Washtenaw County Deputy Water Resources Commissioner Scott Miller called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Deputy Miller empaneled the board members.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY/RULES:

1. Schmidt made a motion that Mann serves as Chairperson.
   Seconded by Lesser.
   Is there any discussion? None.
   Members in favor of the motion? All in favor
   Motion [PASSED] by a 3 to 0 vote.

2. Lesser made a motion that Schmidt serves as Secretary.
   Seconded by Mann.
   Is there any discussion? None.
   Members in favor of the motion? All in favor
   Motion [PASSED] by a 3 to 0 vote.
Washtenaw County Drain Inspector David Streeter gave a presentation of the condition of the drain.

Chair Mann opened Public Comment. Public Comment was received by the Board of Determination.

Doug Frey, - Stated that he thought that the pass assessments were not used in a smart manner and is worried about more waste on the county’s part. He asked if the plans from Spicer from 2002 were still useable. He concluded by asking if the township board had to vote on this issue before it was passed.

Earl Klager, 8220 Klager Rd.- Stated that he would like to see real results with the real money that is being provided and has been provided. He also stated that he is worried that the County is not prepared for what they will find when they start digging. He said he believed there to be many underlying issues and problems that will be costly.

Schmidt asked Miller if he had an estimate of this project. Miller responded the estimate is about $929,000.

Dennis Sheats, 2380 Moorville Rd.- Asked if the recent repair on Austin Road of included in that estimate. He also stated that he is concerned will all the changes happening on the upstream end how it is going to effect the downstream end. He asked if there was an estimate for an open channel drain. Miller responded that no the estimate did not include the recent repair to Austin Road and stated there was not an estimate for an open channel drain.

Tom Wharam, 8716 Neal Rd.- Asked if the board of determination members take into consideration the burden the project assessments would cause the property owners and townships.

Joyce Wild, 8935 Austin Rd.,- Stated that she has lived there for 40 years and has not had an issue. Why should she have to pay for something that is not an issue for her? Why is no one else in the township having to pay?

Ron Wild, 8935 Austin Rd.,- Asked about the location of the proposed branch of drain that was included on the original Spicer plans.

Michael Sheats, 8539 Austin Rd.,-
Dave Faust, 11500 Clinton Rd.,- Questioned Deputy Miller what type of material would be used to construct the new drain, double walled plastic or concrete. He asked if there has been a recent study of the land. Believed that concrete is not a good idea because of the amount of ground water, believed it will cause surface flooding.

John Kosmalski, 9045 Austin Rd.,- Asked when tax payers would start seeing assessments for this drain and asked if there would be more informational meetings if the project moved forward for the public to understand what is going on. Miller responded that the property owners already see special assessments for the drain. He would guess that if the project is approved construction would start Fall of 2019.
Louis Martin, 8370 Austin Rd.,- Asked if the assessment has anything to do with the value of their houses. He stated that he had concerns with the culvert under Parker Road. Miller responded that the culvert in that area is under the jurisdiction of the Washtenaw County Road Commission.

Chairman Mann closed the public comment portion.

Schmidt stated that he believed there to be a need for something to be done to the drain.

Lesser mentioned that he had a hard time determining necessity based on the testimony heard.

Chair Mann asked what Miller believed would happen if the waits to continue.
Miller responded that he believed that the drain would continue to fail and more blowholes will occur possibly causing large issues like the one just repaired on Austin Road.

DECISION AS TO NECESSITY:

1. Schmidt made a motion that the maintenance and improvement of the Bridgewater Village Tile Drain, [IS] necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience or welfare.
   Seconded by Mann.
   Is there any discussion?
   Mann mentioned that he believed by looking at the assessment history there have been many band-aid fixes over the years.
   Schmidt mentioned that he hoped that Commissioner Pratt would hold another public hearing to keep the public informed of the design plans going forward.
   Lesser mentioned that he could not support something where the people involved did not know the full financial impact.
   Members in favor of the motion? Mann and Schmidt
   Members opposed of the motion? Lesser
   Motion [PASSED] by a 2 to 1 vote.

DECISION AS TO AT-LARGE ASSESSMENTS FOR MUNICIPALITIES

2. Schmidt made a motion that maintenance and improvement of the Bridgewater Village Tile Drain, [IS] necessary for the protection of the public health in the following municipalities and that a portion of the cost shall be apportioned to the following municipalities at-large:
   Bridgewater Township
   Freedom Township
   Saline Township

8MIN-BOD
Seconded by Mann.
Is there any discussion?

Members in favor of the motion? Mann, Schmidt, and Lesser

Motion [PASSED] by a 3 to 0 vote.

Chair Mann mentioned that he hopes that the Water Resources Commissioner’s Office would make every effort to keep the cost reasonable.

Schmidt stated that he strongly encourages everyone to stay involved throughout the process.

Chair Mann mentioned there is 10 days to appeal the decision made and that is done through the Circuit Court system.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

[Signature]
Andrew Schmidt
SECRETARY, BOARD OF DETERMINATION