

**KEENE TOWNSHIP
IONIA COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

(RESOLUTION NO. 11-6-2025 B)

At a special meeting of the Keene Township Board, Ionia County, Michigan, held on November 6, 2025 at the Township Hall located at 8505 Potters Rd, Saranac, Michigan 48881, the following Resolution was offered for adoption by Township Board Member S. Smiley and supported by Township Board Member V. PALUGRAOT

FIRE AND EMS SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

**A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING REPORTING AND
CERTIFICATION OF THE FIRE AND EMS SERVICES SPECIAL
ASSESSMENT ROLL AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON
THE ROLL.**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Keene Township, Ionia County, Michigan, has resolved its intention to proceed pursuant to Section 1(3) (being MCL 41.801 et seq) of Act 33 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1951, as amended ("Act 33") and Section 20948 (being MCL 333.20948) of Act 368 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1978 ("Act 368"), to defray the costs of providing fire and EMS services within the Township, including purchasing fire and EMS motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, and housing along with any costs associated with the maintenance and operation of fire and EMS services (collectively, the "Services") by special assessment on the lands and premises in the Township to be benefited, except for lands and premises exempt from the collection of taxes under the General Property Tax Act, Act 206 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1893 (however, lands and premises otherwise subject to special assessment via a contract or agreement with the Township or otherwise or subject to special

assessment due to special or other legislation are not exempt and shall be subject to the proposed special assessment); and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that the Fire and EMS Services Special Assessment District (the "Special Assessment District") shall consist of all lots and parcels located within the boundary of the Township, against which all or a portion of the cost of the Services shall be specially assessed, except for lands and premises exempt from the collection of taxes under the General Property Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, public notice of a public hearing to be held on November 6, 2025, on the proposed special assessment, the special assessment district, and the proposed plans and costs of the Services, was given, pursuant to Act 33 and Act 368, by publication on October 23, 2025 and October 25, 2025; and by First Class Mail on October 21, 2025 as required by law; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing specified above, the Township Board heard and considered all comments and objections to the estimate of cost, the creation of a special assessment district, the special assessment district tentatively designated, and defraying the expenses of the special assessment district on the property to be especially benefited except for property exempt from the collection of taxes (however, lands and premises otherwise subject to special assessment via a contract or agreement with the Township or otherwise or subject to special assessment due to special or other legislation are not exempt and shall be subject to the proposed special assessment) and all other matters relating to the creation of the proposed special assessment district; and

WHEREAS, the Township Supervisor and Township Assessor, as authorized and directed by the Township Board, have prepared, certified, and reported to the Township Board a special assessment roll (the "Roll") for the parcels of property benefited by the Services and

located in the Fire and EMS Services Special Assessment District, showing the amount of the levy as it will appear in a column provided in the regular tax roll; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems it advisable and necessary to proceed pursuant to Act 33 and Act 368 (and any other applicable laws) to provide the Services for the Township.

RESOLVED

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Township Board hereby acknowledges and affirms the Fire and EMS Services Special Assessment Roll (“the Roll”) prepared by and certified by the Township Supervisor and Township Assessor (a copy of the Roll is attached hereto as Exhibit A).

2. The Township Board shall hold a public hearing on November 13, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at the Township Hall to hear and consider comments and objections to the Roll.

3. The Township Board hereby validates and affirms the Notice of Public Hearing for the November 13, 2025 public hearing (attached hereto as Exhibit B) that the Township Clerk and/or Township Treasurer published on November 1, 2025 and November 3, 2025, in *The Daily News*, a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. Proof of publication has been filed with the Township Board.

4. The Township Board hereby validates and affirms the Notice of Public Hearing for the November 13, 2025 public hearing (attached hereto as Exhibit B) that the Township Clerk and/or Township Treasurer mailed on October 29, 2025 by First Class Mail to each record owner, or party in interest, of each parcel of property to be assessed, at the address shown for such owner or party in interest upon the last Township tax assessment records, as supplemented by any subsequent changes in the names or addresses of the owners or parties listed therein.

EXHIBIT A

(Fire and EMS Services Special Assessment Roll)

EXHIBIT B

KEENE TOWNSHIP
IONIA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FIRE AND EMS SERVICES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of Keene Township, Ionia County, Michigan, ("the Township") intends to proceed pursuant to Act 33 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1951 ("Act 33") and Act 368 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1978 ("Act 368") to provide for fire and EMS services including purchasing fire and EMS motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment, and housing along with any costs associated with the maintenance and operation of fire and EMS services (collectively, the "Services") and to defray the cost by special assessment on the lands and premises in the Township to be benefitted, except for lands and premises exempt from the collection of taxes under the Michigan General Property Tax Act (however, lands and premises otherwise subject to special assessment via a contract or agreement with the Township or otherwise or subject to special assessment due to special or other legislation are not exempt and shall be subject to the proposed special assessment).

The Township Board has resolved its intention to proceed pursuant to Act 33 and Act 368 to provide the Services in the Township. The Township Board has tentatively determined that some or all of the cost of the Services shall be specially assessed against each of the lots and parcels of land located in the proposed Fire and EMS Special Assessment District (the "Special Assessment District"). The proposed Special Assessment District shall be comprised of all lots and parcels of property located within the boundaries of Keene Township, Ionia County, Michigan. The Special Assessment District includes all parcels of real property within the Township.

The Township Supervisor and Township Assessor have prepared and will certify and report to the Township Board, and file with the Township Clerk, a special assessment roll (the "Roll") for the parcels of property benefitted by the Services and located in the Fire and EMS Services Special Assessment District, which roll sets forth the relative portion of the cost of the Services that is to be levied in December 2025 for the 2026 Fiscal Year in the form of special assessments against each benefitted lot and parcel of land in the special assessment district. The special assessment district shall be comprised of all parcels and lots located within Keene Township, Ionia County, Michigan, except that lands and premises exempt from the collection of taxes under the Michigan General Property Tax Act are generally exempt from the special assessment (however, lands and premises otherwise subject to special assessment via a contract or agreement with the Township or otherwise or subject to special assessment due to special or other legislation are not exempt and shall be subject to the special assessment). The amount of the levy will appear in a column provided in the regular tax roll.

TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of Keene Township, Ionia County, Michigan will hold a public hearing on November 13, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the Township Hall located at 8505 Potters Rd, Saranac, Michigan 48881, to hear and consider comments and/or objections to the distribution of the special assessment levy, to review (and potentially confirm) the special assessment roll, and to hear any objections and matters relating thereto.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment roll will be reported to the Township Board and will be on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that there may be a right of referendum available to property owners under Act 33 and Act 368 and on the question of defraying the expenses of Services by special assessment.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the estimates of cost for the Services are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.

TAKE ADDITIONAL NOTICE THAT AFTER THE CREATION OF THE DISTRICT, IF THE TOWNSHIP DETERMINES TO PROCEED ANNUALLY UNDER THIS PROCESS, THE TOWNSHIP WILL ANNUALLY DETERMINE THE AMOUNT TO BE ASSESSED FOR FIRE AND EMS SERVICES, SHALL HOLD A HEARING ON THE ESTIMATED COSTS AND EXPENSES OF PROVIDING FIRE AND EMS PROTECTION AND ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LEVY AND SHALL DIRECT THE SUPERVISOR TO DISTRIBUTE THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT LEVY AS APPROVED.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a property owner or person in interest must either appear and object at the public hearing or submit a letter of appearance and objection to the Township prior to the public hearing in order to preserve the person's right to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. A record owner of land, or a party in interest, may appeal a special assessment by filing a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within 30 days after written confirmation of the special assessment roll.