain.

Dear Supervisor Shelby,

This correspondence is a request to exceed the annual allowable maintenance limit of \$5,000 per mile (or fraction thereof) per drain, per year, as set by the Michigan Drain Code. The Schechter Drain has an annual maintenance limit of \$5,000. This request is a result of ongoing work to proactively clear the right of way of the drain and avoid the construction of a new crossing at its outlet. The pro-active maintenance currently taking place on the Big Marsh Drain has exposed the need for access over the Schechter drain at its outlet. The most cost-effective way to access this area is to proactively clear 1100 feet of easement of the Schechter to an existing crossing. This clearing will cost \$6800, \$1800 more than the allowed \$5000 for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

The assessment responsibilities for this drain breaks down as follows:

Washtenaw County (Roads) 1.56% (\$106.08)
Augusta Township 5% (\$340.00)
District Property owners 93.44% (\$6353.92)

We believe that this proactive maintenance will result in lower costs of maintenance in the future. Therefore, this office is seeking permission to exceed the allowable maintenance limit from the Township Board of Trustees (refer to the enclosed resolution). We appreciate your attention in this matter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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