

Combining Properties under a Single Property Code Number

The information below might help you save money. If you receive two or more property tax bills every 6 months, then you have two or more properties with different Property Code numbers. You will find the Property Code number printed in the upper right of the property tax bill.

Hope Township is in the final stages of petition signature-gathering to install a municipal drinking water system within a Water Project Special Assessment District. If your properties are within the Water Project Special Assessment District, each property with a separate property code number will receive a Special Assessment to pay costs of the project. Under certain conditions, you may be able to combine your properties under a single property code number. If so, you will receive only one Special Assessment for the combined property.

There are two key questions to ask:

- Do the properties have the same owner?
- Are the properties contiguous?
 - o “Contiguous” means the properties touch each other.

If the answers to both questions are “yes”, it is worth asking whether your properties can be combined. There are additional technical conditions to satisfy, but your properties must first meet these two basic conditions.

To inquire about combining your properties, contact:

Ron Thompson 687-6868

Ron is the Hope Township Assessor. Ron is helping other Hope Township residents to combine their properties, so he is familiar with the process. If Ron does not answer, please leave a message on his answering machine, telling him:

- Your name and phone number
- That you wish to combine properties under a single property code number

Ron will call you back to discuss the details. Please be patient- this is a very busy time of year for the Assessor and there is ample time to get this done.