

# NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO OF THE TOWNSHIP'S INTENT TO ISSUE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO intends to issue Capital Improvement Bonds in one or more series in a maximum amount which shall not exceed \$10,000,000.

## **PURPOSE**

The Bonds shall be issued for the purpose of defraying part of the cost of the acquisition and construction of capital improvements within the Township consisting of extensions to the Township's sewer system and related road improvements including, without limitation, extensions in Whitegate Farms, Fairlane, and Skyridge Plat including Meridian Street (in entirety), Sunset Street (in entirety), Beech Street (in entirety), 7th Street (West Main Street to South of Cross Country Drive) and West Main Street (8th Street to Township Hall west property line); together with related improvements and appurtenances including, but not limited to, sidewalk and shared paths installation, necessary easements, rights-of-way and interests in land, and the expenses of Township engineering, legal and financial consultants (commonly referred to as "Phase 1") (together, the "Project").

#### **ESTIMATED PROJECT COST**

The total estimated cost of the proposed Project, including contingency, is \$9,210,000. The costs of the Project shall be paid from bond proceeds, investment earnings, if any, on bond proceeds, and other legally available funds. It is currently expected that one or more series of the bonds, in the estimated amount of \$9,210,000, will be issued by the Township to evidence low-interest loans by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development agency for the sanitary sewer and road improvement portions of the Project.

## **MAXIMUM AMOUNT AND TERMS OF REPAYMENT**

The Bonds shall be issued in one or more series in a maximum aggregate amount not to exceed \$10,000,000, shall mature serially with interest on the unpaid balance at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate of interest allowed by law and shall be repaid over a term not to exceed the maximum term permitted by law. The Bonds shall be issued pursuant to Act 34 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2001, as amended.

## **SOURCE OF PAYMENT AND SECURITY FOR THE BONDS**

The principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable from revenues of the Township's Sewer System and/or the Township's General Fund, other legally available funds or a combination thereof, and shall be a general obligation of the Township secured by the Township's full faith and credit and limited tax pledge, within applicable statutory and constitutional tax limitations applicable to the Township. THE TOWNSHIP DOES NOT REASONABLY EXPECT THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO LEVY ANY ADDITIONAL TAXES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE PROPOSED BONDS AND FURTHER THE TOWNSHIP WILL NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO LEVY ADDITIONAL TAXES TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS OVER PRESENTLY EXISTING TOWNSHIP MILLAGE LIMITS WITHOUT A FURTHER VOTE OF TOWNSHIP ELECTORS.

## **RIGHT OF REFERENDUM**

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF TOWNSHIP ELECTORS APPROVING THE BONDS, UNLESS, WITHIN 45 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OF INTENT, A PETITION, SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS RESIDING WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO, SHALL BE FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD REQUESTING A REFERENDUM UPON THE QUESTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS. IF PETITIONS ARE SO FILED, THE BONDS SHALL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL APPROVED BY THE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP QUALIFIED TO VOTE AND VOTING ON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING THE BONDS AT A GENERAL OR SPECIAL ELECTION.

This Notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Section 517 of Act 34 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2001, as amended.