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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 12, 2017

TO: Mayor Christopher Eveleth, City Council, and Manager Don Crawford

FROM: Larry Cook, Assessor

RE: Alley Closure – Block 32 of George T. Abrey's Woodlawn Park Addition

City staff has discovered that the north/south alley in Block 32 of George T. Abrey's Woodlawn Park Addition is not currently assessable to the public due to fences, structures, etc. According to our records, this alley has not been closed. It should be noted that the east/west alley at the southerly end of the alley in question, was closed in 1973, making the southerly end not accessible without trespassing onto another's property.

If the alley is closed, each property owner will receive one half of the alley that is directly contiguous to their property. This property would be added to their description and they will attain ownership of same. This land will add value to their current property, but the amount is very small.

A letter was sent to all contiguous property owners earlier this summer and the response was overwhelmingly in favor of closing the alley. With that in mind, staff recommends the closing of this alley and council to set a public hearing for November 20th.

The alley to be closed is described as:

NORTH SOUTH ALLEY IN BLOCK 32, GEORGE T. ABREYS WOODLAWN PARK ADDITION CONTIGOUS TO LOTS 9 – 64.

As always, if you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (989) 725-0530.

RESOLUTION NO.

SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO GATHER CITIZEN COMMENT REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF THE ALLEY SOUTH OF ALLENDALE AVENUE BETWEEN FRAZER AVENUE AND ABREY AVENUE

Whereas, The Owosso City Council has determined it advisable to consider the necessity of vacating, discontinuing, and abolishing the public alley described as follows, to wit:

ALL THAT PART OF ALLEY IN PARK HILL ADDITION TO THE CITY OF OWOSSO, SHIAWASSEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, RECORDED JULY 30, 1910 IN VOLUME 1 OF PLATS ON PAGE 60 DESCRIBED AS LYING NORTH OF THE NORTH LINE OF CLEVELAND STREET, AND EAST OF LOTS 70-75 AND WEST OF LOTS 106-111

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 29-154 of the 1988 Owosso City Code and Act 288, Public Acts of 1967, as amended, the Owosso City Council does hereby establish 7:30 p.m., Monday, November 20, 2017 in the Owosso City Hall Council Chambers as the time and place to hold a Public Hearing to hear all objections to said proposed alley closure and hereby directs the City Clerk to cause a notice of said Public Hearing to be published in the Owosso Argus Press at least seven days prior to the date of said hearing.

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